



First Step Newsletter

NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR- WHAT'S GOING ON THIS MONTH?

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Thank you for your support with the Butter Braids fundraiser. We were able to raise \$756.00. The "Teeter Totter" we want to purchase is \$1310.00, so the fundraiser really helped us. Soon we are going to be asking for your help on a Saturday helping us finish the work in the playground. More information will be sent home.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES will be on Monday April 28 and Tuesday April 29. There is no school for students on those two days. Please sign up for a time on the sign up sheets on the counter starting April 7th. This is a time to ask any questions you may have and the teachers will have different observations and testing from your child. Remember that there is not a test that is 100% accurate. It depends on how your child was feeling the day of the test. You are the ones that know your child best.

We are going to start taking summer program registration on April 28. The summer program will run on Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday am from May 27 through June 5 for children 3 to 6 years old. It is a two week science program from 8:45 am to 11:30 am. Siblings are welcome as long as they are 3 years old to 6 years old.

Registration fee: \$15.00 for materials

Tuition fee: \$72.50 for the two weeks

Life Touch will be taking class and graduation pictures on Thursday April 10th and Friday April 11th. Class pictures are for those students that started school later in the year.

Please keep an eye for free upcoming presentations to our families: "Connecting with your children in the positive" and two "Love and Logic" presentations. The first one is on Monday April 21st from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm "Connecting with your children in the positive" by John Trentalange, MA, LPC in the upstairs of the Preschool (Morast Hall.) Child care will be provided by RSVP only by teenagers down in the preschool. The cost will be \$3.00 per hour per child or \$5.00 for two children per hour payable in cash. More information will be sent home soon.

God bless you,

Geanina

" Make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and goodness, knowledge ." 2 Peter 1:5

Reminders:

- April 7th Parent-teacher conferences sign-up starts
- Thursday April 10th and Friday April 11th : Life Touch Graduation and class Pictures
- Monday April 21st from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm: "Connecting with your children in the positive"
- Thursday April 28th : Parent/teacher conferences NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- Friday April 29th: Parent/teacher conferences NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

APRIL THEMES AND LETTERS

- HEMES: PLANTS-BUGS-EARTH AND CINCO DE MAYO
- LETTER FOR WEEK OF: APRIL 7th is V
- LETTER FOR WEEK OF: APRIL 14th is Q

BIBLE VERSES

Week of April 1st through the 11th:

"My Sheep listen to my voice and they follow me" John 10:27

Week of April 14th through the 25th:

"I am fearfully and wonderfully made" Psalm 139:14

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NEWS FROM ALL-STARS CLASSROOM

****Hope you all had a wonderful Spring Break and enjoyed the time with your families! ****

We are heading into the last quarter of school, its always amazing to see how far your children have come! We will soon be posting sign up sheets for Parent Teacher Conferences. The conferences will be Monday April 28 and Tuesday April 29. No school for the children those days.

If we have sent sight words home with you child they should bring them back as soon as they are comfortable reading them, for treasure box and to get the next list!

We have Pizza Hut Book It coupons for April also! We will be sure each child who returns the book papers, the ones we hang on the poster, gets a coupon! Reading at home is invaluable, especially if your child is going to kindergarten next year! Everyone did a great job participating in March!!

Happy Spring!!

Blessings, Ms. Dana and Ms.Maeve

NEWS FROM WHALES CLASSROOM

Welcome back from Spring Break! Hope you all had a great time with your families!

Our year is already wrapping up! We are excited to let you know of a few changes we are making in the classroom routine. We are going to start our morning off with "Circle time." As you bring your child in one of us will be there to greet your child. Then, we will take them from you at the door, wash their hands and send them to circle time. We are asking you to please sign in your child, in a timely manner and kiss them goodbye at the door.

We are also starting a new reward system. Each day the children have one hour of project-free time. We encourage them to do academic shelf work. For each academic exercise they choose they will receive a sticker and when they reach 3/4 stickers (according to the number of days they attend) they will be able to choose something from the treasure box.

Also, if you need to speak with us about your child please write a note or see us at the end of the day. Geanina is also available in her office. Our time with you child is precious, therefore we want to get the most out of the day. We want to provide the best learning environment for your child and appreciate your help and support in these changes. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call us at anytime.

Thank you, Ms. Marva and Ms. Kim

IMMUNIZATION UPDATE

With kindergarten registration in full swing, I would just like to take a few minutes this month to share the Colorado state immunization requirements for entrance into kindergarten for the upcoming 2008-2009 school year.

The table below reviews the immunization requirements.

Vaccine	Number of Doses
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DtaP)	5 (unless 4 th dose given on or after 4 th birth-
Polio	4 (unless 3 rd dose given on or after 4 th birth-
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	2
Hepatitis B (Hep B)	3
Varicella (Chickenpox)	2

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As always, should your child have a medical reason for which it is inadvisable to receive any of the above vaccines, your child's doctor may sign a medical exemption. Should your family have any personal or religious reasons you would not want your child to receive the above vaccines, you may sign either a religious or personal exemption. These types of exemptions are recognized by the state of Colorado. Please be aware that should an outbreak occur, exempted persons may be subject to exclusion from school and to quarantine. Also, local school districts require immunizations to be up to date or exemptions in place within 14 days from the start of school or your child could be subject to suspension until records are in order. Should you have any questions, please speak with your child's doctor, your local school district, or contact the El Paso County Health Department's Immunization division at 578-3272.