



# MONTESSORI CHILDREN'S GARDEN NEWSLETTER MAY 2011

## Dates to Remember

- **Thursday, May 19, Backyard Abundance Meeting, 6-8pm.** Come join us for a parent and staff input meeting for improvements to the outdoor play area. Bring your thoughts and ideas to share as we discuss the play area improvement project. RSVP Jane or Sandra at (319) 665-9625.
- **Friday, May 27, Special Gymnastics Activity for the kids, 9am-12pm.** Amy and Brad Kruse, (Keenan's parents) are sponsoring this activity. Small groups of children will take turns on the Gymnastics Express Bus.
- **Wednesday, June 1, End of the Year Bike Ride, leaving at 9am** We will take the kids on our annual bike ride south on the North Liberty bike trail, have a snack then ride back to the school. Parents can drop off bikes, trikes, scooters or Big Wheels (whatever your child is comfortable riding) in the morning on Cherry Street (where the ride will begin) and pick them up at the school at the end of the day. We ask that the children wear helmets. Parents are welcome and encouraged to come along!
- **Thursday, June 2, Last Day of School AND End of the Year Music Program and Graduation Ceremony. THIS EVENT IS FOR ALL OF THE CHILDREN.** They will perform songs that they have been practicing in Miss Angela's music class. Refreshments will follow the program. The schedule is as follows:  
6:00 Mrs. Honey's class  
6:30 Mrs. Jones' class  
7:00 Miss Tina's class  
7:30 Mr. Sultan's class
- **Thursday June 3, No School.** Teacher preparation day for the summer session
- **Monday, June 6, Summer School Begins.**

## Scholastic Book Sale

Our Scholastic book sale was a great success. The school earned \$1,281 Scholastic dollars towards new books and equipment. There were also 24 books donated to the school through the generosity of all of you.

## SUNSCREEN!

Now that we are into the sunny weather, *we ask parents to apply sunscreen on their children each morning, and we will reapply for the afternoon. If your child comes in just for the afternoon, please be sure to have sunscreen applied before class.* If your child has an allergy to any sunscreen, please fill out a form. Ask for it in the office.

## Upcoming Field Trips

All of the classes will walk down to Isaac's Creamery. Times will be posted.

## Classroom news

Mrs. Jones' class is studying mammals and the continents. Mrs. Honey's class is studying Iowa and plants. Miss Tina's class and Mr. Sultan's class are studying plants and North America.

## Thank you!

Teacher appreciation week was amazing! We would like to extend a special thank you to all of the parents who organized the week. Here are some of the comments heard from the teachers during that week:

"I've never worked at a place where everyone is so nice!"

"I especially loved the flowers from the family gardens."

"I loved the little thank you cards."

"Who made the monster cookies? They are so good"

"There are really nice parents here!"

"I want that recipe."

"They are really spoiling us."

And....."Could we get this every week?"

