

Creative Preschool April 2017 Newsletter

Letter from the Director

Years ago, while sitting at circle time with my class of four year old children, one of the boys was excitedly telling us very detailed plans he had for the weekend. Suddenly he used the foulest of language to describe an event!. Of course my reaction was of surprise, especially knowing the family well and that this kind of language was *never* used in the home.

Likewise, his mom was shocked and she was very upset. I assured her that as our children venture out into the world there are many influences beyond our control. Language, attitudes and prejudices can all be learned from classmates, television, and neighborhood friends and their parents. It is our job here at school and at home, though, to counter-balance those negative influences with positive, loving, and kind expectations and influences.

A few days later when I saw Dad he confessed to me with these words, "Uh, I heard what my boy said last week...I sure learned my lesson!"

It turned out that the child was reciting, truly *word-for-word*, a conversation he had overheard between his father and the father's friends.

This story illustrates very clearly what we sometimes forget...that we parents are the single most important influence on our children. Even when it does not seem to be true, children are listening, watching, and learning from all sources, but especially from their parents.

Perhaps this poem I found will help us all to remember...

To Every Parent

There are little eyes upon you,

And they are
watching night
and day;

There are
little ears that quickly take

In every word you say;

There are little hands all eager to do
Everything you do,

And a little child who's dreaming of
The day he'll be like you.

You're the little child's idol,
You're the wisest of the wise,
In his little mind about you,

No suspicions ever rise;

He believes in you devoutly,

Holds all you say and do;

He will say and do in your way when
He's grown up to be like you.

There's a wide eyed little child who
Believes you're always right,
And his ears are always open and he
Watches day and night;



You are setting an example

Every day in all you do

For the little child who's waiting

To grow up to be like you.

author unknown

News from Friday Friends

We will celebrate Easter with our party on April 7. Thanks in advance for the supplies you have volunteered to send in for the children! **Also, please send in 2 hardboiled eggs the day of the party.**

No school on April 14 for Spring Break. After break we will discuss the changes in the weather as spring begins, as well as learn about a few different animals. We will continue activities and projects which reinforce numbers and their value, as well as review shapes and colors. We will also continue to practice recognizing and writing our names in print. I will begin working on the end of year testing and assessment. As the weather continues to warm up we hope to spend more time outside, as well. Please be sure that your child wears gym shoes and clothing appropriate for outdoor play.

News from Threes

During April we will notice the changes we see in Spring as we observe flowers growing and leaves returning to the trees. We will be going to Delhi Pet Center this month on Monday, April 24 and Tuesday, April 25. Please consult your permission slip for more details and meeting times.

We will continue to work at recognizing and writing our names. We also will continue to work on number, color, and shape recognition. Teachers continue to provide many activities to develop small and large motor skills. These skills will be formally evaluated in the year end Progress Report which you will receive toward the end of May.

With warmer weather we will definitely play outside. For their safety, it is very important for the children to wear gym shoes and clothing safe for climbing and outdoor play. The children are enjoying themselves here at Creative and we enjoy them, as well! Have a good month!

News from Fours

When the children return from Spring Break, they will find that the Activity Room has been transformed into a Sweet Shop and Floral Shop. They will also find birds and birds' nests in the Discovery Room.

By now the children should all be able to recite their address and should be, with help from you, learning their telephone number. As the end of the year approaches, the teachers will be busy assessing each child for final progress reports. Time will also be spent on completing pages for each child's personal book. This book, which the children will receive at our end of year Celebration, is a great keepsake of your child's preschool year!

By the end of April we will have introduced all of the letters of the alphabet in our "Letter of the Week." We will continue to review all of the letters continue our study of the teen numbers.



Looking ahead to May, on Thursday, May 11 and Friday, May 12, we will be honoring our Mommies with a special gift and song. If able, Moms should be at school (see the attached newsletter for times) and go to the Activity Room. Please do not worry if you cannot attend; we will prepare the children for that possibility. In that case, please pick your child up at the regular dismissal time.

Letters: F, I, and Y review all others

Concepts: rhyme, sequencing, sink/float

News from Pre-K

The month of April will be packed with learning activities and much fun! By the end of this month we will conclude our study of each alphabet letter. We will continue, however, to review the alphabet letters, as well as the teen numbers, throughout the rest of the school year. This month, we will learn about the ocean, plants and seeds, and color mixing. Toward the end of the month we will begin making things for someone who is so very special - our moms!

Looking ahead to May - on Friday, May 12, we will be treating our moms to some songs and a special gift. If able, Moms should be in the Activity Room by 3:30. Please do not worry if you are not able to attend. I will talk to the children about the fact that some moms may not be able to be here. If you cannot be there, please pick your child up at the regular time.

During this month we will travel to the continents of North and South America. As the year draws to an end I will be assessing each child for final progress reports, as well.

LETTERS: I and Y

NUMBERS: review of all numbers, especially the teen numbers

News from Music and Motor Skills

Spring is officially here and we have been having a great time "saluting the sun" and welcoming the season. We are certainly ready to put our muscles to work! In keeping with the baseball season, we, too, will be active with some spring training. We will pretend to go to the beach, just like the big kids do on spring break. We'll learn a few things about surfing and rock 'n' roll and maybe do the Macarena too! (Please note that it is important that your child be prepared each day for active play - whether indoors or out - by wearing play clothes and gym shoes.) In Music, we will continue to learn and listen to all different kinds of music and talk about how music can help us "see" in our imagination. We have covered all the families of the orchestra - percussion, strings, brass and wood winds. We had a special visit from a professional musician, who played a flute and a piccolo for us!

News from Art



I hope you all got a chance to see the fantastic Vincent Van Goh and Georgia O'Keeffe florals in our Art Gallery, courtesy of our 4 year old and PreK artists! We will meet for our final Special Art class in late April and, when we do, we will be painting very colorful *self-portraits*. In the style of artist Pablo Picasso, we will be using color and line to express

emotion. Some might even exhibit a cubist look! Look for your child's self-portrait to appear in the Art Gallery the week of April 24!

Welcome Future Creative Preschooler!

Congratulations to the McGowan family as they welcomed baby girl Rori Grace into their home and arms on February 26! Congratulations to very happy sister Reagan, in Mrs. Fleming's class, and to Mommy Emily and Daddy Ryan and to Grandma Mrs. McGowan, too!



Happy wishes to the Boles family on the arrival of their newest little blue bundle of love, as well! Owen arrived to Julie and Dan on March 6. Big Brothers Henry, in Mrs. Rosebrook's class, and Sam, in Mrs. Schablein's class, sure are excited to have another brother to love!

Congratulations to the Sullivan family, as well, on the birth of Walter Harrison! Walter arrived to Dena and Brandon on March 16. Big Sister Theodora, in Mrs. Flemings's class, is bubbling with joy to have a baby sister in her home!

Thank You!

Thank you to Michael Metzger and son Ethan, Nick Klaserner, Peggy and Ron Fleming, Jason DePaoli and daughters Stella and Penelope, and Mike Huwel, for all of your hard work to get the playground ready for Spring and Summer play. Thanks to you, we will be enjoying the outdoors whenever weather permits!



Fundraising

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Mike's Car Wash fundraiser! We appreciate your support and will contact you when your certificates are in.

Board News

****BOARD MEETING CHANGE! The scheduled meeting for April 25 has been postponed unit MAY, 4th at 6:00.**** After the meeting those who are able to stay to assist with Basket making will be most appreciated!

Many thanks the Creative Preschool families who have volunteered at our school events this year. Creative is the wonderful place that it is due to your dedicated help!

We will need to fill several Board positions for the 2017-2018 school year. We are desperately in need of someone to take over the Playground position. This position requires organizing and heading up, with help from Creative families, the fall and spring playground maintenance. If you are interested in this position or working with the Board in any other capacity, please contact Kim Sellmeyer at Ksellmeyerpta@gmail.com

Tuition

Remember that final tuition payments are due on April 15. **FIRST tuition for the 2017-2018 school year is due May 1.** Tuition must be kept up to date to maintain your next year's class placement.

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Openings

At this time we have a few openings in our MWF PreK, TTh morning Fours and TTh afternoon Threes program for the 2017-2018 school year. If you know of anyone interested in registering, please have them call Carrie Bushman at 200-0097 (3 year old) or Allie Wedig (4 year old) 347-6425 A big **thank you** to Carrie Bushman, Erin Linde, and Allie Wedig for all of your hard work, time and patience during the registration process!

Spring Has Sprung...

and Spring Fever has hit the children of Creative Preschool! The children are full of energy and excitement and that means that they do not always think before they act. Be aware that little ones are prone to dart out from between parked cars. In order to avoid accidents and injury to our children, please be especially careful when driving and when walking in the parking lot. Always drive S-L-O-W-L-Y and come to a FULL STOP at the stop sign by the cross walk.



In addition, please DO NOT allow your child to exit the car at the drop-off line without a staff member escort, nor enter the school or classroom without a staff member present and aware!

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ALONG THE CONES AT THE DROP-OFF LINE AT PICK-UP TIME! Doing so makes it difficult for children to be seen and impossible for staff to see the lot and monitor potential hazards.

Easter Bunny Volunteers Needed

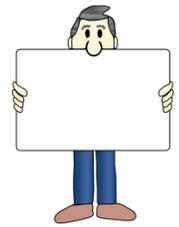
The school is hoping to celebrate Easter with a visit from the Easter Bunny! We're looking for volunteers who are 5'6" tall or less and are willing to commit about an hour or so to *dress up in our bunny costume* for one or more of the class parties. We need a bunny for both morning and afternoon classes on April 5, 6, and 7. Don't worry — there is no speaking required, just the ability to nod and hop a bit! If you or someone you know can be our bunny and make our little ones smile, please contact Amanda Prickett (Aerprickett@gmail.com) or Kerri Sobolewski (Kerrisobo@gmail.com).



News!

Spread the word - the Creative Preschool Spring Carnival is right around the corner! Please join us on Saturday, May 20, from 11-3 for a day of family fun, including grilling, games, basket raffles, a bounce house, photo booth and much more.

Can you post a sign? Yard signs advertising the beginning of May. Do you or someone you know have a property which has good visibilities to advertise for families who may be interested in attending our Carnival? Please let us know so we can be sure to get a sign to you!



Thank you, Creative Preschool families, for your generous donations to your class baskets and game prizes. You continue to inspire gratitude by your continued support! We are also so grateful to the many businesses who have made contributions to our basket raffle and Carnival needs; your generosity is greatly appreciated!



The Carnival committee continues to work hard to make this year's Carnival a success, but as always, we need your help! Sign up for donations, game booths, and other **volunteer opportunities will be sent via Sign Up Genius** to your email inbox soon. Please consider donating an hour of your time and asking other relatives (grandma, grandpa, teens seeking service hours) to help. Volunteering is fun, and your child can 'work' with you or someone else special.



Check us out on Facebook, or email Amy Huwel (amyhuwel@yahoo.com) or Lori Tranter (lpetrungaro@hotmail.com) with any questions or suggestions.

We look forward to seeing you at the Carnival!