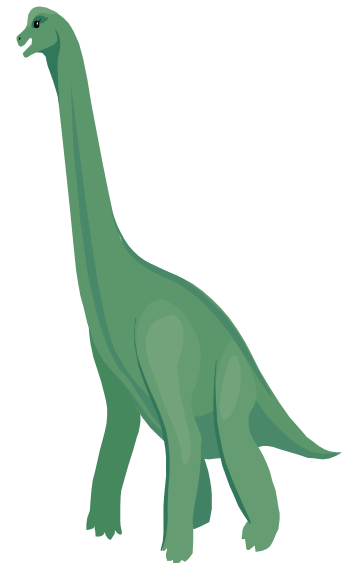


Cathedral House Monthly

May 2008

A Rainbow of our Own: Stretching Purple

Here we are in May, coming to our rainbow's end. During this month we will explore the world of dinosaurs and dragons. The class may have cooking lessons with grapes, plums, or even eggplant! How many books have the color purple in their title? Can you think of a purple song? Children are encourage to wear purple on Fridays, bring purple show-n-tell, and have fun Stretching Purple.



Mark Your Calendars!

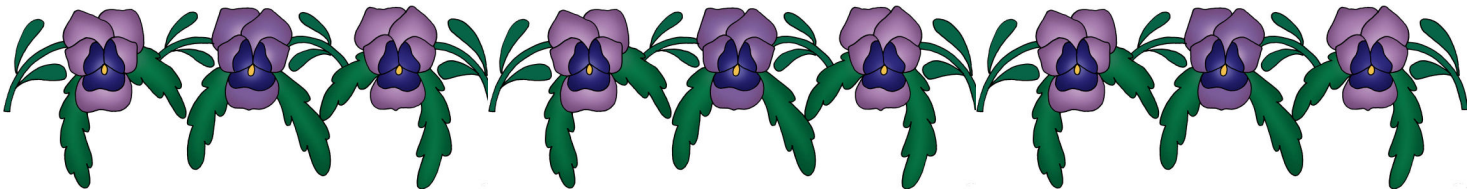
May 8 & May 22 - Arts Alive

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

May 16 - Kindergarten Graduation 11:00 am

May 23 - Cathedral House's 22nd Birthday

May 26 - School Closed for Memorial Day



Moms and Muffins to celebrate Mother's Day

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

Date: Friday May 9, 2008

Time: 7:00 am - 9:00 am

Place: In your child's classroom

Parking: In the Cathedral Garage

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



Kindergarten Graduation



Date: Friday May 16, 2008

Time: 11:00 am

Place: In the Cathedral

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

Please park in the Cathedral Garage



Families can have fun in the park all week long. Visit the events calendar for Discovery Green to plan your next family outing.

[http://www.discoverygreen.com/
eventscalendar/](http://www.discoverygreen.com/eventscalendar/)

Get your deposit back!



If your child will be leaving Cathedral House, please remember our **45 day notice** policy. Many parents may have forgotten, that during your child's first month with us at Cathedral House, you paid a deposit. This

deposit was 1/2 a month's tuition. In order to have this refunded, we **MUST** receive a 45 day **WRITTEN** notice of your child's departure date.

Even if parents have verbally told the

teachers or even the front desk, the only way to receive a refund is to put the date of your child's last day in writing and your deposit will be refunded by check following payment of your child's last month's tuition.

Summer Extracurricular

Summertime is almost here. During June, July and August, there will be a few changes to our extracurricular activities.

Mondays—Gymnastics will take a break, to resume in the Fall.

Tuesdays—Dance will take a break.

Overture (music) will offer a 8 week session and also

to existing students a Recorder class. See front desk for enrollment information.

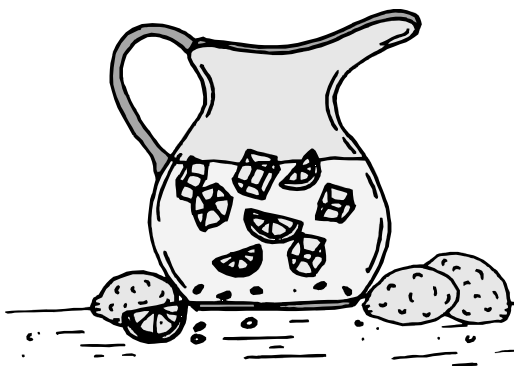
Thursdays—Jumpbunch is available for children in Primary and Kindergarten.

Also on Thursdays (the 2nd & 4th) will be Arts Alive for all classes.

Fridays—Beginning on June 6th—Splash Day—

Everyone loves Fridays during the Summer months.

Please let your teachers know of any vacation plans you have during the Summer. This will help them in planning the activities in the classroom.



Visit www.lemonadeday.org for more activities

Lemonade Day is an annual city-wide event produced by Prepared 4 Life (P4L) and its many community partners. Businesses, families and communities work together to produce Lemonade Day, which is a fun, family-oriented activity designed to train thousands of young people how to be successful entrepreneurs



Classroom News

Nursery I

During the month of April we said our good-byes to Jenna McMahon and Lincoln Lesser as they graduated to Nursery II. We will miss them even though they are only a door away. The other Nursery children are really growing. Vivienne is beginning to show her beautiful smile more and more and Braden has begun to eat cereal. Gavin has become a mover, he may be going backwards but he gets where he is going. Jenna H. is proud to show off her first tooth, and Emory knows how to get her way with all the teachers. Grace surprised us all when she arrived one Monday saying "dada". Jake C. was out for much of April but knew us all when he came back without skipping a beat. Genevieve, as tiny as she is, works very hard to reach the toys. And finally, help us welcome Jake Blumrosen and his family to Cathedral House, his sweet little smile brightens our day.

Nursery II

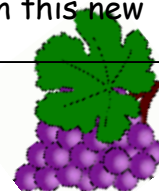
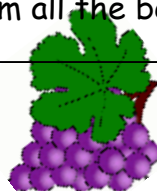
April was all about pink! Nursery II painted pink panther feet, watched bubbles float in the air, and read stories about insects. We are all growing up in Nursery II. Our faces light up as soon as we see the bye-bye buggy heading our way—everyone loves recess!

Movement II

Ms. Rosa was so proud to have a month all about her (Rosa is pink in Spanish). Our walls and hall were decorated with the pink butterflies and pink flowers we painted with Ms. Myriam's help and during circle, Ms. Virginia showed us how to match pink objects. April was also a busy time preparing for the auction. Thank you to all the parents for your continued support during Auction season. Joining us as we stretch purple is Luke Peterson. Remember to bring something purple for show-n-tell on Fridays.

Movement I

April was a busy month in Movement I. Celebrating the Week of the Young Child was fun. Everyone enjoyed seeing the abundance of bubbles being blown and the yummy new Sensorial lesson, finger painting with cool whip. A special thanks to John Neslage (Claire's daddy) for being a guest reader. He shared the book 10 Little Ladybugs with our class. Amelia gets a big "high five" for becoming our newest walker! John is beginning to take a few steps, he should be right behind her. Cole, Helen, and Will joined our fun and busy group during the month. All during April we worked extra hard to make our auction items special. Thanks to everyone for supporting this year's auction. At the end of May we will say good-bye to Isabella Acosta. She and her family will be relocating to Boston. We wish them all the best on this new



Classroom News

Toddler I

Boy ! was April busy. The children worked very hard on their individual projects (which we think turned out beautiful) while the teachers painted their fingers and covered a few chairs with bugs and flowers. Auction time is always busy. In between projects we learned about pink flamingos, and umbrellas that keep us dry. During the Week of the Young Child the children enjoyed flying kites, eating grape jell-o, and blowing bubbles. Thanks for everyone's help in making our class book *The Toddler I Family*. Please take a few minutes to read it with your child.

Your help is needed; Have you seen our beautiful new lessons? In Toddler I we are beginning to have more formal Montessori lessons. These lessons all are for teaching the children new concepts. During arrival and departure times these lessons are closed. Concentration is very difficult when the class gets busy

Our Community Guidelines

We:

Walk Softly

Speak Quietly

Show Respect for Others

Respect our Environment

Respect Each Other's Workspace

Contribute to the Health and Safety of Our Community

Toddler II

April was full of activities. Toddler II went on a scavenger hunt for the color pink. It was so much fun to explore the classroom for the hidden pink objects. During the Week of the Young Child our favorite activity was blowing bubbles. We especially like the grape smelling bubbles! Thank you to Mary Marten, Sarah's mommy, for being our guest reader. The children really enjoyed listening to "Ferdinand". Do you recycle? During our Earth Day lessons we talked about recycling and other ways to protect our planet from harm. Two big welcomes this month, first to Kieran Coffey and second welcome back to Ms. Avelon.

Classroom News

Primary I and Primary II

April was an absolutely busy month for learning. We enjoyed taking pictures of things that were pink and reading stories with pink characters (*Two Crazy Pigs* and *For Pete's Sake*). A new word we added to our vocabulary this month was "metamorphosis". That means to change. An example is; frog begins life as an egg, hatches as a tadpole, grows into a froglet, before finally becoming a frog. Butterflies also go through a metamorphosis, they change from a caterpillar into a butterfly. There were some fun books for us to read and look at to help us understand this new concept. Another new concept that was introduced was "germination". To experience this process we planted lima beans and watched them grow roots and leaves. Are you an Earth Winner or an Earth Loser? We decided we were winners! Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle! On Earth Day we read *Our Earth, Why Should I Recycle*, and *It's Earth Day*. Conserving energy, recycling, and preventing pollution is a job for everyone!

Kindergarten

April showers? Well not in the way of rain but we did get showered with guest readers. Our special thank yous go to Sally Ring (Dominic's mom), Jeanette Sadler (Amelia's grandmother), Stacey Bond (Braxton's mom), Sarah Swagerty (Jonathan's mom), and Vivian Johnson (Matthew's mom). We love having guest in our class!

Earth Day was another fun April event. The children check on our class terrarium daily. On Earth Day we worked hard making this together. The "mint' plants seems to be growing quickly. The children say it started growing as soon as we placed it in the window.

May 16th is just around the corner. Mark your calendars, let us know when will be your last day and which school you will be attending. These are traditionally part of our graduation program. Also graduating but on June 5th will be Ms. Melanie. She has spent the last year going through the Montessori training. She has finished all her finals and we are proud to announce, Ms. Melanie is our newest Montessori certified teacher.

What did April look like?



Giving thanks to all our guest readers!



Playing in shaving cream!



Matching - colors



Cheering for our friends!



Cooking - for Week of the Young Child



Saying good bye to Caroling Williams



Making good friends!

May Birthdays

May 1st—Elizabeth Corken—5 years old

May 8th—Helen Maddux—1 year old

May 8th—Will Maddux—1 year old

May 9th—Amelia Sadler—5 years old

May 10th—Meagan Ruen—3 years old

May 11th—Natalie Peebles—4 years old

May 13th—Kinsey Davis—3 years old

May 15th—Jeffrey Schoettelkotte—5 years old

May 17th—Sam Sepulveda—2 year old

May 17th—Jenna Diepraam—4 years old

May 21st—Hazel Britton-Dansby—2 year old

May 23rd—Brynn Bond—3 years old

May 26th—Christopher Worley—1 year old

May 28th—Braxton Bond—5 years old

Also having a birthday in May

Ms. Patricia May 8th Toddler I

Ms. Melanie May 17th Nursery II and Kindergarten

Ms. Natalia May 27th Nursery I