

## April Showers at the Kinship House

April Showers has been an accurate phrase at the Kinship house. The weather was definitely giving us some showers to contend with for outdoor activities. In the spirit of fun, Kinskids had fun exploring the magic of water showers (spray bottle) hitting their marked umbrellas. It was fun to see the colors swirl and mix together and create unexpected patterns. They also were busy making puddle boots using watercolor paints and then all kinds of different mediums to make more dimensional boots. They explored working with salt to create spring works of art using glue, salt, and dyes to watch the colors blend and change by being absorbed in the salt crystals.

The older Kinskids have been working hard on schoolwork and finishing the year strong. It might take some prompting and nagging but they are getting a consistent message that we are not giving up on them being successful in academics! They also have been busy creating their own designs with Perler beads. There's opportunity for outdoor play and games when the rain showers hold off. They, too, need the fresh air and space to be kids. Now if only we can figure out how to keep the flying wiffle balls within the backyard!

Next up will be seeing if May indeed brings flowers after all the April showers!