

# CATHEDRAL HOUSE MONTHLY

## SEPTEMBER 2006

### Our School Year Theme: Around the World in 180 Days



We are very excited about our school year theme. This year we will be taking a trip around the world. Each month we will take a close look at the “People We Meet”, “Food We Eat”, “Animals We See”, and “Places We Go”, as our trip around the world makes stops on each of the continents. Please feel free to contact your child’s teacher if you would like to be a guest reader, bring special snack, or share postcards from your travels.

Sept.— Introduction to our World  
Oct.—North America  
Nov.—South America  
Dec.—Holidays of the World  
Jan.—Antarctica  
Feb.—Asia  
Mar.—Europe  
Apr.—Africa  
May—Australia

We will end the school year with a welcome home.

We will be displaying items we might find on our travels in the curio cabinet in our lobby. Families are invited to share items to be placed in the monthly display.



#### Dates to Know:

**9/4 School Closed for Labor Day**

**9/12 Claire School of Dance Begins**

**9/12 12:00 Parent Connection \*Welcoming New Parents**

**9/14 & 9/28 Arts Alive**

**9/20 1:05 Astro Game**

**9/20 Hearing and Vision Screening - for children age 4 as of September 1, 2006**

**9/26 Kindergarten to visit the Cullen Theater to see Alexander and the Very Bad Day**

### Celebrating 100 Years of Montessori

In 1907, Dr. Montessori began a movement that would forever change the way we look at children and their importance to humanity.

In the centenary year, 2007, Montessori communities around the globe will gather to honor their past, recommit themselves to Montessori values and principles for the next 100 years, reflect on what has been achieved on behalf of “the child” and to continue to create a context to make Montessori an even more significant voice in education and social change.

As we approach the “National Open Day” on January 6, 2007 to commemorate the



# Welcome Casey!

Please join us in welcoming Casey Shobe. Casey is the newest clergy member at Christ Church Cathedral. Born in Virginia, Casey grew up in Temple, Texas. He graduated from the University of Texas in 2000 and from the Virginia Theological Seminary in May. With a keen interest in childhood education, Casey will be assisting in the older classrooms. His wife, Melody, who is also newly ordained in the Episcopal Church, works at St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church in Nassau Bay. Parents will have the opportunity to meet Casey at this month's Parent Connection meeting.



## Parent Connection

This year's kick off Parent Connection Meeting will be at noon on Tuesday September 12th. Help us welcome all new parents. Lunch will be provided as we meet and greet new parents, Casey Shobe and learn more about the Montessori method of teaching and how it applies to your child's classroom. You may RSVP at the front desk.

## Thank You

We truly appreciate the generosity of all our families. This month we would like to thank: Michael Leach (Tate's Daddy) for bringing 3 bags of sand to refill our sand box. And.... Gillian Holloway for sharing her dress-up clothes. The children in Toddler I and Movement II have enjoyed all the new things!

## Patriot Day—September 11th

On Monday September 11th in honor of our country and it's heroes we will be wearing red,



## School Holidays 2006 –2007

To assist with your planning, please note the dates Cathedral House will be closed.

September 4th — Labor Day

November 23rd & 24th — Thanksgiving Break

December 25th — January 1st — Winter Break (we will reopen on Tuesday January 2, 2007)

April 6th — Good Friday

May 28 — Memorial Day

Wednesday July 4th — Independence Day



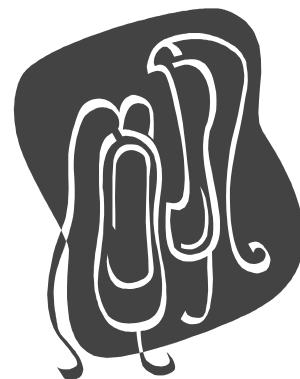
## Claire School of Dance

Children in Toddler II, Primary and Kindergarten are invited to join our new dance classes. This year we will have Claire School of Dance join our extra curricular team. Roxanne Claire and her company have been providing creative movement and dance instruction at their Heights area studio since 1996. This company was shared with us by Montessori Country Day. They have used Claire's for many years and were happy to pass their name along to us. Interested families can pick up a registration form from the front desk.

Cost: \$100/semester with an annual \$35 registration fee.  
(Toddler II - 9:30, Prim. - 10:00, Kind. - 10:30)

Please have all forms returned by Friday September 8th.

Classes will begin on Tues. September 12th



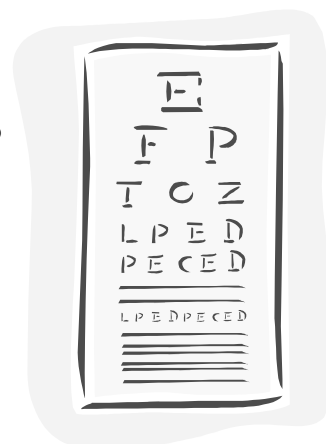
## Hearing and Vision Screening

Pinewood Screening Services will be here to perform hearing and vision screenings on Wednesday September 20th.

Children that are age 4 as of September 1, 2006 are required by the state to have this screening. Parents may also sign up their 3 year old children. (Three year olds will have to have this screening again after their 4th birthday).

Parents can sign up to have this done at school or have it done at your child's doctor's office. Please bring documentation to the school from your child's pediatrician, if completed in their office.

Registration forms are available at the front desk.



## Gymnastics and JumpBunch

**Developmental Gymnastics** will continue to provide gymnastics for the children in Movement II, Toddler I, and Toddler II.

Tuition is \$45/month.

If you would like to register your child to participate in gymnastics, please pick up the registration forms from the front desk.

In Primary and Kindergarten, the children all participate in **JumpBunch**. **JumpBunch** brings in different activities each week to promote sportsmanship and basic fundamentals of team sports. The cost is \$25/month and is added to your CHES tuition.



# In Our Big Backyard

## Nursery I—

Oh what a busy Summer we have had in Nursery I. Our children are doing some remarkable things.

John joined us as a tiny little fellow and now at 5 months he is trying to get out of the bouncer. Mad-die Schneider, who is now 7 months old, likes to roll under the swings and pretend she is a mechanic fixing them.

Julia, Henry, Remy and Barrett have learned to carefully roll out of their beds and are beginning to scoot to the play area. They are so big!

And Sam, Avery, Reece, and Alexis are adjusting to their new class very well. Their job has been to keep the teachers on their toes learning just what all their little sounds and facial expressions mean.



We are looking forward to all the milestones they reach in the next few months, we will keep you posted!

## Nursery II—

The babies in Nursery II had so much fun watching the “big” kids play during Splash time. They would giggle and laugh as their siblings and friends stopped by the windows to make faces and talk in silly voices. Just think, next Summer it will be *our turn* to be outside splashing in the water.

We are all getting so big. Almost all of our babies are now eating school lunch and feeding themselves finger food.

As we begin the school year, we will be singing songs and reading stories about different people, places, and things, all around the world.



## Movement I—

Our class really enjoyed their first Splash Days. Our girls showed off their stylish swim suits, while our boys had fun with the boats and toys. We saw some very big splashes! Andrew kept us entertained by blowing bubbles in the water. His friends thought this trick was pretty funny, even the teachers had to laugh.



## Movement II—

The biggest surprise for the teachers in Movement II this Summer was the children’s LOVE for water. In the past, Splash days have not been as exciting. This year all the boys and girls splashed, played in the sprinkler, and got wet, wet, wet! This group of children really seems to love the water.



### **Toddler I—**

During the Summer TI had fun cooking, splashing, camping, and growing up.

On cooking days, the children learned to mix measure and pour while developing our gustatory sense.

On Splash days we squished shaving cream, scrubbed chairs and had lots of fun exploring with our water lessons.

Towards the end of the Summer, we had a camping day. We read stories in the tents, had special lunch in the tents and slept in the tents.

We had so much fun this Summer!



### **Primary I and Primary II:**

This Summer we had a blast learning about what is BIG, bubbles, and all about insects. Working on our underwater mural helped us discover the biggest animal in the water and on land—the Baleen Whale. But we all agree the best part of Summer was Splash Day. We scrubbed, painted, played in the sand, splashed, and had a lot of fun playing on Fridays.

We said “good-bye” to some friends as they moved on to new schools and upstairs to Kindergarten. And we welcomed new friends with a big Primary “hello”. We are looking forward to a fun filled school year.



### **Toddler II—**

Our Summer was a blast! We started off the Summer learning about “What is BIG”. The month of June was a favorite for the children as they participated in larger than life art projects. Splash days as always were a hit. The children enjoyed being creative on the easel with Ms. Kali and Ms. Danielle. As some of the children ran through the sprinklers, the teachers often had to run as they chased us with the dreaded hose or squirting toys. As Summer comes to an end, we all look forward to learning and being creative with new

Help us welcome William and Camille Marlin to Cathedral House. They joined Toddler II this past month.



### **Kindergarten:**

When asked about their summer, one Kindergartener, Ben Morris had a lot to share:

Summer at Cathedral House was “hot!” “ I cooled off with water during splash time”. My favorite splash time activity is to “run around the sprinklers getting wet. The sun visors we made helped me stay cool too”.

Working inside the classroom on my favorite free work activity, “play-doh”, is a cool way of enjoying the day. “I also liked to play Mystery Garden. This fun game helps to strengthen our memory and visual skills.

Learning about insects was “fun”. I learned that some insects “make chrysalises and some sting”. “My favorite bugs are Praying Mantis because I like the way it’s legs are and Scorpions because I like it’s claws”.



# September Birthdays

Caroline Champagne September 7 1 year old

Reid Smaistrla September 8 1 year old

Michael Paul Hartman September 10 1 year old

Savannah Barloco September 16 3 years old

Ryan Ferns September 17 2 years old

Livvy Norwood September 24 2 years old

Hudson Poole September 26 1 year old

*Teachers Celebrating in September*

*Ms. Mary September 6 Toddler II*

*Ms. Virginia September 17 Movement II*



Kids Eat Free Nights

**Black-eyed Pea** Tuesday 5 PM until close

**James Coney Island** Wednesday 4 PM until Close

Check out:

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