

CHILDREN'S HOUSE CHATTER

Wednesday, March 11, 2009.

SPRING BREAK Classes will be out during the week of March 23-27. We will remain open for child care **for those children regularly enrolled in the child care program.** If your child will be here please put his/her name on the sign-up sheet – there is a sheet in each classroom. Thank you.

OPEN HOUSE Thanks to the parents who attended Open House on Tuesday. The children enjoyed showing their parents around the classrooms.

SUMMER SCHOOL 2009 Registration forms for our summer session have been put in the children's folders. If you plan to bring your child to school at any time during the summer months of June, July or August, you must pre-register by completing the form and returning it to the office along with the \$75 fee (\$95 for Juniors). If you have any questions please call the office.

JUNIOR ELEMENTARY CLASS The Juniors enjoyed being scientists and studying magnets on Monday.

We've also been researching birds and working on our Montessori bird lessons. We especially like our lesson with real birds' eggs.

On Tuesday we went to Fletcher Library by bus.

The children chose lessons to demonstrate for their parents at the Open House. Thanks to the parents who were able to attend.

We thank Candice Lawrence, Jennifer Triplett, Alison Oliveto and Clare Burks for volunteering to help out on our field trip to the Arkansas Arts Center this Friday to see "Busy Town".

Please remember we will be testing next week, March 16-20.

Your child **must** be at school on time – 8:00am. Please send your snack items **on the day** they are due. A snack list is posted on our bulletin board, and one was sent home on March 3.

DOWNSTAIRS CLASSROOM Recently, quite a few parents have not sent snack when it was their assigned day. This results in us having to borrow snack from the kitchen at the last minute, or running out to the store ourselves to buy snack. Morning snack is a very important 'social event' in our classroom. The child who brought snack helps prepare/set out the snack and serve the others. Mid-morning snack is important as it tides the children over until lunch time. If you forget your snack, we will call you and ask you bring snack by 9:30am. If we have to go out and purchase snack you will be asked to reimburse the person who went to the store.

Also, when you do bring snack please bring enough for 30 children – both toddler classes. The drink should be either milk, soymilk or 100% fruit juice.

Snack suggestions: fresh fruit, yogurt, crackers with peanut butter or cheese, bread, muffins, granola bars, breakfast bars. The children also love to have snack they can help prepare themselves.

Thanks for your help!

DOWNSTAIRS CLASS Thanks to all the parents who attended Open House. We had a wonderful time showing you what we are working on in our class. If you were unable to attend and would like to find out more about our class, feel free to call and set up a conference with us.

Miss Corri has been supplying our class with an abundance of beautiful fresh flowers. The children love they way they brighten the environment. We are going to dry and press some of the flowers and make a collage with them.

UPSTAIRS CLASS We have been learning about volcanoes, avalanches and mud-slides. There's been quite a surge of interest in geography. Some of the older children have been working on maps of South America. Parents, we still need coffee cans and oatmeal boxes for our rhythm band. Thanks!

OUTSIDE CLASS We were happy to see the parents who attended Open House, and the children enjoyed showing them around the classroom.

Some of our 4-5 year olds are learning the countries and making pin-maps. With Spring approaching, we will be talking about the parts and types of seeds.

The weather is quite changeable at this time of year.

Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately each day, keeping in mind that we have outside play.

We are happy to have Jessica Vert join our afternoon staff. Jessica will be working from 12:00 noon until 6:00pm with the toddler groups. She graduated from high School in Texarkana, attended the University of Central Arkansas and has tutored Literacy in an Early Elementary environment. She also has one year's previous experience in a Montessori classroom. Please introduce yourself to Ms. Jessica when you have the chance.
