

Cathedral House Monthly

April 2008

A Rainbow of My Own: April *Thinking Pink*

As we enter the busy month of April, *Pink* is how we will think. What foods are pink? Is there a song about pink? Piglets, flamingos, and roses will be the decorations we think.

As April showers bring May flowers, we will explore the weather, clouds, plants and seeds. A favorite thing to see in Spring are the baby animals that have been born. On the playground we will be watching for butterflies, birds, and chameleons.

What else is pink? Let's all think!



Dates to know:

April 7: The Astro's Home Opening
Game 6:05 pm

April 8: 12:00 noon
Auction Meeting

April 10 & 24: Arts Alive

April 14–18:
Week of the Young Child

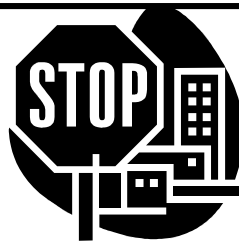
April 22: Earth Day

April 25: Auction Night 2008



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When opening the front door, please watch for children which are unattended. Once the door is opened, children can easily escape without a parent in hand. Traffic is especially heavy during baseball season and drivers and officers may not see children darting into traffic.

It's Auction Time! This year's auction is shaping up to be a really great year and it is the perfect opportunity for parents to show their appreciation to the fabulous staff of Cathedral House. Some of the incredible items up for auction this year include:

- **Southern California package complete with tickets to Disneyland, SeaWorld San Diego and 4 seats behind the dugout to the Anaheim Angels vs. New York Mets game**
- Weekend stay with 2 rounds of Golf at Horseshoe Bay in Marble Falls
- **A ½ hour ride in a WWII US Navy Trainer Aircraft**
- Autographed biography of former First Lady Barbara Bush
- **Autographed copy of Jenna Bush's "Ana's Story" with autographs from Jenna Bush, former 1st lady Barbara Bush and her husband, former President George Bush #41.**
- Two highly coveted front row seats to the CHES Holiday Program
- **Several different services that will make our lives as working parents easier: Gift certificates for a personal shopper/wardrobe consultant, interior decorating, and housecleaning!**
- The Cathedral House Wine Cellar featuring a diverse selection of wines contributed by YOU!

Important Dates to Remember

April 4: Deadline to book the Hotel ICON at the Cathedral House Episcopal rate.

April 8: 12:00 noon - Auction Meeting

April 10: Photographs of select auction items will be posted in the front hallway; pre-bidding on these items through April 21st.

April 14: Deadline to purchase discount auction tickets and to reserve babysitting

April 25: The Auction!

We want to extend a special Cathedral House "Thank You" to those corporate and family underwriters who have helped make this year's auction possible.

Some of the corporate underwriter's include:

J.A. Comptom & Co.

Bharathi Ltd.

Harrison Kornberg Architects

Jackson Walker L.L.P.

Old Republic National Title Insurance Company

Greenwood King Properties

We wish to especially thank the families who have underwritten this year's event,. In this slowing economy, corporate underwriters have been harder to find but with your help we promise to have as successful an event as in years past. If you are receiving tickets because of your level of underwriting, please do not forget to reserve your

We are still accepting bottles of wine for the wine cellar if you have not yet donated.

Classroom Wine Categories

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- Nursery I - Champagne or Sparkling wine
 - Nursery II - Zinfandel
 - Movement I - Malbec or Chianti
 - Movement II - Chardonnay
 - Toddler I - Pinot Noir
 - Toddler II - Shiraz or Syrah
 - Primary I - Pinot Grigio or Sauvignon Blanc
 - Primary II - Merlot
 - Kindergarten - Cabernet Sauvignon

For any auction related questions, email

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(jolie@treebeards.com) or Sarah Swagerty,
Jonathan & Mason's mom
(sarah@worththeweight.com)



Getting a year older in April.....

Sprague Boone will be 1 on April 4th

Alexis Shor will be 2 on April 7th

Julian Nguyen will be 1 on April 10th

Sarah Marten will be 3 on April 13th

EJ Bogar will be 4 on April 14th

Amelia Perry will be 1 on April 16th

Cole Hetherwick will be 1 on April 16th

Andrew Garrett will be 3 on April 17th

John Hicks will be 1 on April 17th

Max Kalba will be 3 on April 22nd

Getting a year better will be.....

Ms. Tamesha - April 5th - Toddler II

Ms. Myriam - April 14th - Movement II

Ms. Aida - April 15th - Nursery I

Ms. Teri - April 18th - Administration

Ms. Terri - April 18th - Movement I



A word from the classrooms...



Nursery II

The NII babies have had so much fun with the nice weather. Buggy rides have once again become a regular part of our day. During the Hat Parade the NII babies had just as much fun riding as they did watching the older children.

The babies and teachers are busily working on the "secret" auction projects. Don't miss this year's auction - April 25th.

Movement I

All of our friends are growing quickly. Luke is now the oldest and he really enjoys stacking blocks. Isabella is a great communicator, in the picture she is using Baby Signs to let us know she wants more to eat.



Sprague spends most of his time in the loft. Now that he has figured out how to climb up he never wants to come down. Brendan is the music maker. He enjoys banging on the drum. Catherine is the happiest when she is being read to and Amelia enjoys cuddling up with stuffed animals. Claire's vocabulary is expanding every day. She enjoys Ms. Patricia's Spanish lessons, especially "boca" (mouth). Claire points out all the bocas in the class. Annalise get the "Way to Go" award this month. She is now an official walker. Max isn't walking just yet but is sure proud of his new "walking" shoes. Julian and John like to see their big sisters visiting and getting all the extra attention from their Primary friends. Last but not least, Jacqueline Paige, we are sad to say good-bye to her and her family. J.P. will be going to a school close to her home in Galveston and helping Mommy with her new baby brother (due later this month). We wish the best of luck to the Helmke Family.

Movement II

This month we focused on the color green. The children brought frogs and alligators for show-n-tell. How many places do you see green in Movement II? We went on a hunt and found green in different shades in many places on our shelves and in our cubbies. Joining our "green" month were Asher Sandill, Georgia Sperandio, and Isabelle Ganchan. Our favorite story this month was *Green Eggs and Ham*. Not only was it a story with our color in it, but it was written by Dr. Seuss whose birthday was in March. We are ready to begin Thinking Pink.

A word from the classrooms...

Toddler I

During the month of March we had lots of fun with the color green. Everyone loved the green milk we had for breakfast on St. Patrick's Day. When we woke up from nap we found tiny green footprints left by the Leprechaun. As we followed the tracks, they lead to a bowl of green M&Ms. The week ended with a visit from the "conejito" (bunny) who left us lots of colorful "huevitos" (eggs) filled with surprises.

**Please check for important messages on your daily communication forms.

**Our storage space in the refrigerator is limited. Please take home sippy cups daily. The children do not need them during the school day.

Toddler II

Our month began with an early surprise, Ms. Avelon gave birth to her new daughter Alaire Joy on March 4th. We wish her and her family the best and look forward to her return in April.

March was filled with kites, gold coins, shamrocks and a visit from the Leprechaun. We also enjoyed painting hats and bags for our annual parade and egg hunt. Boy did we hear many fun stories about the Easter Bunny after our return from the break.

Help us welcome to Toddler II, Lyle Clanton, Michael Paul Hartman, Danny Newberry, and Reid Smaistrila.

Primary I

The children have been enjoying choosing lessons from the Science area. This month we continued to learn more about animals. Some lessons we had: animals that are pets/animals that are wild, where animals live, and the 5 classes of vertebrates (fish, bird, amphibian, reptile, and mammal). Every one was surprised to learn that we (humans) are mammals and so are tigers and bears.

This month our favorite author was Mercer Mayer. His books include *I Was So Mad*, and *I Just Forgot*. Along with reading stories and working on lessons, Primary I watched for the arrival of the Leprechaun and the Easter Bunny. Both were exciting visits!



We are pleased to welcome to Primary I, Sam Belt, Max Dagley, Landon Foltz, and Anthony Foti. We are ready to Think Pink!

A word from the classrooms...

Primary II

WOW! We were seeing green in March! This month we made spring pictures, classified things that fly (butterflies & kites) to things that belong on the ground (mud holes & caterpillars). our walls were decorated with high-flying number kites. We labeled our kites with a number and placed the corresponding amount of stickers onto the kite.

Colorful treats were left for us to find by the Leprechaun on St. Patrick's Day. Ms. Kathy thinks she saw him peeking in our window to watch us enjoy the treats. We have heard, Leprechauns will give their pot of gold for a perfect four leaf clover. We tried to find one but didn't have any luck.

Everyone is invited to wear pink (Ms, Kathy's favorite color) on Fridays during the month of April. Pink hats, pink shirts, pink stickers - just think pink!

Kindergarten

In March the Kindergarten class blossomed. Just like during Spring, things begin to grow, we grew to 18 children. Help us welcome Erik Achtermann, Luke Summer, and Will Wachel to our class. The next few months will be filled with planning. During April we will be planning and making projects for the annual auction. Please put on your blinders as you enter the classroom. We want to have some surprises for you at the Auction! Sometimes we try to plan ahead and begin projects very early. Case in point, the baskets for the children's egg hunts. They could hardly wait for the big day to arrive!

May will be filled with preparations for our Kindergarten Graduation. Mark your calendar for May 16th. All children will participate, even those continuing for another year at Cathedral House. Please let us know if your child will be departing this summer for their new schools or if you will be on vacation.

