

CHILDREN'S HOUSE CHATTER

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LIVELY SCIENCE Ms. Susan talked to the older children about birds in general, and brought a lovely dove for the children to observe.

SPRING BREAK Classes will be out during the week of March 23-27. However, we will remain open for child care, for those children who are regularly enrolled in the before-and-after-school child care program. Sign-up sheets are in each classroom. If you will be bringing your child for child care during Spring Break, please put his/her name on the sign-up sheet in his/her classroom. Thank you.

PTO MEETING & OPEN HOUSE - MARCH 10

On Tuesday we will have our regularly scheduled PTO Meeting from 6:00-6:15pm. We will then have Open House in each classroom until 7:00pm. Please make plans to attend. This is an excellent opportunity to re-visit your child's learning environment and visit with teaching staff. Your child will also enjoy showing you around his/her classroom!

BREAKFAST AT SCHOOL We would prefer that your child eat breakfast before coming to school. If this is not possible and your child needs to eat breakfast at school, it must be prior to 8:00am.

After 8:00am we start using the tables and they are not available for children to eat breakfast.

JUNIOR ELEMENTARY CLASS The Juniors have made some lovely silhouette-art pictures to decorate our hall, and funny Leprechauns to decorate our big blue classroom.

We have been talking about Test week for the 2nd and 3rd year Juniors - March 16-20. We have also been reviewing for the test. I have sent home an important letter and a snack list for that week.

The Juniors have been studying plants and are currently very interested in the Venus Fly-Trap. Does anyone have an actual plant, or information, to share with us?

We are looking forward to Open House next Tuesday. The Juniors will be able to demonstrate lessons for parents and give a tour of the classrooms. Spelling Test on Friday, also Show & Tell.

DOWNSTAIRS TODDLER CLASS We have quite a few jackets and other articles of clothing as well as stuffed animals that aren't labeled. We don't know who belongs to what, so please take a moment in the afternoon to go through our Lost & Found to see if anything there belongs to your child. Any items remaining after next week will be donated to charity. We would actually prefer that you not send toys to school with your child - it causes a problem if your child wants to carry the toy around all day, it distracts other children, and it causes friction if your child is unwilling/unable to share the toy.

Also, please be sure to take home your child's cups and dishes as they become quite 'yukky' overnight!

DOWNSTAIRS CLASS Ms. Amy will be out for the remainder of this week, recovering from her surgery. We thank Ms. Pearl and Ms. Corri for helping out in her absence. The children have enjoyed Ms. Pearl's indoor workouts!

We introduced the letter "T" and learned about objects that start with that letter. Thanks to the parents who contributed materials for this lesson. The children also made hand-puppets from lunch bags, and a woman figure using paper plates. We explored using different materials and textures from art supplies that can be easily found around the house, and this can be a great learning experience for children. Please take home your child's art projects which are on the wall next to the door they are not able to be placed in folders. Thanks!

UPSTAIRS CLASS Ms. Nancy attended the AMS Teachers Annual Convention in New Orleans last week and returned with some new lessons for the classroom, and CD's from other workshops to share with the teachers.

We are learning new songs and studying native tribes from the seven continents, such as the Sami (Arctic Circle), Incas (Peru), Mayan (Guatemala), the Uygur (China) and the Maori (New Zealand).

Please start saving large coffee cans/peanut containers/oatmeal boxes for our rhythm drums, which we will make later this month.
