



June 2010 Newsletter

“The Fabulous Fours (and Fives)”

It's hard to believe that the month of June is here and very soon preschool will be coming to an end. Mrs. Sabey and I have enjoyed our time with your little ones; thank you for sharing them with us. We will miss them!

Theme for June: Beautiful Birds / Father's Day / Saying “Good-bye”

Overview:

We will spend a few more classes completing our “Caterpillars & Butterflies” unit. What an amazing learning experience it has been to watch the various stages of their life cycle! We already have several that have formed a chrysalis! In the next couple of weeks, we will release the butterflies outside and wave good-bye to them. Then we will move along and the children will learn about birds and the various types of nests (homes) that they build. I have arranged for the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary to come to our classroom. They will be presenting a puppet show to the students about Rachel Robin entitled “The Best Nest”. The presentation also includes a craft.

We will continue to work on our fun letter formation activities using various mediums (play dough, paint, pipe cleaners, pencil and paper etc). The children have learned a little song to assist them in learning the letter names and sounds; singing and movement is a great combination when trying to learn and memorize new things. Brain research shows that children learn best when learning is meaningful and interactive!

Many of the students now know their phone numbers and they are working on remembering and recognizing their last names. In terms of math concepts, the children will continue to learn about the following: counting, sorting, more than/less than and symmetry.

The students will be busy working on a lovely Father's Day craft this month. It will be sent home a week prior to Father's Day. The reason for this is that the final week only has 2 school days and we will be busy preparing for our “Song Showcase” and tying up other “loose ends”.





Dates to Remember:

- June 3: Craft Night 7 pm
June 4: Rachel Robin Puppet Show; "The Best Nest"
June 7: J is for Joke – If your child would like to learn a cute little joke at home and tell it to us on this day, we will be happy to listen (preschool humor can be quite funny!)
June 9: **4 pm** class – Field Trip to Fire Station
June 9: Board Meeting
June 10: Cleaning Night 7 pm
June 11: Father's Day gifts sent home today (shhh!)
June 14: **4 am** class – Field trip to Fire Station
June 16: Last class – Song Showcase and Farewell (details in newsletter)
June 17: EPA Year-End Party 12:30 – 2:30 for all families

Celebrating June Birthdays



June 17 - Rohan

Final Field Trip to Edgemont Fire Station

Morning Class – June 14
Afternoon Class – June 9

This field trip will occur during regular class time. Permission slips have been sent home with all of the necessary information. No snack needed on this date as I will provide a nut-free snack that the students can eat on the walk back from the Fire Station. Please ensure that you feed your child an extra big breakfast/lunch on this day.

Walking Shoes – Please have your child wear a comfortable pair of shoes on this day. No flip flops please.

Juice or Water – Please send a container of juice or water on this day as the kiddies will likely be very thirsty when we return from our walk from the Fire Station!

Literacy Bags

We have a few more children that need a turn with each of the 2 Literacy Bags. Please ensure that all items are returned in the bag the next school day. These have been such a hit!

Hallway Attendance

For attendance this month, the children learn to recognize their last name. Please assist them with this job in the hallway if needed but please let your child be as independent as possible.

Mystery Bag

This activity has been so much fun! I am so impressed with progress the students are showing with expressive and receptive language skills! Please note that each child will have only one turn. If your child's name appears twice on the calendar for mystery bag, you are certainly most welcome to volunteer on that date; however in an effort to be fair to all of the children, each child will be given the bag only once.



Song Showcase and Farewell

On June 16 parents, grandparents and caregivers are invited to our classroom. During this time, the children will “showcase” some songs that we have been working on. They are very excited to “perform” for you. I will keep my fingers crossed that they remember the words to our songs so that Mrs. Sabey and I don't have to sing alone!

Attire: The girls have indicated that they would like to wear “pretty dresses” and the boys would like to dress “handsome” for our special day.

We will also be saying “Farewell” as this is the last day of classes. Each child will receive a preschool certificate and the class will likely end a little bit early.

4 am class – Parents, grandparents and caregivers are invited to class at **10:15am**.

4 pm class - Parents, grandparents and caregivers are invited to class at **2:15pm**.

You are welcome to bring younger siblings this day; however I respectfully request that you please keep them with you.

Keeping in touch ...

I hope that you received the “**Progress Update**” that I sent out to all families in May. It is so exciting to see the growth in the students. They have all shown growth socially, emotionally and academically. I am hopeful that your children will find the adjustment to Kindergarten to be a smooth one and that they will all continue to develop their love for learning.

Thumbs Up:

- ❖ Thank you to all EPA Board Members. Having been a Board Member myself, I can appreciate the time commitment and dedication that all Board Members have so generously shared with our preschool. An extra thank you to our Chair, Chelanne Murphy, for the many hours she has contributed to our preschool. I look forward to working with you again next year!
- ❖ Thank you to Mrs. Sabey for stepping into Mrs. Bennett's role with such ease. Mrs. Sabey is a pleasure to work with!
- ❖ Thank you to Mrs. Woodman, our 3-Year-Old teacher. Mrs. Woodman has been so helpful in helping me find my way around the preschool. Whenever I can't find something, I just have to call Mrs. Woodman and the item appears! What a great partner!
- ❖ Thank you to Mr. Poulsen for the corporate gift card donation that covered the costs of our Father's Day gift.

Summer Birthdays



If your child has a July or August birthday, they will receive a special birthday greeting from Mrs. Sabey and myself in the mail.

“We Learn”

Please see the attached information by William Glasser and keep it in mind as your child progresses through school.

Have a happy summer!

Best regards,

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