

FRIDAY FLYER

THE CHILDREN'S ACADEMY
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March 1st – March 5th 2010

After School Programs - Cooking for Kids, Fit Kids, Gecko Kids and Spanish Class will be concluding their second winter session this week. Science will have their last class next Monday March 8th. Registration for the spring session of classes is now being accepted. Sign up A.S.A.P. as class size may be limited. After School Registration packets will be sent home this week.

Little Room Extended Enrichment Program - This program will begin on Monday, March 8th. Mrs. Lombardi will be lunching with the Little Room students who choose to participate in the program, which ends at 1:00. The fee for this extended day is \$20.00.

Pajama Day - On Friday March 19th, students and faculty of The Children's Academy, will be participating in PAJAMA DAY, they will wear their pajamas to school in honor of Gwen from Madison, New Jersey. Each participant can make a donation to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. All donations in any amount will be greatly appreciated. Our students will receive a Pajama Day sticker that will symbolize their help in the fight against blood cancers.

P.A.C.A. Meeting - We need your support! Please join us on Tuesday March 11th at 9 a.m. (upstairs-conference room). The meeting will address next year's upcoming events and positions for the 2010-1011 school year.

SNACK - Thank you to the following children who brought snack in to share with their friends; Ryan, Marco and Penelope.

Birthday - Happy Birthday wishes to Alexis and James.

LITTLE ROOM - Mrs. Lombardi and Mrs. Simmons - We welcome the month of March with the color purple, the shape oval and the number 7.

PRACTICAL LIFE - Our practical life activities have been transformed to welcome the new color of the month. New activities include small pouring and shamrock flipping. These activities promote muscle development and hand eye coordination.

LANGUAGE - This week we have started to take classroom attendance with name cards. The children are very excited that they can read their own names!

MATH - The sandpaper number 7 and the #7 cylinder board were added to our math shelves. A shamrock counting activity was also introduced.

SENSORIAL - A shamrock nesting activity promotes visual discrimination and fine motor skills.

CULTURAL - Pinkalicious by Victoria and Elizabeth Kann is a classroom favorite and has prompted discussion of healthy food choices. To encourage this, a basket of produce was presented and the children are able to divide the food into fruit and vegetables.

TRANSITIONAL ROOM - Mrs. Tschopp and Mrs. Bottiglieri - This month we will be learning about the rain forest. We know that many beautiful animals and plants live there. We also found out that it rains every day! The children have created their own rain forest in the transitional room.

PRACTICAL LIFE - Our new activities this week were scissor tonging and ice tray tweezing. The scissor tonging develops large motor skills, while the tweezing refines small motor skills. Both activities increase concentration.

LANGUAGE - Crayon color matching was added to the shelf. This matching work has the written words for the colors on it so the children get the opportunity to see what the word for each color looks like.

MATH – Number word puzzles and telephone numbers were shown. Both activities reinforce number recognition. Telephone numbers gives the children a chance to dial their own number on a real (unplugged) telephone.

SENSORIAL – Our new activity was the Memorex game. This game is a great way to boost memory skills. Three pictures are covered and the children roll a die to see if they can recall what picture is under that number. As they master the tree pictures, this game can expand to six pictures.

ART- In like a lion, that's what they say about March. The children made lion faces with markers and yarn to welcome in March.

SOUND OF THE WEEK - For the week of: March 6th, 2010 "j" as in jump

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

PRACTICAL LIFE – The pushpin shamrock activity improves our eye hand coordination and pincer grip. Our fruit picks will enhance our fine motor skills. Table cleaning was introduced to foster care of our environment. To encourage care of self, we are brushing our classroom teeth with a large toothbrush. We are learning the proper way to brush so that we will have healthy gums and teeth.

LANGUAGE – Two more sets of wooden nouns were introduced this week. They focus on the "oo" blend and "ee" blend. Our forth freeze is on our shelf. This freeze describes ocean animals and helps children recognize the whole word. The children are enjoying the newest set of compound cards as well as our second three letter word cards.

MATH – We worked with the Montessori golden bead tray # 60, as we continue to reinforce numbers and quantities. The fraction metal insets have also been introduced. These help us to make a whole circle from different sized parts. The Montessori fraction skittles were also shown this continues to help make fractions more concrete. Shamrock eraser counting, shamrock stamping, and shamrock dot-to-dot were added to our math shelves.

SENSORIAL - The color tiles were introduced to increase our ability to pattern and design. Foam parts of the whole helped our visual sense of geometry. The hat man allowed us to see the changing aspects of a character. The shuffle cup enabled us to use our visual concentration skills. Our tasting samples were pears and pineapples...both were delicious.

SOCIAL STUDIES – This week we discussed carnivore, herbivore and omnivores. We shared our thoughts on the differences between these animals, looked at pictures, and read some animal stories. We also went back in time, and talked about dinosaurs. We picked out which ones were meat eaters, plant eaters, or both, and found some traits that helped us come to these well thought out conclusions!

CULTURAL – We traveled to Ireland this week, the Ireland box is now on our shelf. We colored the flag of Ireland, viewed postcards and letters from friends and enjoyed brochures. We also learned that the Jack-O-Lantern, step dancing, and cleddagh ring all came from Ireland.

SCIENCE-By creating an underwater volcano, we were able to see that warm water will rise. When the warm water cooled we were all so able to observe and discuss the results. Thanks for all the mold samples! They were some fascinating specimens!

ART – March comes in like a lion! We created our very own lions out of paper plates!

VOCABULARY – carnivore, herbivore, omnivore, vortex, disguise, melt, extinct, nocturnal

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FRENCH FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK – This week we will be learning to sing the song The More We Get Together in French which the children all loved to sing in class. Also, I reviewed with them the days of the week in French. de la Semaine en francais.

CALENDAR REMINDER

March 11th
March 19th
March 25th

Thursday
Friday
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P.A.C.A. Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Pajama Day
Open House - 6:30 – 8:30

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