

# CHILDREN'S HOUSE CHATTER

Wednesday, April 8, 2009.

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**SCHOOL CLOSING:** We will be closed on Friday, April 10. There will be no classes and no child care on that day.

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**CLASS PICTURES:** Group pictures will be taken on Wednesday, April 15 at 9:00am. This is for class pictures only; the individual pictures will be taken in October.

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**PTO SPRING CLEAN UP:** Roll up your sleeves and help us out with Spring Clean-Up on Saturday, April 18, 9:00am-1:00pm. See you there!

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**ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT:** Everyone had fun at the Easter Egg Hunt! Thanks to all the parents who helped out with set up & food etc.

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**SUMMER SCHOOL** starts on Monday, June 1. If you plan to bring your child to school at any time during the summer session – June, July or August – you should fill out an enrollment form and return it to school, along with the \$75.00 registration fee.

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**LIVELY SCIENCE:** The older children enjoyed Ms. Susan's monthly visit. Today she brought some mice for the children to learn about, observe and touch (if they wanted).

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**LUNCH BOX FOOD:** We haven't mentioned this for a while, but our staff is required by DHS to check lunch boxes to ensure the children eat a healthy lunch. It is not our intent to be judgemental, but some children are bringing food which doesn't quite meet the standards of good nutrition. A child's lunch should contain a fruit & vegetable (fresh is preferred), a protein item, and a

non-sugared drink. "Lunchables" are not a complete lunch. Please do not send boxed drinks they are incredibly messy – a child finds it difficult to open, and often the drink is spilled before it can be consumed. We can serve your child water (filtered), or milk (\$5.00 per month).

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**JUNIOR ELEMENTARY CLASS** Ms. Sheila is out sick today. She is hoping to be here tomorrow for the trip to the Zoo.

The Juniors celebrated Claudia's birthday with a pizza lunch and a visit from Ms. Jayne Webb who

presented (and taught to the Juniors) Dances of Universal Peace, to promote friendship & peace within us, and among others. The Juniors learned dances and chants, including Native American, Tibetan, Sun & Moon & Elements (earth, water, fire, air and ether). In feedback, they liked the Native American dance the best.

We are adding biomes to our animal study this month, and we will also be conducting science experiments. Don't forget the Science Fair is your family project for April. The Science Fair will be held Tuesday, April 28 at 6:00pm. \*\*\*\*\*

**DOWNSTAIRS TODDLER CLASS** This week we have been enjoying some of the new lessons we were able to purchase with money from our PTO.

We welcome Sohni Singh to our class this week. We are happy to have such nice weather – we get to have lunch outside! Spring is finally here! If anyone has any plants to spare, we'd love to have them! Ms. Pearl has been planting geraniums etc. by our classroom door.

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**DOWNSTAIRS CLASS** We welcome Benjamin Juretschko to our classroom community. We have talked about the "s" sound this week. We have also been practicing greetings in English, Spanish and Korean. The children make hand puppets greet each other in each language. The children are thrilled with our new materials. In one of the new lessons the children smell a smelling-bottle of lemon, onion, strawberry, lavender or pine scent, and match it to a picture of the plant. We would like to begin a personal grooming unit next week. Will you please send a cosmetic bag with a toothbrush & toothpaste, and a small hairbrush/comb, by Monday. All items must be labeled with your child's name.

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**OUTSIDE CLASS** We are enjoying our new floor and open space – it was worth the wait! We are in the process of putting the classroom back in order. More news next week!

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**UPSTAIRS CLASS** We have been learning about the solar system, making geography booklets and learning the fifty states. Everyone is enjoying our new lessons.