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Director

Important Dates

- 1/2 New Year Holiday (School Closed)
- 1/11 Library Visit (Films)
- 1/16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (School Closed)
- 1/27 Christopher's birthday
- 1/27 Tim's birthday
- 1/27 Lunar New Year (School Closed)

Special Acknowledgements

- Thank you to all of the families who brought in Holiday gifts for the teachers and staff.
- Thank you to John and Katie (Laurent's parents) and to Raymond's grandfather for chaperoning us to Target.
- Thank you to Jasmine's parents for taking photographs during our field trip.
- Thank you to Kevin (Aaliyah's father) for managing our listserv and sending out the curriculum to the parents.

Volunteer Opportunity

- If you would like to be a room parent in the Dragonflies or Butterflies please let Teacher Wendy or Marianne know. This will involve calling and emailing parents to encourage participation at True Sunshine.

Special Requests and Announcements

- If you would like to be added to True Sunshine's email distribution list to receive copies of the curriculum and important announcements please let Marianne or Wendy know.

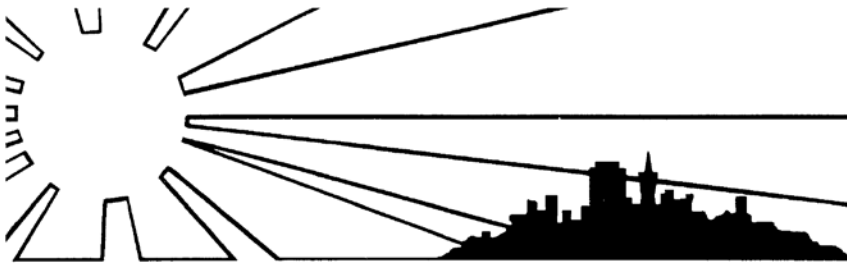
Dear True Sunshine Families,

Thank you for coming to our Holiday performance and for contributing both cash donations and food! It was great seeing many of you there. I wanted to let you know that we raised a total of \$1,304 from our parent population through this event. Thank you very much for your generosity!

In the new year we hope to do more active fundraising so that we can continue to offer high quality programming to all of our families. We would like to organize a large Spring event and need a lot of help to organize everything. If you are at all interested in learning how you can help please join us for an informational meeting at 5:30 on Tuesday January 10th. This meeting will help us to gauge the interest level for this event to determine if we can do it or not. If there are enough people to help us organize the event then we'll also set the date that evening. Please consider joining us. Attendance at the meeting will be worth 1 volunteer hour.

Finally, I'd like to thank True Sunshine board member Myrto Koimtzoglou and the Wells Fargo volunteers who made two visits to True Sunshine on December 6th and December 13th to spend time with the children. The children enjoyed having them here and the volunteers had a lot of fun with them as well!

Sincerely,



- Butterflies - If you have not already done so, please continue to bring in baby dolls (all plastic) for your child to use.
- Butterflies - Continue to bring in baby pictures of your child. We will decorate and use them for teaching purposes.
- Dragonflies - Gentle reminder. If you have not already done so, please bring in a family photo and a baby photo of your child.



The Butterflies:

Teacher Wendy, Teacher Mei Yi, Teacher Ming, Teacher Irene

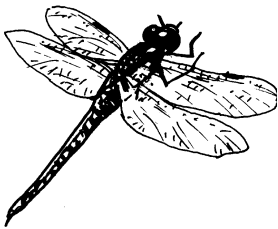
This month the Butterflies participated in many small group activities working with green beans. The children cooked green beans to eat, made green bean popsicles and grew green beans using a Ziploc bag and a wet cotton ball. To grow the beans each child received one cotton ball. They poured water onto the ball then counted as they put as many beans on it as they wanted. Next, they zipped up their individual bags. Lastly, they wrote their own names on a piece of masking tape and put the tape on the bag. Soon they watched their green beans sprout.

From growing beans on a cotton ball, children learn that plants grow using many different mediums. Plants can grow without a traditional pot or soil. Children also learned that they can use green beans to make sweet desserts and soup. From this activity children learned to measure the water needed to wet their cotton balls, and how to stretch the cotton balls so that they can put the beans on to grow. The children used math skills to count the number of beans they decided to grow. The children also learned the following vocabulary in both English and Chinese: soak, measure, wet, cotton ball, zip and pour.

Fundraising

Schools

- To purchase children's and women's clothing do a search for clothing that benefits True Sunshine using the following link: www.scuola.com/coachdelise . True Sunshine will receive 40% of the purchase price.



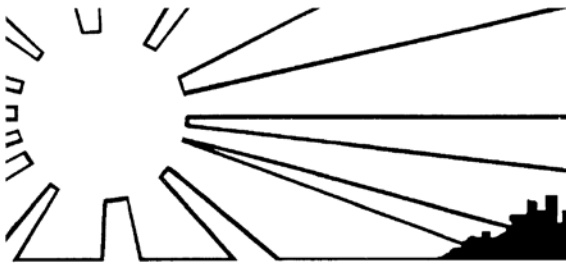
The Dragonflies

Teacher Julie, Teacher Anna, Teacher May, Teacher Bao Wen

In December the children made pillows for their baby dolls to sleep on. First the children chose a soft fabric from a selection placed on a table. Teacher Anna asked the children to put some art materials onto the fabric. She also asked them, "How does the pillow feel?" and "What is inside the pillow?"

Some children looked around the table and spotted a bag of cotton balls. They asked Teacher Anna for cotton balls then glued them on the fabric. The children soon noticed that the glue did not work well. Then the children decided to cover the cotton balls with fabric. Finally, they decided to put the cotton balls inside the fabric and tape the fabric together. After some trial and error the children made soft comfortable pillows for their baby dolls.

The children learned how to tear the colored tape and tape it onto the fabric. They learned how to wrap the fabric around the cotton balls. They learned how to use the tape to secure the edges and sides to make their pillows.



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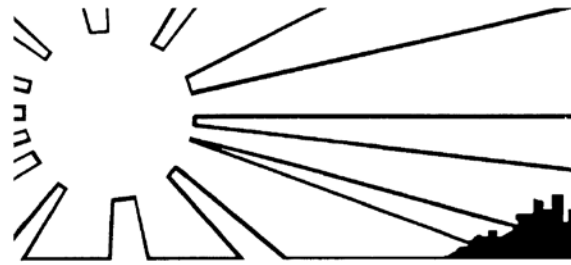
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Amazon

- When making Amazon purchases use the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2242733>. True Sunshine will receive 0.5% of all of your purchase.

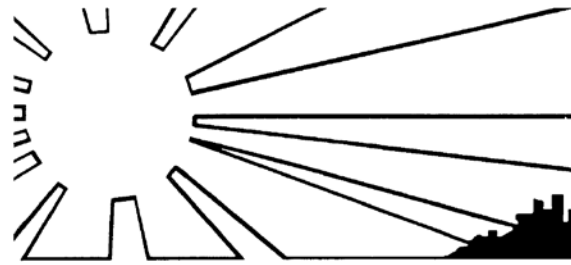
Food4Less

- Do you shop at Food4Less? If so, please visit www.food4less.com. There you may register to donate a portion of your purchases under the community rewards tab.



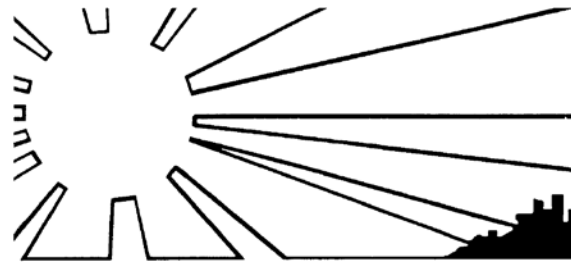
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