

FRIDAY FLYER
THE CHILDREN'S ACADEMY
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March 22nd – March 26th 2010

LITTLE ROOM PROGRAMS – The Little Room now offers two different extended care programs. Our Little Room lunch program (11:30-1:00) and our All day drop –in program (11:30-3:00).

THANK YOUto Declan's family for their donation of a computer for the Transitional Room. It will be enjoyed for years to come!

THANK YOU.....to Mrs. Sherri Ovsiew for sending us the story of Molly. Molly is a horse injured during Hurricane Katrina who was rescued. Dr. Moore, a surgeon, removed her leg from below the knee and a human prosthesis designer built her a leg. Molly now visits shelters, hospitals, nursing homes and rehabilitation centers where she gives hope to many people.

THANK YOU.....to Alivia Clark, Academy alumni, for her visit. The children enjoyed asking her questions such as; "who is your best friend?", "What is your favorite color?", "What school are you in?", and "How old are you?"

THANK YOUto Nessa and her Mom for the Russian money. It is a welcome addition to our "Russian Box".

WELCOME Lila and Alex Nagy to the Big Room! We are happy they have joined the Academy family!

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

Birthday – Happy Birthday wishes to; Sophie L. and Abigail!

LITTLE ROOM - Mrs. Lombardi and Mrs. Simmons –

PRACTICAL LIFE – New activities in practical life continue to support our discussions of the food pyramid and healthy food choices. A coupon sorting and filing work was shown which requires dexterity and grocery bag packing was presented allowing for vocabulary; fragile, perishable and squished.

SENSORIAL – Our texture table is now in use. It contains rice and hides the geometric solids we have been learning about. We love exploring and discovering hidden shapes. A bunny ear looping activity was also shown.

LANGUAGE – New name tracing mats were presented. Each child has their own mat to trace their name and then clean the mat to try again.

CULTURAL - Exciting new work was shown to further our exploration of the continents. Each continent is named and identified by a specific color. The children were shown different animals found on each continent and the animals are identified by continent with a bow of the same color. This activity quickly became a classroom favorite.

TRANSITIONAL ROOM – Mrs. Tschopp and Mrs. Bottiglieri – We reviewed all that we have learned about the rain forest. We are amazed how many animals and beautiful flowers and plants live there. We all agreed that we want to help save our rain forest.

PRACTICAL LIFE – Our new activities were spring tweezing, egg cracking and egg tonging. All of these activities refine small motor skills and increase attention span.

LANGUAGE –Crayon color matching was added to our shelf. This activity is a color sorting activity that also introduces the children to the written form of the secondary colors.

MATH – Number eggs were shown to reinforce number recognition. Counting bunnies allows the children to identify numbers, practice counting and give a visual representation of quantities.

SENSORIAL – We have been refining our sorting skills. Color basket sorting is a spring themed color sorting activity. Egg patterns is a challenging matching activity that involves slight differences in patterns.

CULTURAL – Our large rain forest picture book was added to the shelf. This book contains beautiful photographs of animals and waterfalls in the rain forest.

ART- The children have been very busy preparing spring themed projects to help decorate our bulletin board. Birds in nests and butterflies are just a few of the things we worked on.

SOUND OF THE WEEK - For the week of: March 29th, "z" as in zebra

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

PRACTICAL LIFE – We are improving our pincer grip, eye hand coordination and concentration with the pushpin egg activity. Egg assembly and placement in the egg dish along with the egg placement basket are activities that enhance our small motor skills. Our crayon sharpening activity will also help to improve our fine motor skills.

LANGUAGE – We have added a new sequencing set and flower freeze to our shelf and our yellow jacket alphabet is now available. This difficult task helps children sequence the alphabet. An extremely difficult basket of large and small pictures as well as coordinating words is also in the language area. This work challenges our best readers!

MATH – New materials presented this week were rabbit stamping, pompom tweezing, egg counting by two, and bunny counting. These activities continue to reinforce numbers and their quantities. We also read "Just Enough Carrots" by; S.J. Murphy.

SENSORIAL – Small block wall building enabled us to visualize special concepts. Our matching skills were enhanced by decorated egg pairing. Bug sorting and eraser stacking continue to improve our sorting skills. Grapefruit and apricot slices were our tasting samples this week. Both were tried but apricots were definitely our preference.

SOCIAL STUDIES – We talked about Easter and how many Christians celebrate this holiday with prayer and reflection about the resurrection of Christ. We also talked about how children celebrate with the anticipation of the Easter Bunny bringing us many delicious treats!

SCIENCE- We discussed the entire solar system and the different characteristics of the nine planets. Our concentration was on our planet, earth. We will be making booklets depicting land, air and water after identifying the pages with actual samples of earth.

CULTURAL – Greetings from Switzerland! We were able to sample a piece of Swiss chocolate and will be creating the Swiss flag and coloring a worksheet of the Saint Bernard. We learned that Velcro, contact lenses, the waterproof watch, and Swiss cheese are all products of Switzerland.

ART – We decorated baskets with bunnies, eggs and chicks. What a wonderful holiday decoration!

VOCABULARY- planets, solar system, decorate, Easter, cream cheese, prosthetic, rehabilitation, injury

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FRENCH FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK – We reviewed simple questions and answers they all should know. Bonjour (hello), comment ca va? (how are you?) comment tu t'appelles (what's your name), quell age as-tu (how old are you?). Have a happy holiday!

CALENDAR REMINDER

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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