



# Cathedral House Monthly

April 2007



## Around the World in 180 Days Next Stop Africa

Our journey has been eventful and exciting. As you will read in the classroom's sections, many big adventures have been happening. We hope to continue these adventures as we enter the continent of Africa. Whether traveling down the Congo River, exploring the pyramids of Egypt, or visiting the children in Ethiopia, our eyes will open to a new world of knowledge and experiences. We will learn that the continent of Africa is much more than the jungles and wild animals we have been exposed to through movies. Parents are invited to join and share in these adventures. If you have African information or souvenirs you would like to share, please talk to your child's teacher.



*Dates to Know:*

4/2 - *Astro's Home Opener* 6:05 pm

4/5 - *Hat Parade* 9:15  
(weather permitting)

*Class Parties & Egg Hunt, following parade.*

4/6 - *School Closed*

4/12 & 4/26 - *Arts Alive*

4/22 - *Week of the Young Child*

4/27 - *2007 Auction*  
6:00 - 10:00 pm

“Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed” Maria Montessori



***Donations are still needed, forms at front desk.***

**April 9: Family tribute forms due (see examples at the desk)**

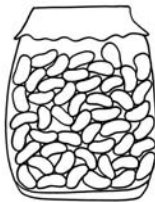
**April 13: Deadline to purchase discount tickets and reserve babysitting - siblings welcome!!!!**

**April 27: Friday, The Big Night is here!!!!!!**

**Any questions? Please feel free to email Anna (adfarmer@adf-law.com) or Nicole (nwhite@brsfirm.com)**

### Guess How Many Game

Don't miss the chance to win some really fun prizes while getting in the spirit of the Auction.



Guesses cost \$1.00

Pre-order the "From Our House to Yours" cookbook.

The cost is \$20/cookbook



A Big Thank You to this year's Auction Underwriters. Their generous donations help to make this event successful and fun for all!

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# April Birthdays

April 7th—Reed Pollard—3 years old

April 13th—Sarah Marten—2 years old

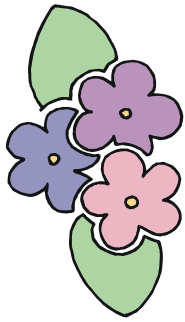
April 14th—EJ Bogar—3 years old

April 17th—Andrew Garrett—2 years old

April 17th—Gillian Holloway—5 years old

April 19th—Alexis Shor—1 year old

April 22nd—Max Kalba—2 years old



## Also Celebrating

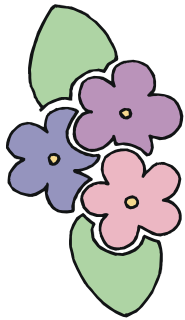
April 5th—Ms. Tamesha—Movement I

April 14th—Ms. Myriam—Movement II

April 15th—Ms. Aida—Nursery I

April 18th—Ms. Teri—Administrator

April 18th—Ms. Terri—Movement I



## Week of the Young Child

April 23rd—April 27th

Across the country, young children and their families depend on quality education and care, which help children get a great start, and bring lasting benefits for our society as a whole. *Week of the Young Child* is a time to recognize the people, programs and policies that are helping to build better futures for all children.

**Monday - Wear Purple (the official WOYC color)**

**Thursday - Have fun in Arts Alive**

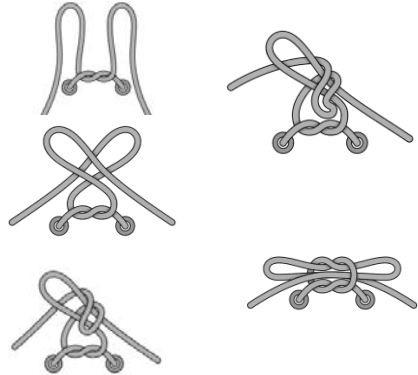
**Parents are always welcome to be a guest reader, observe a class, or have lunch with your child.**



### Kindergarten:

During the months of February and March, we traveled through Asia and Europe, learning so much about these two continents. The children in Asia and Europe go to school and learn many of the same things we learn. The Kindergarteners have been learning about fractions (1 whole,  $1/2$ ,  $1/3$ , and  $1/4$ ), space (the planets, stars, and how they travel around the Sun), homonyms (2 words pronounced the same with different spelling and different meanings), and naming different triangles. Shoe tying has become very popular with the Kindergarten children. To assist your child at home, follow these steps:

1. Cross laces, wrap top lace under and through, pull tight.
2. Make bunny ears out of laces,
3. Cross bunny ears and hold with 1 hand,
4. Wrap top ear through the hole made when crossing
5. Grab both ears and pull tight.
6. Congratulations! You have a finished bow.



We have many unreturned readers. If your child has not returned their reader, please do so, so we can start on a new one. If it has been misplaced, please let Ms. Sherri know.

Spring conferences were held in March. We will have final conferences at the end of May if you did not have a chance to meet with Ms. Sherri.

We have tentatively set Kindergarten Graduation for May 25, 2007 at 11:30 am.

*Please let Ms. Sherri know if this date and time present a conflict for your schedule.*

All tuition—school and extracurricular—is due the **first** of each month.

For families preparing to depart Cathedral House this Summer, please be sure you have met the requirement of giving 45 days written notice prior to your departure date. Deposits will be refunded by check once your final month's tuition has been paid.

Don't Miss the Houston International Festival  
Celebrating China  
April 21- 22 & April 28 - 29  
Downtown's Tranquility Park



# News of our travels.....

## Nursery I:

During March we welcomed new friends Isabella Acosta and Luke Peterson to Cathedral House. We are happy they are on board for the rest of our journey. Traveling across the hall to join the adventures of Nursery II were Ben Beauvais, Charlotte Hardig, and Grace Crumley.

We are getting really busy as we travel through auction season. (*You may be seeing some painted fingers and toes, don't be alarmed by strange colored nails.*) Be sure to mark you calendars for 11:30 am on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month. That is the time for Arts Alive fun! Thank you to all the parents who have been sharing special treats with us in Nursery I. We greatly appreciate them.

## Nursery II:

We are hard at work on our "big" auction projects. The children have been enjoying our daily bye-bye buggy rides. While we are riding we are introducing the Spring colors we see, plants, textures, and the games the older children are playing. Please bring a hat for your child to wear while we are riding outside.

## Movement I:

With the weather getting warmer, we've been able to go outside and enjoy the playground. It is so much fun to run and slide. Movement I has been very busy working on our auction items, but you'll have to wait until the big night to see our creations. Shhh—they are under cover. Don't miss our annual Hat Parade. It will be Thursday April 5th at 9:15 in the morning, weather permitting. Way to go Remy, he took 6 steps on his own!

## Movement II:

Our month started with a celebration for Dr. Seuss's birthday and the 50th Anniversary of *The Cat In The Hat*. We enjoyed reading many of his books. Movement II has welcomed Will Primm, Michael Paul Hartman, Kieran Coffey, and Sam Jones to our class. They, along with the other MIIer's have enjoyed working with the new lessons on our shelves (shape sorting, pegs, the rice and funnel, etc.) Many of our new lessons can be worked with on a rug. Have you seen us rolling our own rugs, we are doing a great job. Your help is needed, please be sure your child's supply of diapers is full. Planning on 5 diapers per day is a good rule of thumb. Our lions (see the holiday video), are ready to explore Africa.

#### Toddler I:

During the month of March, TI was very busy. We talked about the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France, made necklaces for St. Patrick's day, and said "cheese" on picture day. We had lessons focusing on the concept of large, medium and small and on sorting items by color. Please welcome to TI, Max Kalba, Sarah Marten, Andrew Garrett, and Kinsey Davis.

#### Toddler II:

The month of March was filled with expectation, excitement, and learning as we traveled through the continent of Europe. The children felt a rush of excitement when we visited the bull fighting arenas of Madrid and were in awe of the Queen in London. During our brief trip to Ireland, we learned about the mysterious Leprechaun and had the chance to taste the rainbow. In Italy, we rode on gondolas and found out the grapes can make wine. Our trip has been wonderful and we look forward to lots of adventures in Africa.

#### Primary I: Bonjour from Europe!

Our travels through Europe were tres bien. We visited Ireland and learned about leprechauns and had our annual "special visit" from one. In Spain, we listened to Flamenco music and made Spanish tiles, just like the ones we saw all over the town. In France, we traveled to Paris and saw the Eiffel Tower and made yummy croissants. We said "hello" to the Queen on our trip to England. The double-decker buses took us to see Big Ben and the Thames River. Emma's mommy was our guide to Switzerland, and she shared a tasty snack. Our last stop was Italy where we had a blast stomping grapes to make wine (we had grape juice). Ciao for now. Write to you soon. Next stop Africa.

#### Primary II:

Europe has proved to be the best stop so far! We enjoyed our first stop, Spain, where we read Ferdinand. It was exciting to learn that it's not just the matador who fights the bull. The Banderilleros and the Picadores tease the bull to make him angry and ready for the Matador. We all agreed it is not very nice to tease a creature, but we did enjoy watching all the fragrant flowers being thrown by the beautiful women. Speaking of beautiful, the Emerald Isle which we know as Ireland is absolutely breath taking. All the green rolling hills which we ran through trying to find a lucky shamrock. In hopes of catching a leprechaun, we strung fruit loops to make a necklace (our own personal rainbow). We didn't see him but during nap he left some skittles behind for us. As for our visit to France, we enjoyed reading Ludwig Bemelman's Madeline. We also made our own small Eiffel Towers, but our best artistic work was recreating Vincent Van Gogh's Sunflowers. Of course we could not leave France without tasting croissants. As we end our trip to Europe, we made a few quick stops in Switzerland, Italy, and England. All in all we had a blast. Our next stop is the wilds of Africa.