

FRIDAY FLYER

THE CHILDREN'S ACADEMY

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April 12th – April 16th 2010

PICTURE DAY – Picture Day for graduates is Monday, April 19, 2010. Picture package information should be received on Friday. If you are interested, please remit payment on Monday. Caps and gowns will be provided for the children.

Students who would like a regular school picture taken at this time are also welcome to do so. Please contact the office for an order form.

PAJAMA DAY – Pajama Day was a lot of fun! Thanks to your generosity, The Children's Academy raised \$775 for the Leukemia Foundation. The money will be used to help deter medical costs for Gwen of Madison, a nine year old who is living with leukemia. We hope that the children enjoyed the day as well as gained an understanding of compassion and the importance of giving.

KINDERGARTEN AT THE ACADEMY – A Montessori education is a powerful foundation for many future years of learning. Kindergarten at The Academy is an excellent opportunity to have your child continue their growth, both socially and academically. If you are considering this option, please contact Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Sarno. They will be happy to discuss the program with you.

THANK YOU.....to Mr. Mannion, a friend of The Academy for her generous donation to our Leukemia fund.

THANK YOU.....to Mrs. O'Brien, our Easter bunny, for her special participation at our spring party! She helped to make the party a festive one!!!

THANK YOU.....to Monroe Russell for the beautiful rain stick she donated to the big room from her recent trip to Aruba. It will be enjoyed for many years to come.

THANK YOU.....to Victoria for the adorable magnets from her recent vacation in Costa Rica. The teachers all enjoyed them.

THANK YOU....to Audrey and her big sister Celia for the postcards mailed to The Academy from their recent trip to Hawaii. We loved reading the mail and have added them to our collection.

THANK YOU.....to Leasia, Faith and Emaani's cousin for visiting with us, she was a great help to the teachers.

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

Birthday – Happy Birthday wishes to Abigail and Olivia.

LITTLE ROOM - Mrs. Lombardi and Mrs. Simmons – We welcome the month of April with the color yellow, the shape diamond and the number 8.

PRACTICAL LIFE – Our new carpet sweeper helps us keep the area around the rice table clean and our lint roller is very successful in removing "rice dust" from our clothes.

SENSORIAL – Nature walks helped us welcome the season of spring and we enjoyed making observations with our senses: we felt the warm breeze, we were able to smell the flowers on the playground and we heard the birds and looked at the blue sky. A butterfly matching activity was also shown.

LANGUAGE – The letter sounds, "h" as in horse, "e" as in elephant and "f" as in flower were introduced along with the corresponding sandpaper letters.

MATH – Bee counting work was introduced. The sandpaper number 8 and the number 8 cylinder board were added to our math areas. In addition to the number 8 we have been focusing on the number 0. Have you heard our dinosaur poem?

TRANSITIONAL ROOM – Mrs. Tschopp and Mrs. Bottiglieri – Spring is in the air! We have been discussing the changes that are happening during this beautiful season. We noticed that our

flowers in the playground have all bloomed and trees are flowering and beginning to grow leaves. Some of us also noticed a few butterflies fluttering about in the ivy. We all agree that we are happy to have warmer days so we can play outside!

LANGUAGE—Three part rhyming cards were shown. This activity helps the children listen for the similarities in words.

PRACTICAL LIFE – our new activities were medium turkey basting and large funnels. The turkey basting work is a smaller version of one the children have already been using, but the smaller size makes this activity more challenging. The funneling refines small motor skills and builds concentration.

SENSORIAL- Cat patterns and rabbit shadows were added to our shelf. Both activities require the children to examine carefully to find small differences and similarities in pictures.

Math—Our new activities were tulip counting and unifix numbers. Both activities reinforce number recognition and counting.

CULTURAL- The children had an opportunity to see a birds nest. We noticed that it was made mainly of mud and twigs, but on the inside there was string stuffing and other soft materials to line the nest for their eggs.

ART-- The children colored cut and glued a beautiful flower arrangement to share with their families.

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

PRACTICAL LIFE – Dry straining and grating soap with a rotating grater are activities that enhance our fine motor skills and coordination. The thermos improves our small motor skills, strengthens our wrists and encourages independence. We are sharing delicious and healthy apples with our friends using the apple corer/slicer.

SENSORIAL- The landforms were introduced to demonstrate physical geographical differences. We can see as well as feel these identifying factors. Parts of the whole cards let us focus on the small and relay it into the big picture. The body cards introduced us to the human body. Head tracing enabled us to identify specific features and practice our small motor skills. The forest animal skull was also presented. We were able to compare it to the other animals as well as human beings. The butterfly/frog life cycle cubes enabled us to sequence the life cycles of both creatures.

LANGUAGE – The shelves are filled with interesting and challenging work! Our second picture and letter puzzle set and our second three letter picture cards are now available to challenge us with new illustrations. Our reading children now can read about ocean creatures and challenging opposite words.

CULTURAL – We traveled throughout the United States and visited Hawaii, Nevada, New York and many other interesting states. We discussed the different means of transportation needed to get from one state to another. We will continue our discussions this week and look at the states. This will encourage discussion about similarities and differences in climate and land.

MATH – New activities shown this week were tulip and button counting by 2. Added to our shelves was the number rod worksheet and tulip dot-to-dot. We also have begun to estimate! Estimating is when you make a good guess at what the number might be. We are having lots of fun estimating handfuls of pom-poms!

SOCIAL STUDIES –With spring in the air, we discussed butterflies. We talked about their life cycle and how each stage is so very different. We decided that they are all beautiful and we’ll be keeping our eyes open and watching our gardens. There are many worksheets and puzzles on our shelves relating to butterflies!

SCIENCE- Some things sink in water and some things float. Different densities create different results. We chose a variety of common items to sink and float. We observed the results and then discussed them.

ART – We are busy creating beautiful spring flowers to bring home.

VOCABULARY- isthmus, strait, bay, caps, island, lake, skull, density, apparatus, chrysalis, caterpillar, sepal, pistil, petals, stamens

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FRENCH UPDATE – I was so happy to see all the children this week and felt they were all glad to be back at school learning French. This week we worked on saying whether they liked something or not. We also have been singing many songs in French!

CALENDAR REMINDER

April 19th	Monday	Graduation Pictures
April 26th	Monday – Friday	Trike-A-Thon (Information to follow)
May 6th	Thursday	Open House – 6:30-8:30

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