

Montessori Children's Garden

Monthly Newsletter for March 2007

Classroom updates

- Mrs. Honey's class is studying Australia and rain forests.
- Mrs. Harrison's class is studying Asia and amphibians.
- Mrs. Jones' class is studying Africa and vertebrate animals.



Garden Time

Please look for the "flowers" in the hallway and take a petal. The petal will have the name of a plant for our butterfly garden or raised beds that you can donate to the school. We have been in touch with Forever Green and they assure us that the plants are available at their nursery. We will schedule a day in late April or May for volunteers to help put in the plants and the bulbs that were donated last Fall. Thank

Mock Classroom

Mock classroom will be held on **April 3rd** at **6:30** here at the school. This is a shortened version of your child's morning (or afternoon) in the classroom. This will give your child the opportunity to show you what she/he does at school. It will last about an hour ending with a short group time. This is a special night for your student so we encourage siblings to stay at home.

Please come early so you can check out our Scholastic book Fair! Look in your child's folder for more information.



Our first Book Sale

Mark your calendar for our first book sale, **April 3rd-5th, 2007**. We are excited to offer hundreds of incredible books from Scholastic for your family

— and we hope to build the school's library as well. Please come early on the evening of **Tuesday April 3rd** for the Mock Classroom event in order to enjoy refreshments and take a look at the books between 5:30 and 7:30. The book fair will also be open from 11 a.m. –1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m. on April 4th and 5th. Thanks for supporting your school!

For more information or to preview books and create a wish list, go to <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/publish/childrengarden>.



New Playhouse

We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of a new playhouse for the playground!

Looking for suggestions for Field Trips

Because of the legal restrictions, we prefer to take field trips within walking distance or have groups come to the school for additional learning opportunities.

If anyone would like to volunteer their knowledge or arrange for a person or group to come to the school, you may contact Sara Hamilton (sarahamilton@mac.com or 400-6003) to coordinate. These might include acting troupes, puppeteers, sports figures, cheerleaders, medical/dental/nursing students or professionals, artist, musicians, etc.



New Billing System

In order to keep better track of the children's arrival and dismissal time, we will be recording early and late times and then each month we will put a notice in your child's file on any extra you might owe. Please just add it to your regular tuition the following month. Rate is \$10 an hour. Late fee is \$1.00 a minute after 5:30.



Keian made a snowman in the tub with his snowman kit!!

Thank you!

The Valentine's Day Breakfast was a huge success. Thanks to everyone who helped with it!



Quotable Quotes

"Remember back in the day when Liam was here?"

"Are we going back to the multi-princess room today?"

"How about the multi-interest room?"

"There's no one in the chair, it's blank."

"Can I have one more piece of juice?"

"I can't go back to the multi-purpose room because everyone will stare at my pretty hair."

"I can't see my dog in heaven because the clouds are in the way."



Tina and kids enjoying the African Hut in Mrs. Jones' room

*****New E-mail Address*****

We have a new e-mail address. It is Montgarden@southslope.net

The school web site address is <http://www.montessoriiowa.org>

