



Hello Everyone!

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We all hope you had an enjoyable spring vacation. We are quickly heading into the summer. Let's hope that the weather is kinder to us this year than it was last.

Yes, we stretched our bird theme into two months. It was quite interesting to watch the children try to use different utensils as "beaks" to pick up candy items. I must say everyone gave it a great try. They truly enjoyed the stuffed birds that were loaned to us. They made wonderful chirping sounds to imitate natural birds. And of course we learned that chickens hatch eggs. I think the best part for me was receiving an emu egg. It sits in a place of honor on my dining room table. We've made bird houses and feeders and I think we are all done with birds.

So now we are heading into an interesting theme. It's interesting to me because it will take some thought to make it work. We will be studying music, art and literature and how they fit together. This week is easy since it is Cinco de Mayo. We will be listening to some mariachi music and making some Mexican crafts. Of course I would like to bring in the big bands, minuets and jazz for us to study. It is quite a combination and if we can pair it with the arts and poetry or children's stories from those eras, it will be fascinating to us all.

So if any of you have a special spots in your hearts for music and the arts, we welcome you to join us in this learning journey. If you would like to lend anything to the classroom, we would welcome ideas, materials or just yourselves!

Sincerely,  
Heidi, Julie and Katie