

FRIDAY FLYER
THE CHILDREN'S ACADEMY
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April 19th – April 23rd 2010

FACEBOOK - The Academy is now on **FACEBOOK!** Please stop by to post your comments!

MINI-CAMP – Mini-Camp at The Children's Academy is a wonderful introduction for new students and a happy continuation for returning students. We are also very pleased to welcome those children who are not enrolled at The Academy. Mini- camp applications will be in your children's Friday paperwork. Please return applications as soon as possible. If you have a friend or family member who would like to enroll their children, please call The Academy for applications.

TRIKE -A-THON – On Friday April 30th, we will be learning about bike safety. This is a fund raiser for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Donations are welcome but not necessary; Mrs. Smith will be donating for the Academy. We are hoping to teach our children the value of understanding and compassion.

SNACK – Thank you to the following children who brought in snack to share with their friends; Penelope, Marco, Michael M. and Atiyya

LITTLE ROOM - Mrs. Lombardi and Mrs. Simmons –

PRACTICAL LIFE – Spring table setting including placemats, cups, dishes along with the proper location of fork, knife and spoon were shown. A spring salad tossing activity was presented.

SENSORIAL – Stick sorting work was introduced to reinforce color identification and visual discrimination. New candle smelling work was also added.

CULTURAL – This week we talked about Italy and shared music which has inspired more dancing and singing. We sampled pizza as both a cultural and sensorial treat!

MATH – Math work now includes flower petal counting which supports sequencing and number recognition.

Special thanks to Sophie who shared stickers with her friends. The beautiful butterflies and flowers helped us in our discussion about spring.

TRANSITIONAL ROOM – Mrs. Tschopp and Mrs. Bottiglieri – This week we learned about the lifecycle of a butterfly. We read many books on this subject and are all amazed at the changes that occur in the cocoon.

LANGUAGE- Our new activity was opposite cards. Some opposites were well known, like big and small, but others were a bit more challenging like old and young. We have also been reviewing letter sounds with the sandpaper letters.

PRACTICAL LIFE – Eye dropper and mini clips were added to our shelf. These are extensions of activities already presented, but are more challenging because of their smaller size.

SENSORIAL- Our new activities were spring sorting and the rectangle box of constructive triangles. The spring sorting is a fun activity where the children sort suns and flowers by colors. The constructive triangles allow the children to create a pinwheel.

Math- Number trees and number puzzles were shown. Both activities reinforce number recognition and a visual understanding of quantities.

CULTURAL- We spoke about Earth day and how important it is to help keep our Earth clean from trash and pollutants. We read Dear Children of the Earth by Schim Schimmel and made flower pots out of newspapers.

ART- The children sequenced circles to create a cute caterpillar sitting on his leaf.

SOUND OF THE WEEK - For the week of April 26th; "th" as in thumb

BIG ROOM – Mrs. Sarno, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Dixon and Mrs. Gerst -

PRACTICAL LIFE – We are busy preparing our own juice for snack time by hand squeezing oranges with our juicer. Our braiding activity enhances our small motor skills, dexterity and concentration. We are learning the proper way to handle and fold the American flag which fosters respect for our flag. Our beach bag activity is filled with all the essentials needed for a day at the beach or pool. Packing our own bag encourages self-care and independence.

SENSORIAL- Large and small button squares further reinforced our concept of size. The bug stencils worked with our matching skills. Ocean creatures were introduced for sorting. Stacking and sorting also helps our small motor skills and concentration. Animal life cycles enabled us to study progression as well as match to controls. For tasting this week we dipped raw pepper strips into raspberry salad dressing and balsamic salad dressing...very different!

LANGUAGE – We will now be working with the white line alphabet. This will help the children sequence and recognize their letters. Coinciding with our new sound of the week blends, shadow matching is now available in the language area.

CULTURAL – We packed our suitcases with bathing suits, sunscreen and sunglasses and took a four hour flight to Aruba. We discussed the constant breeze and the blue water. Our Aruba box contains palms, magazines, coins, postcards, maracas and our new rain stick. The rain stick is a favorite! A special thank you to Monroe for this thoughtful addition to the cultural area.

MATH – New activities this week were baseball counting, raindrop counting, bee counting, animal counting cards and the baseball bat and cap dot-to-dots have been added to our shelves. These activities continue to reinforce number recognition and their quantities.

SOCIAL STUDIES –We talked about “Earth Day” and how important it is to keep our earth clean. We discussed ways that we can help keep our air cleaner and the ground healthier by recycling and not littering. We had some great ideas and also decided that if everyone does a little, then it will mean a lot to our planet!

SCIENCE- Moving air has less push power than still air. We discovered this by using our breath and some paper. Moving air is the basis for lifting airplanes! We also discussed air streams. By using a candle and bottle we learned that air streams can split but will join up again with the same strength as before.

ART – We turned bare sticks into beautiful flowering branches. We compared them to the flowering branches outside to make them look realistic!

VOCABULARY- collapse, distinguish, force

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CALENDAR REMINDER

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| April 30th | Friday | Trike-A-Thon |
| May 6th | Thursday | Open House – 6:30-8:30 |
| May 14th | Friday | Green Meadows Farm Trip |

THE ACADEMY – A Great Place To Be!!!