

Cathedral House Monthly News

May 2011

Important Dates

**Cinco De Mayo -
Tuesday, May 5th**



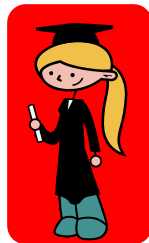
**Moms and Muffins-
Friday, May 6th**



**Dance Demo-
Friday, May 13th**



**Kindergarten
Graduation -
Friday, May 20th
at 11:00 a.m. in
the Cathedral**



**Memorial Day -
Monday, May 30th
Cathedral House
Closed**



When I Grow Up...

Our theme ‘Watch Us Grow’ comes to an end this month as we wrap up our 2010-2011 school-year. The activities this month are special because it focuses on ‘When I Grow Up...’ This theme will involve how much our children have grown this year, what they want to be when they grow up and some of their favorite things. What a fun topic! There will be many lessons on different types of jobs and work. It is important to learn about different jobs in our community. This may even spark a new interest in our own community. It is also important to learn and talk about what are some of our classmates’ favorite things. What an exciting way to learn new things about our friends! Parents, look out for sign-up sheets in your child’s classes for you to come in and talk about what you do!

Friendly Reminders

If your child will be leaving this summer, please remember a 45 day written notice is required for deposit refunds.

Please update your current email address, mailing address and phone numbers at the front desk.

Extra Curricular News

Dance Demo

Friday, May 13, 2011

Parents are welcome to attend your child's dance class to see them perform. Times will be posted in your child's classroom. The Dance Demo marks the end of the Spring Semester. Dance is offered to TII through Kindergarten students.

**** See the front desk to sign up for the summer session.**

Opus One Music

Spring Semester will end Monday, May 23rd.

Music is offered to TII through Kindergarten students.

I Love Chinese

Spring Semester will end Wednesday, May 25th.

Chinese is offered to MII through Kindergarten students.

**** Developmental Gymnastics is not offered during the summer**

Developmental Gymnastics

Spring Semester will end Monday, May 23.

Developmental Gymnastics is offered to MII and TI students.

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Mouse Club

Computer classes are offered for TII through Kindergarten students. Monthly tuition for these classes is \$35.00 per month. Sign up envelopes are located at the front desk. To learn more about the Mouse club check out their website:

www.floppymouseclub.com

Arts Alive

A little bit about our *Arts Alive program!* We have had Arts Alive, Inc. in our program for over 15 years. We have valued this as a wonderful opportunity especially for our youngest students to join in activities that will help promote brain development and motor skills. On the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, parents are welcome to join their children in this very active class. Parents attending these sessions, please note that you may be sitting on the floor, dancing around the room or crawling around with your children. These would be great days to dress in comfortable clothing. We appreciate everyone who has the opportunity to participate in these classes and to remember, it is a time for you to **engage with your child** - please refrain from using cell phones in the classrooms. If your schedule does not allow you to attend these classes, your children participate with the teachers and have a wonderful time.

Just a few friendly reminders:

- Choices are being offered for your convenience for our extra curricular activities. Please keep in mind that not all children attend the activities. The teachers have a variety of things going on during these special times so children are busy and happy.
- Children do not need to participate in every activity we offer. Please identify which activity is the best fit for your child. If you need help, the teachers can assist.
- Tuition is due the first of the semester or first of each month depending on the vendor. Please feel free to ask at the front desk if you need help determining a payment schedule.

Watch for Summer Activity Schedules and Signs Ups to be posted soon!

Nursery I

Nursery I would like to give a warm welcome to Joanna, Alejandra, Wyatt, and Evan who are new to our class this month. This was a great month to join because we had lots of fun activities planned. For the Week of the Young Child, we decorated our door with none other than the children in our rooms. The outfits we made were purple to celebrate the special week. Next, was our Spring Hat Parade. Our children really looked smashing in their Easter egg decorated hats. Thanks to all the parents that came out to see us stroll around the courtyard. Earth Day is a special day of the year because we get to get out and help the environment. The pots we made with the children's footprints are a great start to making a garden of your own! We can't wait until next month!



Nursery II

This month was quite a busy one. We welcomed two new friends to our class. Jack and Paul are really enjoying their freedom of movement in our class. They have joined some of their older friends and have fit right in. Our special set of twins have moved onto Movement One. Annabel and Jack are really going to be missed! April just flew by as we celebrated Week of the Young Child, Easter, and Earth Day. The Spring Parade was loads of fun and we hope our parents liked the bunny ear hats we made for the event! Everyone enjoyed getting their eggs filled with goodies too! What will next month bring?!

Movement I

We celebrated Week of the Young Child in a very special manner. We celebrated using Cool Whip! That's right, we did our own Cool Whip art and most of us loved every minute of it. Some of our friends were not as keen on diving into the Cool Whip as others, but it was fun nonetheless. We also invited parents to be guest readers and read special stories to our class. Thanks for making our Week of the Young Child so special. Our Spring Parade went by so quickly it was all just a breeze! We hope our class enjoyed hunting eggs this year. It is always special to find that the eggs have a surprise in them. Our class also painted their Easter bunny which was displayed in the classroom! This was so much fun that we decided to repeat this activity with the Earth for Earth Day! Please mark your calendars for Moms and Muffins which will take place on Friday, May 6th. We would love to see our parents eating a special breakfast with their little ones!



Movement II



Our class had loads to do this month! We welcomed a couple new faces to our classroom. Cecilia and Will joined us from Movement I. They have fit in just great! We have been having lots of lessons on open and close, our colors, numbers, and ground rules. All our friends were reminded how to roll a rug and stand in line. These are important skills to learn so we can be more productive in the classroom. Our class had a great egg hunting experience. We used our playground to hide our eggs and left it to our children to go out and find them. What made it so special was to see how excited everyone was when they found out there was a surprise hidden inside! This was a great introduction to egg hunting. Our friends were also very generous as they shared their eggs with each other as well! Wow! Keep up the good work!

Toddler I



Toddler I had some fun this month! Art exploded this month! Did everyone see the egg bulletin board we put up this month? This art project was especially fun because all our friends got to use marbles to color their eggs. We rolled marbles on paper eggs to get the rainbow of colors that were created. Thanks to the parents that came to see us in the Spring Hat Parade. This is a fun time activity that is followed by our traditional egg hunt. Hunting eggs is always a hit with Toddler I. Our friends can't wait to find all the hiding places that the eggs were hidden in. This year ALL the eggs were accounted for!

Earth Day is a day where we celebrate things in nature. What better way to celebrate nature than to plant flowers in our pots. Toddler I helped paint their flower pots and planted their favorite flower seeds in a pot with their parents. We watered these plants everyday and got lots of sprouts by the end of the week. Thanks to all the parents for making this activity so special and successful!



Toddler II



The month of April was filled with child like wonder and imagination as we kicked off the spectacular Week of the Young Child. This week would not have been a success without the help of our awesome parents. The children enjoyed all our guest readers, special snacks, and participated in explorative, creative fun activities. Academically, the children learned about things that are light versus things that are heavy. We discussed what is a primary color and observed different ways to mix colors. The children continued to develop their fine motor skills with many self-help lessons that can be practiced in your everyday routine - such as peeling and slicing bananas, pouring, snapping, and buttoning their clothes and so much more!

As always, our Spring Hat Parade and egg hunt was a sweet success. The children all looked cute in the hats and did an awesome job swooping down and picking up all those eggs during the egg hunt. We look forward to having a blast in the month of May as well!

Primary



Having a blast dying eggs!!



Working hard on fraction skittles



Enjoying our bountiful treats!



One of the many fun projects for the week of the young child. Messy Foam Day. We loved it!

Kindergarten



Although the month of April wasn't filled with rain showers our class was. We were showered with many new lessons and fun activities like Dynamic addition, adjectives, Week of the young child, Hat parade and Egg hunt.

Dynamic Addition is the adding of several place values with a carrying of numbers.

Example:

238
+ 174

Isn't this amazing! Although challenged by this lesson, some of the children are very determined to master it and not give up.

During the Week of the Young Child, we made friendship pins for each other. Each day the children would make a pin for someone different and had to say something they liked or give a positive adjective about their friend. Some of the things we heard were, "I like it when you play with me." "Thank you for sitting quietly on circle and letting me concentrate." "You're nice." "You're beautiful." Etc. Before we began this project we talked about what a friend is. Lyle was able to give a wonderful example of this. He said, "A friend is someone who treats us nicely and the way we want to be treated. Don't be mean to another person. If you don't know them you can help them become your friend by being nice to them."

Earth Day was also celebrated by us talking about the things we can do to help keep our planet earth clean and healthy, and by planting tomato seeds. Be on the lookout for these plants to come home soon. They are already sprouting.

Our hat parade and egg hunt were probably the biggest hit for the month of April. The children really enjoyed seeing their parents here for the parade.



Spanish Corner

Here are some of the Spanish vocabulary we will be working on throughout the month of Mayo (May):

Que quiero ser cuando sea grande (When I grow up...):

Doctor	Doctor
Abogado	Lawyer
Bombero	Firefighter
Policia	Police Officer
Maestra	Teacher
Cartero	Mailman
Cocinero	Chef
Emfermera	Nurse
Dentista	Dentist

Art

Mexican Flag
Mother's Day Card (Spanish)

5 De Mayo (Cinco De Mayo):

Pinata	Pinata
Jardin	Garden
Flor	Flower
Dulce	Candy
Jardinero	Gardener

Colores (Colors):

Verde	Green
Blanco	White
Rojo	Red





Cathedral House May Birthdays

Helen M. - May 8th - 4 years old
Will M. - May 8th - 4 years old
Petra K. - May 9th - 3 years old
Conner F. - May 9th - 3 years old
Wynn C. - May 13th - 2 years old
Sam S. - May 17th - 5 years old
Hazel B. - May 21st - 5 years old
Christopher W. - May 26th - 4 years old
Juliana W. - May 27th - 3 years old
Lucas W. - May 27th - 3 years old



Staff Birthdays



Ms. Helen - Housekeeping - May 5th
Ms. Patricia - Toddler 1 - May 8th

