

# CHILDREN'S HOUSE CHATTER

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**SCHOOL CLOSINGS** We will be closed for Memorial Day on **Monday, May 25**, and for our annual staff workday on **Friday, May 29**. There will be no classes and no child care on either day.

**SUMMER SCHOOL** The last day of the school year will be **Thursday, May 28**. Summer school starts on **Monday, June 1**.

**HARD WORKIN' DAD** Thanks go out to Joey Willoughby for going the extra mile and spending the day repairing and installing shingles on the playhouse roof. It looks great!

**OUTSIDE CLASS** On **Friday, May 22**, our class will be walking to the Fire Station at the bottom of Elm Street. We will leave school around 9:15am and will need as many parent volunteers as possible.

**The 3 year-olds must have a parent accompany them.** Permission slips will be in the folders soon. When we return from the Fire Station we will grill hot dogs and have a picnic lunch on the playground. Please talk to either Ms. Jasmine, Ms. Courtney or Mr. Lonnie and let them know if you can accompany us to the Fire station. Thanks you!  
We wish all mothers a lovely Mothers Day weekend.

**JUNIOR ELEMENTARY CLASS** Last week we celebrated Eleanor's birthday with a special pizza lunch. We also had a Science Fair for our families – it was spectacular! The Juniors also took home their sprouted sweet potatoes and washing soda crystals. We thank Alison Beaudoin, Stacy Fortney, Paula Higginson and Megan Eves for accompanying us to the Arts Center to see "The Wind in the Willows". This week the Juniors have been busy making things for the Mothers' Luncheon which will be held in our classroom this Friday, May 8 at 12:00 noon. We are also practicing for our dress rehearsals and the performance of our play next week. We have lots of birthday lunches this month: Austin on Wednesday, May 20, Rowan on Friday, May 15 and Reese on Thursday, May 21.

**DOWNSTAIRS TODDLER CLASS** As you are no doubt aware, our class experienced some flooding

this week. The toddlers have been little troopers, and we have made the best of it, enjoying our time upstairs. We haven't managed to do many lessons, but have had quite a bit of structured play and even a bit of Elmo and Dora. The children have had a great time and they think they are so big being upstairs with the older children. Hopefully we will be back to normal next week. Thanks for your understanding. Also, thanks for all the presents during Teacher Appreciation Week. It's nice to be appreciated. We enjoy teaching and taking care of your children.

## **DOWNSTAIRS CLASS**

We would like to welcome Madeline Dorbin to our class! She is a toddler class graduate, and is fitting in well with our little community. The children have been very busy in the classroom this week. Many of the children have been working on more advanced puzzles. Most of the children are really getting the hang of completing the work cycle. We also made muffins yesterday and practiced peeling oranges. Our letter study is going well! The children are enthralled with the lessons that we have made together and are very proud of the objects that they have contributed. Next week we will begin to study the "c" sound and symbol. Have your child find a palm sized object that begins with "c" to donate to our new lesson. Thanks!

**UPSTAIRS CLASS** The children are working hard in all areas and learning new songs for our Spring Program. We have also sprouted seeds. We thank parents Dede Lowe, Katie Parsons, Antoinette Mims, Lashanda Smith and Cecille madden for treats and cards during Teachers Appreciation Week.

**The dates for the Spring Play have been changed to May 27 & 28 at 10:00am. There will be a Dress rehearsal on Tuesday, May 26 that parents can also attend if the new days are not suitable. Thanks!**

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY