

FRIDAY FLYER

THE CHILDREN'S ACADEMY

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May 3rd – May 7th 2010

LATE PICK-UP – Due to recurring tardiness, the following policy regarding late pick-up will be strictly adhered to!! Children are to be picked up at the end of their designated schedules. There is a ten minute grace period. Any time after ten minutes has passed; a \$15 fee will be incurred. **PLEASE BE PROMPT!** Children are sometimes very upset when they are kept waiting for a long period of time.

"UNBIRTHDAY" MONTH – The children's Academy celebrates "Unbirthday" month during the first three weeks in May. If your child has a summer birthday and you would like to celebrate his or her unbirthday and bring in a special snack, please call the Academy for a special "unbirthday" date!

THANK YOU to Ms. Susan from Jazzberries Center for Music and Art. The children enjoyed her musical presentation. They learned to coordinate their movements with new songs, as well as using shakers, bells and scarves.

THANK YOU to the PACA in-school coordinator, Mrs. Chu-Ricci for scheduling the wonderful Jazzberries presentation.

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

BIRTHDAY – Happy Birthday wishes to Olivia, Cristyn, Ian, Victoria and Kennedy

RECITAL AND GRADUATION SCHEDULES

LITTLE ROOM - Wednesday, June 2nd 9:30

Little Room 3-Day AM Class

Thursday, June 3rd 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 3rd 10:00

All Big Room and Transitional Room Classes

GRADUATION – Friday, June 4th 10:30

(Children arrive at 10:00 AM)

Graduates Only

LITTLE ROOM - Mrs. Lombardi and Mrs. Simmons –

PRACTICAL LIFE – A grocery bag packing activity was shown to the children. We know the children will want to help you at the store too!

SENSORIAL – An "I spy" container was introduced. This clear container is filled with objects hidden within the rice. The container can be rotated, turned upside down or shaken to view the different treasures within.

CULTURAL – We loved celebrating Cinco De Mayo! At snack time we shared chips and salsa while listening to Latin Music. A sombrero was shown and the children loved to dance around it.

MATH – Ladybug counting work, including counting up to 10, was shared with the children.

During the month of May we will be reviewing all the colors, numbers and shapes we have learned this year. Special thanks to Maybeline who brought in stickers to share with her friends.

TRANSITIONAL ROOM – Mrs. Tschopp and Mrs. Bottiglieri – This month we will be learning about dinosaurs. We read some books about dinosaurs and found out that they are extinct and we only have the bones to help us learn how they lived.

LANGUAGE- Our new activity was the object sound sorting box. This activity reinforces beginning letter sounds and letter recognition. We have also been practicing our tracing skills as well.

PRACTICAL LIFE – Our new activities were stringing and utensil sorting. Stringing refines small motor skills and builds concentration. Utensil sorting builds independence.

SENSORIAL- The second drawer for the geometric cabinet was shown. This consists of various angled triangles. Pattern stringing was also shown to reinforce logic orders and is a basic math concept.

Math- Cards and counters and dove counting were shown. Both activities reinforce number recognition, quantities and counting. These activities also introduce the children to the concepts of odd and even.

CULTURAL- Model dinosaurs were added to our shelf. Some were familiar like the T-Rex, and others were new like the Dimetridon.

ART- The children worked very hard on their Mother's day gifts and cards, we are sure the Mom's will just love them!

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

PRACTICAL LIFE – We are preparing for a summer picnic with our picnic bag activity. It is fun setting our picnic mat with plastic dishes, bowls, glasses and utensils. Now that we've squeezed lots of lemons, it's time to learn how to make lemonade that we will enjoy at snack.

SENSORIAL- We reviewed some basic and complex extensions of the Pink Tower, Broad Stair and Red Rods. This encouraged our awareness of dimension and enhanced visual and muscular perception. This was also an opportunity to seek out extensions that were challenging as well as mastered.

LANGUAGE – We are working with our last sound of the week! We will be using this time for discussion. Our shelves are filled and we are working with our favorite activities as well as helping each other to read.

CULTURAL – We flew to Mexico to celebrate Cinco De Mayo! We saw many beautiful pictures and enjoyed wearing our Sombrero!

MATH – We reviewed some of our favorite Montessori math materials, the spindle box, red and blue counting rods and cards were all reviewed. We also read; "Super Sand Castle Saturday" by; S.J. Murphy.

SOCIAL STUDIES – We discussed the importance of our "Mom". We are reading about Mom's and making cards for them. We all love our Mom, Grandma's and all the important women in our lives!

SCIENCE- Heavy things are very difficult to move but there are ways of making them easier to move. We used a simple weighted object and realized it was easier to move up a gentle slope as opposed to a steep slope. We also moved objects on rollers to see if this too could make our task easier. We discussed how these principles are used in daily life.

ART – Our caterpillars have turned into butterflies! By painting only half of the butterfly and then folding the paper, we created identical patterns on both sides, symmetrical butterflies! Beautiful!

VOCABULARY- domestic, wild, symmetrical

SOUND OF THE WEEK- Since we have completed our alphabet and several of the easier blends, we are using the extra time to enjoy stories and share favorite books. If your child has a favorite book, Please send it in for us to share. Be sure to label it to insure its return.

FRENCH UPDATE – This week we used words to describe the weather and reviewed the seasons and months.

CALENDAR REMINDER

May 14th	Friday	Green Meadows Farm Trip
May 31st	Monday	School Closed – Memorial Day
June 1-4	Monday to Friday	Recital and Graduation Week
June 3^d	Thursday	Last day of school for recital students
June 4th	Friday	Graduation – Graduates Only. Graduates arrive at 10:00 a.m. Graduation begins at 10:30 promptly

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