

Cathedral House Monthly

May 2007

Around the World in 180 Days - G'Day Mates



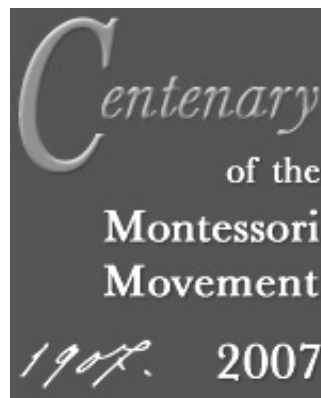
We are near the end of our 180 day journey. Our final stop will be the continent of Australia. While exploring the "land down under" (so called because it is below the equator)

we will be on the look out for kangaroos and koalas. Australia has beautiful mountains and dry deserts. We may even try to climb Uluru (OO-loo-rooh) the huge red-dish rock.

Before we head for home we will go for a dive along the Great Barrier Reef, and see the amazing

coral formations.

Our fantastic journey of touring the continents of the world, has come to an end. New adventures are just around the corner. What will our next theme be?



Mark Your Calendars!

May 8 - Dance Class I 9:45 am Demo

Dance Class III 10:30 am Demo

May 10 & May 24 - Arts Alive

May 11 - Moms and Muffins 7:00 am - 9:00 am

May 15 - Dance Class II 9:45 am Demo

May 16 - Teacher Appreciation Party

May 18 - Kindergarten Graduation 11:30 am

May 23 - Cathedral House's 21st Birthday

May 28 - School Closed for Memorial Day

"The child is both hope and a promise for mankind."
Dr. Maria Montessori

Moms and Muffins to celebrate Mother's Day

Mothers, Grandmothers, and Aunts are invited to join their child for breakfast.

Date: Friday May 11, 2007

Time: 7:00 am - 9:00 am

Place: In your child's classroom

Parking: In the new garage

(Please do not park on Prairie if you will be staying)



Grab a blanket, pack a picnic dinner and head out for a Saturday night under the stars to enjoy classic movie favorites on a giant outdoor screen!

Movie Schedule:

Saturday, May 12 – The SpongeBob Squarepants Movie

Saturday, May 26 – The Sandlot

6 p.m. - Concessions Open

7 p.m. - Pre-movie Entertainment

8 p.m. or dusk - Movie Screening



Where:

Sesquicentennial Park - Downtown Houston
(At the corner of Smith & Preston)



We all had fun with Pady Cake as our Auction Night entertainment. Have you ever seen such amazing hats?

Kindergarten Graduation



Date: Friday May 18, 2007

Time: 11:30 am

Place: In the Cathedral

Following the ceremony, families are invited to stay for a picnic lunch.

Please park in the new garage



**Cathedral House is
having a milestone year.
On May 23, 2007 we
turn 21!**



Our Community Guidelines

- We walk softly
- We speak quietly
- We respect each others workspace
- We contribute to the health and safety of our community
- We show respect for others
- We respect our environment

**How about some fun
out of town?**

The Ice Cream Festival

May 5, 2007

Brenham, Texas

Visit www.brenhamtexas.com

For more information

These are part of our daily routine
in the classrooms. Please help us
continue them while entering and
exiting the school.



We had so much fun in April!



Movement I loves to look at pictures of animals and try to make sounds like them.



"Look at me", "No, look at me", "Here I am". Kindergarten is not shy!



Luke, Ethan, and Cate were fascinated by the fountain. The water was more fun



Nursery I enjoys the first of many Hat



Toddler I is ready to parade around and wave to all the families watching.

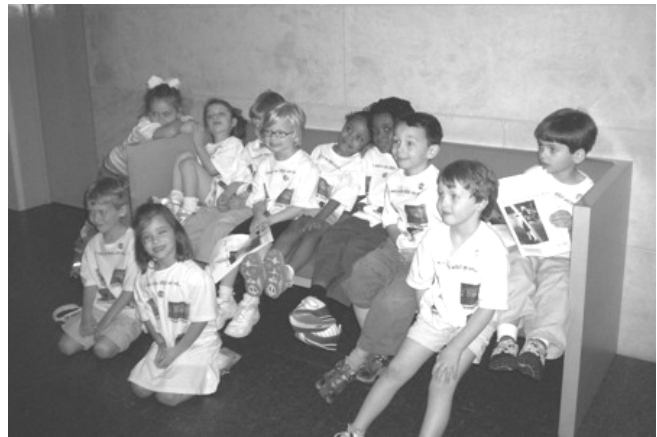


Reid, Hudson, Sam, and Kieran are amazed that the dirt in their hands

More April fun....



"These strings are too tight"



Kindergarten braved the rain on Wed. the 25th and visited the Museum of Fine Arts Houston



Mommies and Daddies had fun at



Toddler I thanks Sydney's Dad for being our guest reader. Ask the teachers if you would like



Glow sticks, pj's, music, and playing outside in the dark, Auction night was more fun here than for our parents at the



Classroom News:



Help us welcome Sara Knight to our staff. She will be assisting the Nursery and Movement classes.

Nursery II

The month of April was the best. We had fun exploring different colors of paint, and packing our suitcase (did you see our cute pictures) for the Auction. Outside time is still the hit of our day. We are about to begin working on our Mother's Day projects. Be sure to join us on May 11th for Moms and Muffins.

Movement II

This month we were in Africa. We matched wild animals while on safari and walked like elephants across the plains. Everyone in Movement II has been enjoying the new lessons on our shelves. Please look at the new sorting Fruit Baskets and Mommy and Baby color bears.

In Gymnastics we have been jumping on the springboard and keeping our balance while walking along the beam. Ms. Patricia has been helping us learn our colors in Spanish. She is also teaching us to sing "5 Little Ducks".

Movement I

April was a fun month for Movement I. We enjoyed the Hat Parade, a class party and finding eggs. We've been learning up and down, off and on, and many animal sounds. The children really enjoy sitting for circle, especially when we pull out the flashcards of different animals. Everyone is doing a great job of repeating the sounds and some of our friends are beginning to say the sound as soon as they see the animal's picture. MI is happy to welcome Alexis Shor. We are so excited when new friends join us. When new friends join that means someone is growing up. Luke made his journey to Movement II, we all wish him well.

Helpful Hints: Please be sure your child has weather appropriate clothes in his/her basket and to label everything with their name.

Toddler I

This past month our class traveled to Africa. We worked on "Khamsa", lucky symbols. The children have also been working on color and number recognition. Thank you to everyone for making our Easter celebration so special.

Your help is needed; We reserve time on Thursdays for Show-n-tell. Please let all toys stay in the car or at home on the other days of the week. Also, space is limited, only toys which fit well in the cubbies are good for Show-n-tell. *Toilet learners* - Please have a week's supply for clothes on hand, and label all items brought from home.

Toddler I & Toddler II Spanish

falda - skirt vestido - dress pantalon - pants
camiseta - t-shirt blusa - blouse zapatos - shoes

Numerals: 1 (uno), 2 (dos), 3 (tres), 4 (cuatro), 5 (cinco)

Colors: red (rojo), white (blanco), blue (azul), orange (anaranjado), pink (rosa), purple (violeta), brown (café), black (negro)

Classroom News:

Toddler II

The month of April was busy, busy, busy as we traveled the world's second largest continent, Africa. Our first stop, Egypt, was filled with mystical mystery. We learned about King Tut and explored the pyramids. We then rode, on our camels across the vast Sahara. Toddler II had lots of fun learning about the different desert animals. We played an interactive subtraction game, *Sally the Camel*. Our class instruments were used to join in the beat as we listened to various African rhythms.

Did you know?

- Zebras live where it is very hot. Luckily their shiny striped coats deflect the heat and help them stay camouflaged from dangerous predators like lions and hyenas.
- It rains every day in the lush rainforests of Central Africa. This adds up to around 7 feet of rain per year.

Dear Mom and Dad,

We had a wonderful time on the continent of Africa. We visited the country of Ghana and learned how to weave Kente cloth. We traveled to the Savannah and saw zebras, lions, ostriches, rhinos, and giraffes. We painted our own giraffes using q-tips to paint the spots. Egypt gave us a chance to review our geometric solids lesson. Did you know there are two types of pyramids, a square-based pyramid and a triangular-based pyramid.

Hope your having a great time back home. Our plane is about to take off. Next time we write we will be saying "G'day" from the land down under.

Primary I

Primary II

Africa was truly amazing! We saw that people still live in huts and in their villages, the community takes care of raising everyone's child. The way of living is an art, Kente weaving, calabashes made from gourds, and masks made from clay. We also learned that not all places have the luxuries we have like T.V., electricity and even grocery stores. Many of the villagers go the market to trade and sell food. We read *It Takes a Village*, by Jane Cowen-Fletcher. Now another exciting continent awaits, Australia! G'day.

*Parents, please feel free to set up a time to be a guest reader. We love having you be a part of our class.

Kindergarten

A special thank you goes to Ms. Teri for introducing "Art" to the Kindergarten class. She spent several days introducing the children to many famous artists and their techniques. The children enjoyed learning about Degas, Picasso, Van Gogh, Monet, and many others. They painted masterpieces like Seurat's *Sunday Afternoon on the Island of the Grand Jatte*. Seurat's special technique was called pointillism. We know the children absolutely enjoyed these lessons by their look of wonder and excitement. All of these activities led up to the fun field trip to see the French Masterpieces at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston arranged and donated by Jennifer Garza (Ella Craig's mom) Thank you's to Shannon Harrison and Lauren Buggs (Avery's Aunt) for being our special guests as they helped with our trip through Africa.



May Birthdays

May 1st—Elizabeth Corken—4 years old

May 9th—Amelia Sadler—4 years old

May 10th—Meagan Ruen—2 years old

May 11th—Natalie Peebles—3 years old

May 13th—Kinsey Davis—2 years old

May 15th—Jeffrey Schoettelkotte—4 years old

May 17th—Sam Sepulveda—1 year old

May 17th—Jenna Diepraam—3 years old

May 21st—Hazel Britton-Dansby—1 year old

May 23rd—Brynn Bond—2 years old

May 28th—Braxton Bond—4 years old

Teacher Birthdays

Patricia Melgoza May 8th

Melanie Blaine May 17th