

FRIDAY FLYER

THE CHILDREN'S ACADEMY
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March 15th – March 19th 2010

PAJAMA DAY REMINDER - Tomorrow, March 19th, remember to wear your pajamas! This special day will be held to help Gwen, from Madison in her fight against Leukemia.

SNACK – Thank you to the following children for bringing in snack to share with their friends; Marco, Reilly, Atiyya, Nicholas, Julia, and Olivia. Thanks to Maybeline for her gift of homemade cookies for the teachers.

Birthday – Happy Birthday wishes to Walker!

LITTLE ROOM - Mrs. Lombardi and Mrs. Simmons – Our class continues to work on the shape oval, the color purple and the #7. Thanks to Penelope for the purple iris for our classroom.

PRACTICAL LIFE – The hourglass timer was shown. This is a mesmerizing tool that helps us when we are taking turns.

SENSORIAL – The triangle and square based prism along with the pyramid were added to our geometric solid baskets this week. A spring art matching activity was also presented.

MATH – A picture and number matching activity and new St. Patrick's Day counting work were added to our math shelves so that we can practice our counting skills up to the number of the month – seven.

CULTURAL - Our classroom came alive with holiday traditions this week. We celebrated St. Patrick's day with green bagels, green cream cheese and even green juice. We sampled Irish soda bread and introduced the children to traditional Irish music including the jig and reel and showed them Irish Step Dancing shoes – they make a lot of noise! The children were wonderful in their own interpretation of these dances. We talked about the tradition of Passover and sampled Matzoh for snack. A Seder plate activity was added to the cultural area.

We continue to collect photographs for our classroom photo gallery. This is both a source of pride and an opportunity for language development for the children. We encourage the children to bring in pictures of people and places they love to share with their Little Room friends.

TRANSITIONAL ROOM – Mrs. Tschopp and Mrs. Bottiglieri – We continued talking about the rain forest. We focused on frogs this week. There are many beautiful colorful frogs that live in the rain forest, and we know the brightly colored ones are poisonous.

PRACTICAL LIFE – Our new activities this week were sock pairing and small spooning. Sock pairing help's develop independence. Small pouring is a more challenging version of our spooning work because the smaller spoon size and bowls require the children to slow their movement in order to be successful.

LANGUAGE –Object and letter matching was shown. This activity reinforces letter recognition and letter sounds. The children have also been shown an extension for the metal insets to help reinforce and refine the pincer grip for writing.

MATH --Our new activities were dice counting and foam shape counting. Both activities reinforce number recognition, counting and quantities. The foam number counting also gives a visual representation of odd and even numbers.

SENSORIAL – The first drawer of the geometric cabinet was shown. This tray consists of different sized circles for the children to sort or trace. Color bears were also shown to help discriminate and sort by secondary colors.

CULTURAL – our new activity was the large rain forest puzzle. This floor puzzle shows some rain forest animals in their natural habitat.

ART-Our art project was Sedar plates for Passover.
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BIG ROOM – Mrs. Sarno, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Dixon and Mrs. Gerst -

PRACTICAL LIFE – New geometric sequencing work has been introduced. Upon completion of four geometric sequences the children may make a book to take home. Peeling carrots and spreading butter on matzoh will enhance our fine motor skills. The squirrels and bunnies will enjoy the carrots while we will eat the matzoh for snack. Our sedar plate matching activity encourages word recognition. The decorative edge scissor has been added to our shelf and will help develop our small motor skills and our eye hand coordination.

LANGUAGE – The new baskets added to the language shelves contain puzzle and matching activities. All of the new materials reinforce matching skills, color and shape recognition and beginning spelling concepts.

MATH –We completed working with the golden bead trays # 80 and # 90. This helps to reinforce quantities with numbers. We added plastic stir counting to our counting activities. We learned how to play the dice game and on the half hour time cards have been added to our shelves.

SENSORIAL – Color eggs enabled us to sort as well as use our small motor skills, egg sizing was also demonstrated. The egg tree worked with our sense of symmetry. Bug identification and sorting enabled us to perfect our matching skills. This week we tasted two different types of cereal – corn and rice. We preferred corn by a small margin.

SOCIAL STUDIES – We discussed Passover which begins on Monday night, the 29th and continues for eight days. We talked about how and why Jewish people won their freedom from the Pharaoh in Egypt. Matzoh was sampled and we learned the significance of the flatbread eaten during this holiday. Happy Pesach!

SCIENCE- Spring is on the way! We've seen crocuses in our playground garden! We made our own paper flower buds, floated them in water and watched them open into a lovely spring flowers. Our discussion was on why this happened. We'll also be on the look out for new spring flowers.

ART – We took 3 hearts and put them together to make a shamrock. With a little imagination, we made some creative designs.

VOCABULARY- spring, bud, expand, porous, textile, and flood

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FRENCH FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK – Next week we will learn to sing Baa Baa Black Sheep in French. We will also be learning farm animals over the next few weeks such as sheep (le mouton – mooton), horse (le cheval-shvall), rabbit (le lapin-lapan), pig (le cochon-coshon), cow (la vache-vasch), duck (le canard-caanaard), and dog (le chien-shhen).

CALENDAR REMINDER

March 25th	Thursday	Open House - 6:30 – 8:30
March 31st	Wednesday	Spring Party -Little Room 3 Day and 5 Day Program
April 1st	Thursday	Spring Party – 9:00 – 11:30 all Big Room and Transitional Room students. Little Room 2 Day and 5 Day Program.
April 2nd – April 9th	School Closed	Spring Recess

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