

May 8-May 12

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**May 18**

Library Visit

**May 24**

Park Visit

**May 26**

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Uncle Wayne 9am

Pot-luck at 3pm

**May 29**

Memorial Day

**May 30-June 2**

Summer Break

**June 5**

**Summer Program**

Please bring your child's bathing suit, towel and sunscreen . Water play will happen weekly.

**Walking Trip Wednesdays**

This week, our walking trip took us to the local farmer's market. Before we left, we made our shopping list. Tomatoes, garlic, basil and oregano. Our plan was for the children to make garlic bread and a marinara sauce. We stopped at each store and the children asked if they had our ingredients. Unfortunately, we could not find basil or oregano. We did buy lots of Roma tomatoes and some garlic though. One of the vendors offered us lychee. We helped her count out 1 for each child and teacher. What a treat! After our mission was complete, we headed to the play area. The children have to be very aware that others are also using this space. This requires a lot of self-regulation and awareness which all of them exhibited! Our walking trips serve multiple purposes. Firstly, we want the children to get to know our neighborhood and build a sense of community. Secondly, we want the children to learn to listen, follow directions and work together...all skills which are practiced when we leave the preschool grounds together. Over the course of the year, the children have become much better at taking care of their partners, being responsible for items they bring with them, waiting for friends and walking together. They have also built up strength and stamina...but we are all thankful to get back into the A.C upon our return!





## Who Will Help Me Bake the Bread?

For the next few weeks, we will be reading familiar stories and acting them out with the children utilizing our Imua Theatre. In addition, we will be conducting other story stretchers such as cooking activities or craft projects. This week, the children heard the story of the Little Red Hen. We decided to bake bread in a bread machine that had been donated. Unfortunately, there was a piece missing and it did not work out. Nevermind, we told the children, we can make regular bread in the oven tomorrow. However, that didn't work out so well either! The yeast did not activate and the bread did not rise. We ate it anyway along with the mainara sauce that the children made with the tomatoes from the farmer's market. At our group times, we retold the story using masks donated by Ms. Lauren. The masks represented different animals but there was no hen and no goose.

Encouraging the children to use flexibility in their thinking, we made up new stories. One was about a bear who wanted to make spaghetti and meatballs; another was about a dog who wanted to make sushi. We laughed a lot! We also read familiar stories that have different versions. One group read three different cultural Cinderella stories, the traditional version, a Korean version and a Chinese version, noticing differences and similarities.

