

Small Wonders Happenings

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Director's News

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I am the new Director for Small Wonders and it has been a wonderful experience to start the New Year in this childcare center. The families, children and staff have made me feel very welcome. The Board members have also been very supportive during this transition.

Center to see all of the terrific artwork that the children have displayed in their classroom walls and even in the hallway.

We are looking forward to enrolling new families for the spring semester and are already planning the summer program. The children know that spring is just around the corner.

Please feel free to stop by the

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Week of the Young Child - April 13 - 19, 2008

Sponsored by NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children)

The teaching staff are preparing for the Week of the Young Child (WOYC). Each year, NAEYC sets aside one special week for honoring young children and to thank all of the teachers who make a difference in their lives.

This year's theme is "Bringing Communities Together for Children - Children Bring Communities Together". You can see all of the activities online at naeyc.org and to get lots of ideas on what other childcare centers are doing across the country.

Please write down any terrific ideas you have to help our staff in preparing for this special week. Bring your ideas to your child's teacher by March 19th.

There are three main spotlights for this year's WOYC:

- Ways to promote early literacy and learning
- Thanking teaching staff for all that they do
- Ways to influence public policy in our community, state, or at a national level.

School Notices

- ◆ Weather Emergencies - Closings & Delayed Openings on **Walk Radio- 97.5 FM** and **News 12**

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Week of the Young Child
- ◆ Raffle

Reminders

- ❖ Please remember to sign in and out daily.
- ❖ \$200 Referral Program - Referrals for enrolling families enables you to earn \$200 (see Nancy for details).
- ❖ 2's, 3's and 4's Snack Sharing Program - please bring in a healthy snack that can be shared with the other children - low salt pretzels, rice cakes, veggies, fruits.
- ❖ Paper and supplies always welcomed!

Four's Pre K News

The children really enjoyed learning about animals this month. We are now loving fairy tales. The Three Billy Goat Gruff is one of our favorites. We will continue to work with the children on their individual goals.

Also, on Fridays, we will be sending home a Week in Review. It will explain upcoming themes, what

your child will need, and what successes they already have. Thank you for attending the Parent-Teacher conferences. It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to speak with all of the parents about the strengths in their children. We really appreciate all of your classroom donations

Three's Tales

Hello from the Three's Classroom. We hope that everyone had a happy and healthy and safe holiday season. We started off the New Year learning all about the cold weather and fun activities that we can do. We even had a snowball fight and went

ice-skating in our classroom. It was a blast.

February is going to be filled with sharing, caring, friendship, and hearts. Keep a lookout for our "Sharing and Caring" Friendship Party.

A great Happy Birthday to Robert and Amaiya

Toddler Times

The Toddlers would like to give a great big welcome to Nicholas, Charlie and Ian. We are so busy learning about the season and the weather.

Happy Birthday to Gavin, Miss. Pina and Miss. Krystal.

Infant II Milestones

The Infant II room would like to wish everyone a happy new year! We are off to a great start! Almost all of us are ready to give up our daytime bottles - we are happy with our sippy cups.

what will sink or float.

Our small muscles are really developing. We can handle pegs well enough to put them into a board. Our eye-hand coordination is fabulous. We can place 7-8 large blocks on top of each other without falling over. Of course, we really love to knock them over!

We have introduced the water table and are having a good time splashing the water all over. Soon, we will be adding things to the water table so we can see

Infant I Developments

Let me introduce the babies and give you a brief overview on what is happening in our Infant I room. We have Dorien who is the king because he is the only boy! The girls like to follow him during playtime and try to take his toys. He does not let go! Lily will soon celebrate her big first birthday and the good news is that she can walk around now. Selene said her first word recently and it was "Mama". She always has a smiling face whenever her parents come to the room to visit her. We also have Alexa who is really working on crawling.

It is so adorable to see her roll over so she can reach her toys. It is great to see all of the babies on the floor crawling and playing and making their own parade.

Floor time is very important in this room. We dance and sing songs. They clap their hands and blow bubbles. The crawl over to the big window to see what is happening outside. They watch birds and even see the snow coming down.

Special birthday wishes go to Dorien, Lily and Selene who all are turning one year old.

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Board Bulletin

New Members welcome!
Parental involvement always
welcome. Become a member
today.

New Students

A warm welcome to new friends:

Isabella D. Michael B.
Carli H. Aaron D.
Corina W.

New Director / Teachers

Miss. Nancy Miss. Marina

Happy Birthday...

Amaiya W. Lily B.
Dorien O. Miss. Pina
Gavin R. Miss. Rose
Miss. Krystal Selene S.

Dates to Remember

March 9 - Daylights Savings Time
April 13 - 19 - Week of the Young Child

Newsletter

If you would like to contribute to the
newsletter or have an announcement
you would like printed, please contact
Jennifer Bailey.

Would you like to receive this
newsletter electronically? Please give
Nancy your email address.

Fundraisers

Fundraising Committee looking for new
members!! You don't necessarily have to
be on the board to help volunteer.

**Wanted: Items to Donate for our
upcoming RAFFLE.**

Do you have any NEW but unwanted
candles, holiday gifts, bottles of wine, etc.
you'd like to donate to make this raffle a
success?? Please bring them on into Nancy
--- the sooner the better!