

# *The Friday Flyer*

## *The Children's Academy*

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Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> 2012

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**PACA MEETING**- Mark your calendars! An important meeting is scheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup>, after drop off.

**PROGRESS GUIDES**- Progress guides were sent home on January 27<sup>th</sup>. If you did not receive your child's progress guide, please call The Academy.

**CULTURAL SHARING**- The Children's Academy is a diversely rich group of people. We invite all interested to share special customs and cultures with the children. Please contact Mrs. Sarno if you would like to give a simple presentation to our students.

**Recyclables**- Before you toss it out...We welcome recycled greeting cards, buttons or anything that can be used for arts and craft projects. Keep us in mind.

**UMBRELLAS**- When the rainy weather is upon us, it is acceptable for children to bring umbrellas. However they must be left outside the school entrance. Thank you for your cooperation.

**THANK YOU**....to the Milos Family! Mikayla brought in her Dad, Police Officer Milos for sound of the week. Officer Milos read us a police story and showed us all the police equipment necessary for his job. We felt how heavy his bullet

proof vest is and saw the place where he keeps the extra bullets. He also demonstrated how he hand cuffs bad people! We all received a badge and a hat. Mikayla's Mom also joined us and taught us about Poland. We saw a beautiful folk dress that her mom wore as a child, a leather purse and amber stones. We learned that Christmas is a very important holiday for Polish people. It is celebrated with a special dinner and they all share a cracker called "oplatek". Easter is also a great celebration. We were able to hold and look at all the beautiful hand painted eggs. We learned a few polish words; "pies" (peas) which means dog and "ptak" (patak) which means bird. We all took home a piece of polish candy "krowiki" and had "chrusciki" for snack! Both presentations were excellent! We sill treasure the hand painted eggs donated for our Poland box.

THANK YOU....to Livia for the recycled cards and maps. They will be used in our practical life area and enjoyed by all the children.

THANK YOU....to Alexander B. for the pipe cleaners. We added them to our craft closet and we will be using them for a variety of projects.

BIRTHDAY-Happy Birthday wishes to; Charlotte and Penelope

SNACK – Thank you to the following children that brought snack in to share with their friends; Bennett, Kendall, Penelope, Nicholas, Davey and Mikayla

LITTLE ROOM – Mrs. Lombardi and Mrs. Kovacs

**PRACTICAL LIFE**- New container opening work includes citrus sorting which allows for the naming of fruit and the identification of colors. The New toolbox includes nuts, bolts, washers and a screwdriver. This challenging work was an instant favorite!

**SENSORIAL** – We have been enjoying the book "The Jacket I Wear in the Snow". Our snowman dressing activity supports this literature as the students dress a snowman in a variety of winter accessories. A "tee bowl" was shown which includes golf tee's that are inserted into specific holes in the top of the bowl. This work develops fine motor skills, hand eye coordination and the muscles required for future writing skills.

**CULTURAL** – We have continued to discuss and celebrate the Chinese New Year. We enjoyed parading around our classroom with our red dragons.

**MATH – Snowflake counting was shown in our math area and sandpaper shapes were presented to include all of the shapes of the Little Room.**

**TRANSITIONAL ROOM – Mrs. Tschopp and Mrs. Errante**

**LANGUAGE-** Our new activity was before and after puzzles. These puzzles help develop logical thinking skills. Also added to the shelf were “p” coloring, “p” gluing and objects to reinforce the “p” sound.

**PRACTICAL LIFE-** Two different spooning works were added to the shelf. Both of these are extensions of what the children have already used, but the size and shapes of the spoons make it more challenging. Also, the children were shown how to serve themselves their own snack. There are many steps involved in this activity and the children feel so “grown up” to be pouring their own juice!

**SENSORIAL-** The triangle drawer was added to the geometric cabinet. Also shown was insect sizing. This introduces the concept of medium sizes. Lastly, a game called Memorex was added to the shelf. This is a memory game to keep our brains strong.

**MATH-** The counting pan, dice counting and snowflake counting were added to the shelf. These activities reinforce number recognition, counting, and quantities.

**ART-** Our art project was winter hats. The children used yarn and colored cotton balls to decorate their hats.

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

**PRACTICAL LIFE-** We are strengthening our fine motor skills and becoming more independent as we learn to lace, buckle and tie using the dressing frames. Our winter sorting activity with nesting boxes improves our ability to discriminate size difference. Blanket folding encourages us to be independent and care for our environment.

**SENSORIAL-** The tooth pick circles enabled us to use our small motor skills to separate colors. Sparkle snowflakes worked with our sorting skills. Heart and star patterning enabled us to create our own individual designs. The go-together cards displayed how to match items that are not the same, but belong together. Green and red peppers were the tasting samples this week. We seemed to prefer red!

**MATH-**We worked with the 20 golden bead tray, which continues to reinforce quantities with numbers. New activities added to our shelves are the addition wheel, dowel counting, star count and place and the coin identification tray.

**LANGUAGE-** The sound of the week (p) was reinforced with the book “Princess Pigtoria and the Pea”. The children enjoyed it! Our new puzzle work included opposites, rhyming words and three letter words. We are all currently working on tracing our “mailboxes” (laminated cards with names and addresses).

**SOCIAL STUDIES –** We talked about “needs and wants”. Some things we need such as food and shelter and other things we want like toys and games. We had a lot of fun discussing the difference between the two.

**CULTURAL –** We flew to England. We discussed inventions made in England. Some of our favorites were the piggy bank, stamps, the stapler, Christmas cards, the first television, the double-decker bus, the thermos, matches, and sandwiches. Our box of England contains souvenirs which include the flag of Great Britain, biscuit tins, piggy banks, double-decker buses, Big Ben, the Tower Bridge, placemats of the countryside, postcards and pictures of past students who have relocated to England. It is a favorite to all!

**SCIENCE-** Learning to be a good consumer is always important. We tested various paper products for their absorbency and discovered which products would be the best for us! Some colored water and an eye dropper were all we needed to get some interesting results.

**ART-** We’ve created a beautiful paper snow globe with two geometric shapes and a snowman. Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow!

**VOCABULARY-** absorb, reversible, consumer, final, Poland, hand cuffs, magazine, spectacular

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### **CALENDAR REMINDERS**

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Thursday**

**The Lizard Guy  
(Mon., Weds., Fri.  
Students are invited  
Accompanied by a**

**February 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday**

**Parent or Guardian)  
Valentine Celebrations  
(details to follow)**

**February 20<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday – Friday**

**School Closed  
(Winter Recess)**

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