

MARCH 2010

2/3 Classroom News

Ms. Mindy & Ms. Amanda

CALENDAR EVENT'S/DATES

March 8 – 12 Read Across America Week—Read each evening with your little one!

March 11th – **Grandparents Day 8:30-9:30 A.M.**

March 14 – Daylight Savings Time – Set clocks ahead

March 18 - Cedar Creek Lodge, Swim Night, 4:00 – 8:00 PM. All are welcome!!

March 20th - 1st day of SPRING !!!!!!!

March 27 – School rummage sale at Montessori Children's Village, 8 – 4, Bring your friends!!

March 29th – April 1st – SPRING BREAK

(child care offered – SIGN UP by March 9th)

April 2nd – Closed for Good Friday

April 5th – Classes Resume

BIRTHDAYS

Mel turns **3** on the 23rd

Alyssa turns **3** on the 29th

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

--- Packing Lunches ---

When packing your child's lunch, please try to pack a balanced, nutritious lunch. It's a good idea to stay away from processed foods such as hot dogs, chicken nuggets, and Lunchables to name a few. We like to see at least one serving from each of the food groups (protein, dairy, veggie, fruit and grain). Please keep in mind that we only warm up lunches. Cutting up food, slicing and peeling needs to be done at home prior to packing the lunch.

With that in mind, some of the top choking foods are grapes, raw carrots, celery, apples and hot dogs!! Please cut these items into small bite-sized pieces if you are sending them for lunch. We want all the children to be safe at lunch time.

There is a great website with a lot of ideas and recipes that is worth looking at -

www.laptoplunches.com.

--- **Independence 101** ---

When picking your child up or dropping off, please encourage them to undress/dress themselves and gather or put away their belongings. This is an important discipline in encouraging independence and should also be practiced at home. With each new achievement comes a good feeling of accomplishment as well as great exercise of those motor skills.

During our daily outings the children are taught the skills of dressing and undressing, and for the most part they do so on their own. We also have some buttoning and zipping boards on our shelf for practice. The *flip method* of putting on a coat is wonderful and most of the children do this by themselves already. It is truly amazing what they can handle at this age. If you have any questions or would like a demonstration of the *flip method*, let me know.

CLASSROOM WORK

Table Scrubbing
Cutting on a Line

Sweeping with a crumb sweeper
Tonging with a Strawberry Huller

THANK YOU'S

Ingram Family for the generous snack donation
All our parents for bringing in daily snack !

WISH LIST

Naptime CD's
Milk caps for gluing

Large area rug
Regular size crib sheets

Family Swim Night will be March 18th at Cedar Creek Lodge from 4:00 – 8:00 PM. Last year, we had over 100 families who came and swam and splashed! Cost is \$8.00 per person – CASH ONLY. Wrist bands must be purchased at our table at the entrance to the Water Park. Children 2 and under are free. Bring friends! We hope to see you there!!

REMINDER

Saturday, March 27, 2010

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Rummage Sale @ Montessori Children's Village

214 Sherman Street

842-9540