

## THE SUNBEAM

March 2009

"During the first few years in school, a child must master the basic skills, or he will have no foundation on which to build."

From Let's Bring Them Up Sensibly

by Mae Carden

### Thank You

Barnes & Noble Book Fair: All the teachers want to express their thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Nicholson and all the parent helpers for the wonderful job they did in making the Book Fair such a great success. The children loved receiving the Carden book marks.

Mrs. Love and Mrs. Smith enjoyed sharing storybook time with the children and their families. The teachers are very grateful and want to express their gratitude to the parents for the fabulous books purchased for the classrooms.

Valentine Parties: The teachers and children had a very festive Valentine party. Thank you to all the parents who helped make this a fun and loving holiday.

Dental Health Month: Our annual visit from Dr. Sue was a big success! She shared good dental hygiene stories with the children using her fun puppets.



## Events

### Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>: Family Dance to Benefit "Plug in America"

Meet and dance with people featured in the movie "Who Killed the Electric Car." The dance will start at 7:00 pm. Suggested \$5.00 donation per family.

### Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>: Mrs. Love and Mrs. Madison's Play/Reception

Parents, family, and friends are invited to the performance of The Little Red Hen, in the auditorium at 9:45 am. A reception in the children's classroom for all families will follow the play.

### Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>: Bear Day

Your child's one favorite bear is invited to come to school. This "bear-y" special day is for bears only. Please tag the bear with your child's name. The children are so excited to share all of the classroom activities with their special bear friends.

### Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>: Manna Food Drive - 8:00 am

Please bring non-perishable food at the morning drop off.

### Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>: "Little Cub Camp" during Spring Break

Miss David, Mrs. Bashardoust, and Ms. Vess will have more information about their fun spring camp. Look for the flyers in the children's backpacks.

## Beams from the Pre-School

The children have been busy learning the Carden playnames for the letters h, j, k and l. They continue to learn each letter in more depth with the share items they bring to school on Fridays.

Our new literature book is I am a Mouse, written by Ole Risom.

The children are enjoying Mme. Friedrich's French class. They are learning what baby animal names are in French. We enjoy hearing their sweet voices as they learn a new French song or play a French game.

The children and teachers would like to express our gratitude and thanks for a delightful Valentines Day party.

We are looking forward to the cute arts & crafts for spring and fun activities.

Mrs. Ellrott, Miss Hendrix, and Ms. Juarez  
Mrs. Premji, Miss Land, and Miss Plantenberg

## Beams from the Pre-Kindergarten

The children have been learning about Presidents *George Washington* and *Abraham Lincoln*. They did a great job singing about our Presidents and sharing "There's a great big heart down inside of me" for our Valentine's Day Assembly.

We have started our new literature book *Tim Tadpole and the Great Bullfrog*. The children are mastering their printing skills and math concepts.

The children have been hard at work practicing and rehearsing for each of their plays. They are so excited and cannot wait to perform for their families.

We would like to express our gratitude and thanks for a delightful Valentine's Day party. The teachers feel so much love and appreciation from our Carden families.

We are looking forward to beginning all the fun spring projects.

Mrs. Bashardoust, Miss David, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Madison & Ms. Vess  
Mrs. Brunasso, Mrs. Rosenberg, and Mrs. Aupperle