

# CHILDREN'S HOUSE CHATTER

Wednesday, February 25, 2009.

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**SPRING BREAK** Classes will be out during the week of March 23-27. We will remain open for child care, for those children who are normally enrolled in the child care program (i.e. before-and-after-school child care). If your child will be here for child care, please put his/her name on the sign-up sheet. Sign-up sheets will be located on the bulletin board in each class.

**PARENTS:** Should you have any problems, concerns or questions concerning the school, please direct them to Ms. Nancy or call the office. Please do not contact our PTO with such matters. It is not within the PTO's power to resolve issues concerning administration, education, facilities, playground etc. and we would really prefer for PTO officers to not be put in an uncomfortable position.

**TUITION** for the month of March is due and payable on Monday, March 2.

**UPSTAIRS CLASS** Thanks to Oliver's mom for the delicious Mardi Gras King Cake. During the next few weeks we will be planting some hardy flowers & vegetables. We have little pots, but seeds & soil would be welcome if you have any to spare. Ms. Nancy will be out for the next two days – she will be attending an American Montessori Society Conference in Florida.

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**DOWNSTAIRS CLASS** The children have been singing the Continent song. We point to the continents on a map as we sing, and then we match animal figures to their native continent. We are also continuing our study of the "t" sound. Some of the children have been practicing with the snap, button and Velcro dressing frames. Parents, when your child is ready to start potty-training please feel free to call and set up a conference.

**DOWNSTAIRS TODDLER CLASS** During group time we have been starting with stretching exercises. This helps the children and teacher to be in the moment and relax, and start the day out right. The children enjoy "bicycle riding", "picking apples" and "being owls". This creative movement and stretching helps the children learn to control their bodies and helps them wake up! Please remember to send a weather-appropriate jacket for your child to wear during our outside play time.

**JUNIOR ELEMENTARY CLASS** The Juniors enjoyed a bus trip to Fletcher Library this week. We thank Nick's mom, Stacy, for coming on Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras) to help us make icing and decorate sugar cookies. The Soup Committee – Claudia, Reese, Eleanor and Owen, went shopping today with Owen's mom, Megan, and Reese's mom Nikki. They will make lunch for the class on Thursday – chicken noodle soup, crackers, apple juice, brownies & strawberries. The Juniors brought in their poems on Tuesday and read to them to the class will make copies and we will have a collection to take home. We will dissect daffodils this week and study the parts of a flower.

**OUTSIDE CLASS** Yesterday the children decorated masks for Fat Tuesday and had their own Mardi Gras parade. Joie's mom, Michelle, made two King Cakes which the children ate for snack and she compiled some Mardi Gras music for the children. The children also received necklaces and doubloons. Thanks to the Willoughby family for contributing all of the items for our Fat Tuesday celebration. The children are learning some parts of the spider, including pedipalps, spinnerets, cephalothorax, and opisthosoma. We will continue to study spiders in the next few weeks. The five-year olds have been working on phonograms and the 4 & 5 year olds have been reading phonetic books.

