Spring finally feels like it arrived during April. Our theme, Protect our Planet, allowed Kindergarteners to focus on rain, trees, flowers, and of course, Earth Day! The children decorated the hallway with Truffula Trees from “The Lorax” and clouds and wrote about what shape each of the student’s cloud took.

The flowers are in full bloom and so are our first graders. Our first grade team worked really hard on the morning of Earth Day. Students and teachers weeded, planted new flowers, and added soil to the flower beds in front of our school. It looks beautiful and the first grade students are so proud of the hard work! Thank you to the families who donated to this project. It would not have been possible without the kind donations.

Second graders and their teachers have been enjoying the sunny, warm days of April!

Appropriately for spring, second grade ended the study of soils in science with comparing how cucumber plants grow in different soils. Classes celebrated Earth Day with a variety of activities and read-aloud books including *The Lorax* and *The Wump World*. Some students wrote acrostic poems and others created projects from recycled items. Second grade has now left the study of the earth and blasted off into space to study the solar system!

April was an exciting month for VFES third graders! Everyone is so proud of the effort the students put into each day of the English/Language Arts and Math PSSAs. The children applied all of the test-taking strategies that was practiced and the students were also able to show off all they have learned this year! Way to go, third graders!

Fourth graders started the month off by introducing PAL (Personal Achievement in Learning). The students will research their topic of choice over a six-week period. The children will then develop individual presentations and present the PAL presentation to core classmates.