

THE SUNBEAMS

May 2008

"Build an awareness of and an appreciation for nature."

From Let's Bring Them Up Sensibly

by Mae Carden

Happy Mother's Day!

Children Love their Mothers

Children look up to their mothers
for guidance, structure, and love.
Her patience, care, and sweet smile
are what they are thinking of.

As they grow older and much wiser
they will thank her for her gift
of understanding and never letting go.

Then, the depth of her love
they will truly know.

By Mrs. Love

Events

Friday, May 2nd: CCPA Spring Luncheon & General Meeting

Friday, May 16th: Teacher Appreciation Day

Saturday, May 17th: Family Dance

Students, families, and friends are invited to attend this family "Contra Dance" (7:00 - 9:30 p.m.) in the auditorium.

Wednesday, May 21st: Wild Life Education

Friday, May 23rd: French Assembly in the auditorium (9:45 a.m.)

Friday, May 23rd: Snack Sharing Day

Monday, May 26th: Memorial Day Holiday (NO SCHOOL)

Wednesday, May 28th: Dentist Visits

Oak Park Dentistry will demonstrate good dental hygiene with the children.

Tuesday, June 3rd: Pre-Kindergarten Annual Spring Tea

Friday, June 6th: CCPA Family Picnic

Tuesday, June 10th: END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY/PARTIES

9:45 a.m. More information to come.

Thank You

The children "hopped" out of their class rooms with such excitement to greet the Easter Bunny and have their pictures taken. It really felt like spring time with our great parties and giant Easter Egg Hunt. The children had a great time loading their bags with lots of Easter Eggs filled with surprises. Thank you to all the parents for making this event such a huge success.

After a two-week Easter vacation we entered April with a burst of excitement. Once again, all of the parents who helped with Discover Day did an outstanding job. Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Schuster, Thank you both for organizing a great event. The children enjoyed exploring many different science projects. The teachers all enjoyed watching the children experience the volcanoes, sink or float, touching the ocean creatures and many more "hands on" experiments. Discovery Day is one of our favorite events and our thanks to all of our parents for their help. A special thank you and deep gratitude goes out to Mrs. Grant for all of her behind the scenes help and tireless effort and support.

Each of our classes has completed their plays for this school year. Thank you to all the parents for your support and helping to make each of our plays so special. We thank you for your generosity with the costumes and props, and coaching the children with their lines. All the plays were wonderful. As Director I am so proud of all the teachers and aides for their creative work to make the plays a success.

Reminders

Teacher/Parent conferences: If needed, please call the office to schedule a follow-up conference with your child's teacher.

Conference Times: Pre-School - 9:30 a.m. and 11:40 a.m.
 Pre-Kindergarten - 10:00 a.m. and 11:40 a.m.

Summer Camps

Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten: Miss David will be providing **Cub Camp** for our incoming and graduating Pre-School children. You may obtain information in the office.

Pre-Kindergarten: Ms. Murphy will be providing camp for our graduating Pre-K through upper grade students. Information will be available in the office.

Beams from the Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten

Over the past school year we have all been blessed to have the opportunity to watch the children's amazing growth both in the classroom and outside on the playground.

The children have developed new social skills. Through our lessons the children's fine motor skills and the ability to follow directions have increased to move to the next level of their education.

The Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten teachers and staff would like to send our gratitude and thanks to all of our parents for their generosity and time donated during our school events. We are deeply appreciative of your love and support throughout the school year.

Mrs. Ellrott, Miss Hendrix, and Mrs. Grodt
Ms. Carusetta, Miss Land, and Miss Plantenberg
Mrs. Bashardoust, Miss David, and Ms. Vess
Mrs. Love, Mrs. Madison, and Mrs. Rosenberg