

# FRIDAY FLYER

THE CHILDREN'S ACADEMY

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May 17<sup>th</sup> – May 21<sup>st</sup> 2010

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**Congratulations!** To Reilly Codgill and his family on the arrival of their little boy! Aiden Joseph was born on May 15, seven pounds, fifteen ounces. All are doing great!

**THANK YOU**.....to the Mathay family for their donation of Halloween decorations, they will be enjoyed for years to come.

**THANK YOU**.....to Mr. Mannion for his donation to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. His generosity is appreciated!

**THANK YOU**.....to all who participated in our Trike-A-Thon. We had fun learning about being safe, and enjoyed the coloring books. The contributions amounted to \$ 130.00.

**Snack** - Thank you to the following children who brought snack in to share with their friends; Marco

**Birthday** – Happy birthday wishes to; Mia, Tory, Davey and Jack.

## **RECITAL AND GRADUATION SCHEDULES**

**LITTLE ROOM - Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:30**

Little Room 3-Day AM Class

**Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:30**

Little Room 2-Day AM Class

\*Little Room 5-Day AM Class Will Participate in Both Recitals  
(Recital is the last day of school for the children)

**TRANSITIONAL ROOM AND BIG ROOM - Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00**

All Big Room and Transitional Room Classes

**GRADUATION – Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 10:30**

(Children arrive at 10:00 AM)

Graduates Only

LITTLE ROOM - Mrs. Lombardi and Mrs. Simmons –

PRACTICAL LIFE – In anticipation of summer vacations, a new travel bag was introduced.

SENSORIAL – Magnetic work was introduced. The new activities include the many types of fish and aquatic life of our shoreline. The first is fish matching, moving magnets on a metal tray to encourage visual discrimination. The second activity encourages fine motor skills and hand eye coordination as the children use a wand to discover which part of the marine life is magnetized.

CULTURAL – We have continued our discussions of the continents with work on Australia. New vocabulary introduced included dingo, wombat, eucalyptus and of course, we love to go on walkabout! Our nature area now includes a photo timeline of the birth of a Robin. Many thanks to Kendall's family who captured the precious moments and shared the beautiful photographs with our class.

We continue to refine our skills by practicing name tracing and completing cutting work during our structured lesson time. Thank you To Reilly for bringing in stickers to share with his friends.

TRANSITIONAL ROOM – Mrs. Tschopp and Mrs. Bottiglieri –

PRACTICAL LIFE – We reviewed the importance of good manners. Please and thank you are the two most used words in our day. Excuse me is nice to hear if you need someone's attention. Good manners let people know you care about them.

SENSORIAL- A new extension for the pink tower and broad stair was shown. By combining these activities we are making comparisons between the sizes of.

LANGUAGE –The children are practicing hearing the different sounds in three letter phonetic words. Sometimes clapping out the sounds helps us to isolate each sound.

CULTURAL – We discussed children from all over the world. In each country children have different ways of dressing, they go about their day differently than we do, and they also speak different languages. We know that in France children speak French, but in many countries Spanish is spoken. We have added some Spanish books to our library area to learn some common Spanish words.

MATH –The children did some simple addition this week. Using the short bead stair we were able to solve some addition problems. What fun we had!

BIG ROOM – Mrs. Sarno, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Dixon and Mrs. Gerst – We are very busy practicing our songs for graduation and recital. This has been taking up a lot of time and it is paying off! We sound amazing!

PRACTICAL LIFE –The children are sharing their favorite Montessori activities with their friends as we review in practical life. Our beach bag and sand digging activities are popular as we all anticipate summer fun!

SENSORIAL- The children chose their own shelf-work to present to their classmates. This helped us to review. It also enabled us to teach and show what we know by example.

MATH – We reviewed the names for the power of ten, unit, ten bar, hundred square and thousand cube. We added the sunshine dot-to-dot and sunshine stamping to our shelves.

SCIENCE- Why does it rain? We discussed water evaporation from the earth and how clouds are formed. When the clouds get too saturated with water droplets...it rains! Using an empty bottle we made our own rain gauge. This can tell us how much rain falls in a single day. It will also allow us to chart rainfall during the summer months as well! Try it at home!

ART – Rainbow filters showed us how color mixing can be beautiful! These works of art will look wonderful hanging from a window.

VOCABULARY- filter, gauge, evaporation

FRENCH UPDATE – We reviewed colors and numbers in French and sang some songs. We liked "Alouette" so much that the words are being sent home so all can enjoy the song!

**CALENDAR REMINDERS**

<b>May 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>School Closed – Memorial Day</b>
<b>June 1-4</b>	<b>Monday to Friday</b>	<b>Recital and Graduation Week</b>
<b>June 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Last day of school for recital students</b>
<b>June 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Graduation – Graduates arrive promptly at 10:00</b>
<b>June 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Mini-Camp Begins</b>

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