



MONTESSORI CHILDREN'S GARDEN NEWSLETTER MAY 2009

Dates to Remember

Spring Picture Day

Picture day will be Friday, May 8th.

Field trips

Mrs. Honey and Miss Tina's class will be walking to Isaac's Ice Cream Shop on Wednesday, May 13, compliments of Renee Montz (Caroline's and Henry's mom).

Mrs. Jones' class will be walking to Isaac's Ice Cream Shop on Friday, May 29, compliments of Susan Kinzer (Nathan's mom).

Concert

On Friday, May 22, there will be a concert at the Iowa City Public Library featuring Mr. Sultan's music students from the Montessori Children's Garden Music Studio. A potluck follows the performance. Sign-up sheet for potluck food will be posted. Liz and Todd Jackson will be available to answer any questions about St. Baldrick's Foundation. Everyone is invited.

Bike Ride

Wednesday, May 27 will be our annual bike ride. We ride south on the North Liberty bike trail, have a snack, and then ride back to the school. Parents can drop off bikes in the morning on Cherry Street, where the ride will begin, and pick them up at the school at the end of the day. Children can bring whatever they can ride (tricycles, hot wheels, scooters). We also ask that they bring a helmet to wear. We will need volunteers on that day. Rain date will be Thursday, May 28.

Graduation

Graduation ceremonies will be held at the school Friday, May 29. The kids will perform songs they've learned in Miss Angela's music class. Refreshments will follow the program.

The schedule is:

6:30 p.m. Mrs. Honey's class

7:00 p.m. Mrs. Jones' class

7:30 Miss Tina/Mr. Sultan's class

Summer School

Summer school begins Wednesday, June 3rd. We will be preparing the classrooms on Monday and Tuesday of that week. If you have a new child starting, we will be having Open House on Tuesday afternoon. Class lists will be posted outside the classroom doors.

Announcements

Sunscreen

Now that we're into sunny weather, we ask parents to apply sunscreen on their children each morning, and we will reapply for the afternoon program. If your child comes in the afternoon, please be sure to have sunscreen applied before class. Thank you.

Video

Rebecca Steurer (Olivia and Bryn's mom) has been perfecting her movie-making skills on another video this year. She's spent a considerable amount of time interviewing the children and taking video of the children working, singing, or doing group activities. Please place your order for the finished video and place it in the envelope outside the office door.

Many Thanks to:

- Addy Sittig's family for the donation of petunias.
- All who donated postcards, pictures, etc. to Miss Tina's class.
- Karen Woltman for the crocheted games she's been busy making and for the plants.
- Shishone Hughes (Trey's mom) for the donation of the Root View.

Classroom news

Mrs. Honey is studying planets and North America, with an emphasis on Iowa.

Mrs. Jones is studying the continents and birds.

Miss Tina is studying plants and North America.

Valerie from Red Cross was here on Thursday, May 7, to talk about severe weather. She will be here one more time this month on May 21, to talk about floods.

The children celebrated Cinco de Mayo with Miss Blair in Spanish class by breaking a piñata, dancing and singing, and eating homemade salsa.

Quotable Quotes

"I can't eat my bread. I can't help it. God just made me that way."

"I know how to spell we.....WII."

A child asks her mother, "What is God's last name? Is it 'bless?'"

"That's a humungous heap of peace roses."

"I know more about eggs than I know about people."

"Where did you get the candy?" Child answers, "From the Piosta." (meaning piñata).

Valerie the Red Cross asks the children, "What is your plan when there's a tornado?" One child answers, "Dunk and Cover!"

