

# CHILDREN'S HOUSE CHATTER

Wednesday, March 17, 2010.

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## HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!!

**SPRING BREAK** Classes will be out Monday, March 22 through Friday, March 26. We will remain open for child care only, for those children regularly enrolled in the child care program. If you will bring your child for child care during Spring Break you should put his/her name on the sign-up sheet located in the classroom.

**SCHOOL CLOSING** The school will be closed on Friday, April 2 in observance of Good Friday. There will be no classes and no child care on that day.

**SCHOOL PICTURES** Group pictures will be taken on Wednesday, April 21 at 9:00am.

**DOWNSTAIRS CLASS** On Monday Cora's mom made blueberry muffins with the children – they loved the experience and the product! Thanks, Erin!  
We have been enjoying the milder weather. Spring time offers plenty of opportunities for the children to explore and learn. We have been working on learning the names of some common Arkansas wildflowers and we have been listening to the birds' songs on our playground. Until the leaves fill in on our trees, there is little shade on our playground. You may want to send sunscreen or a sun-hat for outside play.

**JUNIOR ELEMENTARY CLASS** The second and third year Juniors are taking standardized tests. We use the Educational Development Series from Scholastic Testing Service, Inc. The first-year Juniors are doing morning lessons with Mr. Steven. We all meet for mid-morning snack. Thank you, parents, for sending us nice nutritional snacks. Weather provided, we will take a walk to Allsopp park

on Friday afternoon. Remember Spring Break is next week and we will not have classes. Just an early reminder – your Junior will need black shorts, white socks & tennis shoes for our Spring Play in May.

**DOWNSTAIRS TODDLERS CLASS** This week we have talked about different emotions, how we feel about different things, and looking at pictures of children showing different emotions. We have also been focusing on trying to talk and tell, rather than cry and scream.

Parents, please don't let your child bring any toys from home. We understand it is sometimes hard to take a toy away from your child, but it causes heart-ache and trouble in the classroom. Also, please understand that morning snack is very important to the children. You should send enough snack & drink for 19 children. Snack suggestions include: cheese & crackers, fruit, muffins, yogurt, raisins & nuts, whole milk, 100% fruit juice, veggies & hummus etc.

**OUTSIDE CLASS** This week the children have enjoyed sewing on buttons and learning to sew using a running stitch. Many of the children have shown an interest in the dressing frames such as buckling, snapping, zipping and buttoning. Some children have also been every involved in making booklets of each continent and the animals that belong to that continent. Parents, please do not allow your child to bring toys or money to school for Show & Tell. Acceptable items would be: anything from nature; books; photos from home or a vacation; or art projects made outside of school. We do not permit toys in the classroom. Thank you.