

FRIDAY FLYER

THE CHILDREN'S ACADEMY
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March 8th – March 12th 2010

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.

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

Birthday– Happy Birthday wishes to Audrey and Michael.

Fit Kids - We would like to encourage parents to take advantage of the Fit Kids after school program. It would sadden the Academy to eliminate the program next year due to low enrollment. This important program involves active lessons involving sequencing, lateral training as well as tracking and balancing exercises. Gross motor skills are most often learned and practiced. This can be a very rewarding aspect of your child's education. Please consider this most worthwhile program for your child.

LITTLE ROOM - Mrs. Lombardi and Mrs. Simmons–

PRACTICAL LIFE – A new spice (cloves) have been added to our mortar and pestle activity and the children love the smell! Spring container opening was introduced. Easter egg tonging was also shown.

MATH - A flannel board activity of spring shapes was added to our math shelves. We love including counting in our line time.

SENSORIAL – We have introduced the geometric solids sphere, cube, ellipsoid and ovoid. We are dialoging about all the things in our world that are these shapes. Intriguing new scents were added to our candle smelling activity.

CULTURAL - We are discussing the tradition of St. Patrick's Day and we'll continue to explore the land and traditions of Ireland.

TRANSITIONAL ROOM – Mrs. Tschopp and Mrs. Bottiglieri – We continue to discuss the rain forest. This week we learned that people are cutting down the trees in the rain forest and leaving many animals without homes. When the children grow up, they want to help save the rain forest.

PRACTICAL LIFE – Our new activities were large basting and walking the line. Basting develops hand and wrist muscles as well as increases concentration. Walking the line has the children carrying a cup of water on a tray while slowly walking on the red line. This gives the children an opportunity to perfect their balance.

LANGUAGE - Letter rubbing was added to the shelf. The children rub a crayon over the sandpaper letters to help reinforce letter recognition. The children can also use this activity to rub their names or three letter phonetic words.

MATH – Our new activities were St. Patrick's Day counting and number sequencing. Both activities reinforce number recognition and counting. St. Patrick's Day counting also reinforces quantities.

SENSORIAL – Shamrock patterns were shown to help recognize small differences in patterns. Shamrock sizing was shown to recognize slight differences in size.

CULTURAL – Our new activity was large rain forest cards. We remembered the jaguar and toucan, and were introduced to the strawberry poison frog and marmoset monkey.

ART- The children painted green shamrocks to help decorate our houses for St. Patrick's Day.

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

PRACTICAL LIFE – Spring lacing cards were added to our shelf. Upon completion these cards may go home with the children. Small funneling and salad tonging are new activities that enhance our fine motor skills. In preparation for St. Patrick's Day, we are practicing hat placement with our Leprechaun Hat. We are having fun while learning what objects are attracted to the magnet in our new magnet activity.

LANGUAGE – Our book shelf is now complete. The new books on the shelf are "The Red Letter Alphabet Book", "Creepy Crawlies A to Z", "The Ocean Alphabet Book", "The Freshwater Alphabet Book", "Grandmother's Alphabet", "H is for Home Run", "M is for Music", "Eating the Alphabet", and "A Was Once An Apple Pie". All of the books reinforce first letter and phonetic sounds.

MATH – We worked with the Montessori #70 golden bead tray and counted with shamrock coins. This continues to reinforce number recognition and their quantities. Rulers and tape measures have been added to the math shelves. Time on the hour matching cards have been introduced, along with various books to our math library to help us learn to tell time.

SENSORIAL – Age sequencing cards showed us the progression of time. Star sizing helped our sorting and sizing skills. The color hoops also enabled us to continue sorting. The color tablet extension and red rod extensions made our work with these activities more challenging.

SOCIAL STUDIES – We talked about Saint Patrick's Day celebrations. We discussed what a legend was and created our own "blarney". We will be working with mazes as well as coloring rainbows as we look for our own pot of gold!

CULTURAL – We traveled to Russia. We learned that the flag has the same colors as ours, picking mushrooms is a special tradition, and that the Russian's made many contributions to space travel. The oldest skis in the world were found in Russia. Our favorite Russian art was the nesting dolls and our Russia box is now on the cultural shelf with different versions of nesting dolls.

SCIENCE- Transparent, translucent and opaque...three new words! We discussed what they mean and gave examples of each. Cardboard frame manipulative will enable us to view samples under transparent, translucent and opaque conditions.

ART – In celebration of St. Patrick's Day next week, we are busy making shamrock wreaths.

VOCABULARY- blarney, legend, leprechaun, transparent, translucent, opaque

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FRENCH FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK – Bonne journee mes cher etudiants, j'espere (espaireh-ope) que chacun avait une semaine bonne. Aujourd'hui nous commencerons a apprendre (learning) les saisons (sayzons-seasons) autumn (autume), winter, (leevear-l'hiver) spring, (lepraytom-le printemps), and summer (letteh-l'ete) et quelques conditions meteorologiques: le froid fois-cold, lapluie plur-rain, la neige nedgze-snow, le soleil soulay-sun. It is windy, beautiful and chilly. Il fait du vent, beau et froid.

CALENDAR REMINDER

**March 19th
March 25th
March 31st**

**Friday
Thursday
Wednesday**

April 1st

Thursday

**Pajama Day
Open House - 6:30 – 8:30
Spring Party -Little Room 3
Day and 5 Day Program
Spring Party -Big Room,
Transitional Room and Little
Room, 2 Day and 5 Day
Program**

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