

THE SUNBEAMS
November 2008

"Being grateful warms the heart and stirs it to share its possessions, ideas, and ideals with others."

From Let's Bring Them Up Sensibly
by Mae Carden

During this Thanksgiving season, let us help our children to be grateful and experience the peace that comes from a heart of gratitude.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU

We would like to thank all the parents for their help and participation in the Hip, Hop, Hooray. The children enjoyed the relay races, hippity hop balls, freeze dance, the bike obstacle course, and a new sand obstacle course. Your support is appreciated not only by the children, but also by the staff.

A special thank you to Mrs. Grant for organizing and giving the children the wonderful medals and awards.

This year's Fall Festival was spectacular. The time and work the parents donated for a very memorable event was appreciated by the children, staff and families. We appreciate all the time and diligent work Mrs. Oshatz and Mrs. Yessner put into chairing this event. We also appreciate the help and support from all of our parents. We could not have had such a fun and successful event if it was not for all the enthusiasm of our parents.

A large bouquet of thanks to Mrs. Berlinger and all the parents who helped clean and organize our store room. This was a huge task! The parents worked all day and we appreciate each and every one of you.

WELCOME

We want to welcome Summer Haworth in Ms. Vess' Class. The children are happy to have her in their class.

The children are enjoying Mdme. Friedrich and can greet Mdme. in French as she begins their class.

If you walk by the classrooms you will hear drums, and other musical instruments and beautiful children's voices. The children are enjoying Ms. Murphy's music classes.

The Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten teachers are very pleased that the children are having such a pleasant experience with French and Music.

A Peanut/Nut Allergy

We have a few children who have allergies to peanuts or other nuts. If you send a peanut butter sandwich or any nut snack with your child to school, please write on the bag that it is a peanut/nut product. This will be appreciated by our staff. We are all concerned about this very serious allergy among these children. Thank you.

Heifer Project

Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten have the privilege of being involved with the Heifer Project this year.

For over half a century, H.P.I. has provided livestock and training to more than four million families around the world. H.P.I. has more than 300 projects in more than 40 countries. They are a non-profit organization that helps hungry people feed themselves, earn income, and care for the environment. More information will follow.

Events

Friday, November 7th: CCPA General Meeting in the auditorium at 9:00 am.

Monday, November 10th: **Veterans' Day Holiday**
School will be closed on this day in observance of the holiday.

Friday, November 14th: Used Clothing Drive at drop off (8:00 am).

Friday, November 21st: Thanksgiving Assembly and Feast
Our Thanksgiving Assembly will start at **9:45 am** in the school auditorium, with the Thanksgiving Feast following in the children's classrooms.

The feast will be prepared by the children and shared by all the Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten classes. Parents are welcome to attend the feast. Look for a note in the upcoming days letting you know what your child should bring.

Wednesday, November 26th: **NO PLAY PROGRAM**
All Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 11:30 am in anticipation of the Thanksgiving holiday. If you have an older sibling, you must get back in line after 11:45 am to pick them up for their 12:00 pm dismissal.

November 27th - 28th: **NO SCHOOL**
We send our warmest blessing to all our school families this Thanksgiving season.

Monday, December 1st: School reconvenes.

Beams from the Pre-School

The children are working on their social skills and they are growing in this area. They are becoming good friends and are finding such pleasure being together as they paint, sing, color, cut, glue, create, dig in the sand, run, and ride bikes. In the process they are learning manners and respect for one another. It is a joy to watch happy children thrive at school.

During lessons they are building stamina, comprehension and self-discipline skills as we progress in speech, math concepts and Miss Carden's poetry lessons. In art appreciation, we are finishing "Baby Stuart" by Van Dyke. The children have been enjoying our literature story "Ask Mr. Bear." We are now moving into "Good Night Moon" and look forward to our new literature book.

Mdme. Friedrich and the children are having an enjoyable time learning new French songs and games. I am sure you will be hearing their new French words as the year moves on.

We are looking forward to our Thanksgiving performance and feast as we gather to give thanks and celebrate with each other.

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

Beams from the Pre-Kindergarten

The children were very busy stirring their "Witches Brew" for the Fall Festival. A good time was had by all due to the dedication and hard work of all our parents. Our Room Mothers, Mrs. Luthra, Mrs. Hurst, Mrs. Berlinger, Mrs. Helfert, and Mrs. Halt put on an outstanding party. Thank you for your cooperative effort and generosity.

Our classrooms have been filled with the signs and scents of autumn. The children have enjoyed carving pumpkins, roasting pumpkin seeds, and collecting colorful leaves and acorns.

We've had a full schedule during lesson time. The children have begun mastering the playnames, and beginning letter recognition and sounds. Their writing skills improve with each letter and number. They are in the process of writing the eight "c's": c, a, d, g, q, o, e, & s. This month we are starting to print the pairs: lh, ij, and mn. We are using blocks to build math skills. We are reading our next literature book, "Angus and the Ducks." In art appreciation, we have finished "The Helping Hand" by Emile Renouf and we are starting on "The Angelus" by Millet.

Outside on the playground, friendships are in full swing. The teachers enjoy watching the children play and seeing their social skills grow.

Mdme. Friedrich is having a great time teaching the children French games and songs. She is also introducing colors and numbers. The children are enjoying learning a new language.

With October ending and November beginning, our Thanksgiving feast is just around the corner. Parents are invited to attend the feast. Since seating is limited, we would like to invite one parent to sit with their child. The children will serve their parent a plate of food they have prepared, so be sure to bring a hearty appetite!

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