



April 2009
 "The A Team"
 Authors and Artists



Cathedral House News

April News and Events

**AUCTION IS
THIS FRIDAY,
 APRIL 3RD!!!**

The theme for April is "The A Team," and we will be learning about **Artists and Authors**. Many of the activities will focus on children's books because there are so many wonderful artist/authors, like Ezra Jack Keats, Eric Carle, and Jan Brett. The great masters of the arts will also be included in our studies this month, such as Degas, Renoir, Van Gogh and Monet.

April is a very special month at Cathedral House because we will be celebrating the **Week of the Young Child**. Please watch for special activities and other ways you can participate in the events of the week.

Important Dates:

April 3

Auction!!!

April 9

Spring Hat Parade
 and Egg Hunt

April 10

Good Friday
 CHES CLOSED

April 20-24

Week of the Young
 Child

April 22

Earth Day

April 24

Arbor Day



Nursery I News

In Nursery One, we are doing important work. The children are moving in many ways: rolling side to side, rolling from back to tummy, sitting up, and turning circles on their bellies. We can hold objects in our hands and explore them. All of the children have been enjoying their time on the floor

exploring various toys. Ms. Cynthia and Ms. Vicky would like to welcome Ms. Linda and Ms. Renae to Nursery I. We appreciate Ms. Renae's visits and calm demeanor. The children have been enjoying buggy rides with Ms. Linda. We enjoy seeing Ms. Alicia in both our Nursery classrooms. April is going to be a great month in our room!



Nursery II News

March has been a busy month for Nursery Two. All of our babies and teachers participated in getting the auction items ready for everyone to see. We think you will love them! We also would like to welcome Ms. Aida and Ms. Alicia, who are helping with Nursery II.



We are becoming very mobile! A lot of our friends began to stand up, some have taken their first steps, and others have learned to crawl this month—how exciting! We look forward to all that we will learn in April. Have a great month,
Nursery II

Movement I News



During March, we learned about the color green by wearing green for St. Patrick's Day, we dressed up like handsome cowboys and cute cowgirls to kick off Rodeo, and we continued working on identifying our facial features and body parts, and keeping

up on our handwashing. We've been busy working on our auction projects too. We'll have lots of fun stuff to keep us busy for April. We're happy to greet all of the new friends who joined us in March, Jeremy, Caleb, and Anna. In April, we will welcome Andrew S. and Andrew D.

Movement II News

In the month of March, we studied the color green. We pointed out green objects in the room, and we matched different shades of green.

We also worked hard on our auction project—the children did great!

We worked with our fruit basket, naming and sorting fruit.

We're looking forward to next month when we will march in our hat parade and look for Easter eggs.

In Spanish, our song for April will be *Mi Conejito* (My Bunny). Look for it posted on the door!

Love,
Movement II



Toddler I News

March was a month for all of us to put on our thinking hats and review some of our lessons.

The children are doing an awesome job setting up for our lessons on a rug, working on some extensions, and asking lots of questions.

We celebrated St. Patrick's Day with pizza and special snacks as well as drinks. Thanks to Asher, Ryan, and Luke's parents for helping out with this event. The children had lots of fun wearing green, talking about St. Patrick's Day, and the pot of gold. We even had a little leprechaun in our classroom during naptime.

The children were delighted to find gold coins and beads in their cubbies when they woke up! We cannot wait to see what April is going to bring us. We are already working on our Easter baskets.

-Toddler I Class

Toddler II News

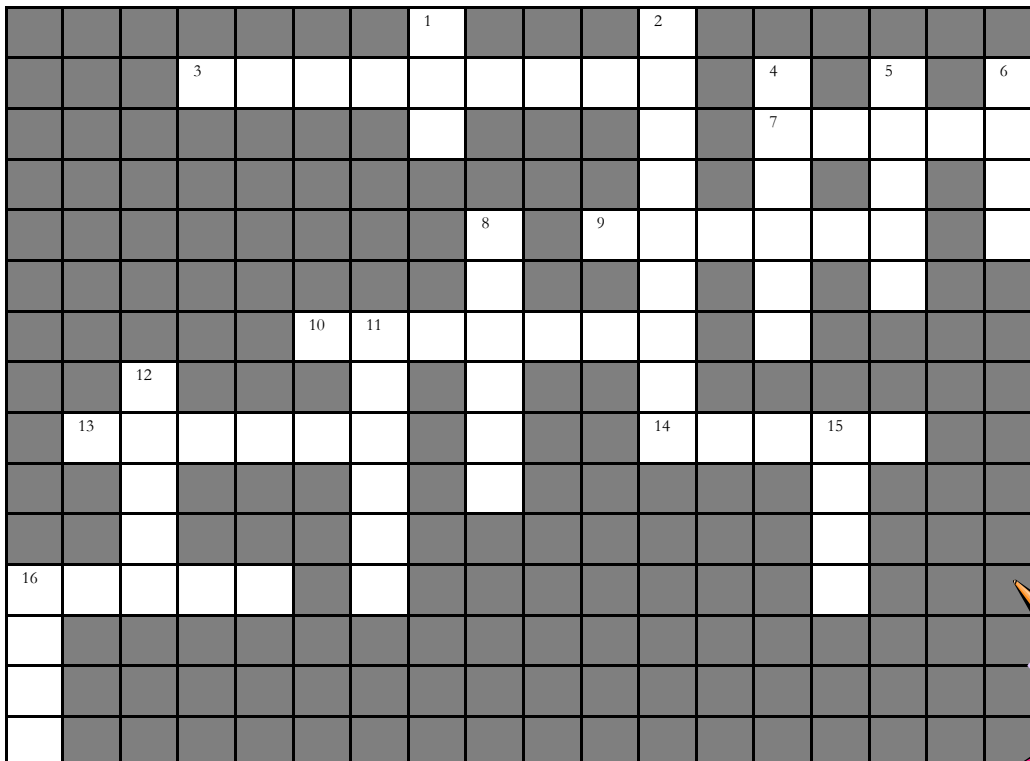
How well do you know Toddler II?

Across

- 3. Child who is the shortest
- 7. Child whose dad speaks in a cartoon-like voice
- 9. Child whose name starts with "O"
- 10. Child who has a sister named Ellie
- 13. Child who gets picked up by Ms. Tricia
- 14. Child whose ears are pierced
- 16. Child who arrives first in the morning

Down

- 1. Child whose mom has a name that sounds like a sweet treat
- 2. Child who has the longest name
- 4. Child who has a big sister in Kindergarten
- 5. Child who always wears boots
- 6. Child whose dad is French
- 8. Child who wears bows every day
- 11. Child whose favorite singer is Beyonce
- 12. Child whose mom has the funniest blog
- 15. Child who pretends to be a superhero
- 16. Child who likes closing doors



Primary News

This month, we have enjoyed sharing our *daily news*. It's a great time for friends to share what is really important to them. It also benefits us by helping us learn to recognize sight words and identify larger words. There has been a lot of serious learning going on– from addition to learning *equal to*, *greater than*, *less than*, the hour, and the calendar. We also have friends who are working hard to develop fine motor skills. Little things like picking up pennies,

playing with playdough, and gluing beans are a few things you can do at home. A big thank you to parents who were able to come by and watch their children work. It means a lot to the children for you to be able to see how hard they are working at school!

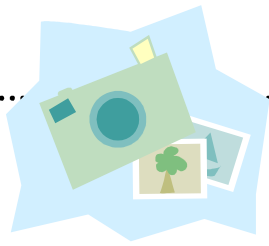


Kindergarten News

Look at the fun we had during the month of February! We celebrated Go Texan Day by milking a cow, then making homemade butter and biscuits. We enjoyed this Chuck Wagon food by our campfire. We also got a chance to try and rope a calf!



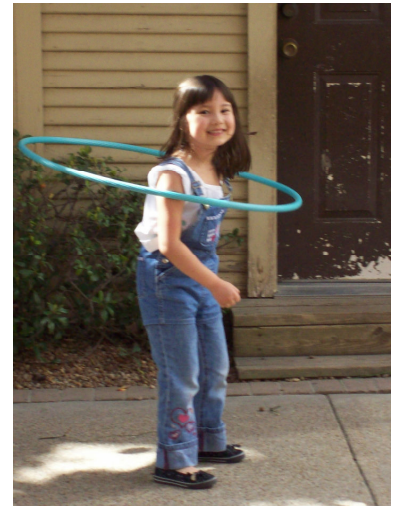
Show-and-Tell is on Mondays and Fridays. We always enjoy seeing photos from a recent vacation! No toys please.



Wow Lainey! You did a beautiful job with the braiding lesson.



Joseph, you are a Math wizard. Just look at the multiplication he's doing!



Rebecca, how can you keep that hoop going for so long? You have inspired many children with your talent to practice that skill.



Mark your calendars
for Kindergarten Graduation!
It will be May 15th, 2009
@ 11:00am.
Grandparents,
Aunts, and Uncles
are welcome to attend
this special occasion too!

Celebrating this Month



Children's Birthdays:

April 4 Sprague Boone, 2 years

April 7 Alexis Shor, 3 years

April 10 Julian Nguyen, 2 years

April 11 Caleb Friday, 1 year

April 13 Sara Marten, 4 years
Andrew Davidow, 1 year

April 14 EJ Bogar, 5 years

April 16 Amelia Perry, 2 years
Cole Hetherwick, 2 years

April 17 Andrew Garrett, 4 years
John Hicks, 2 years

April 25 Anna Nielson, 4 years

April 27 Kaden Beauvais, 1 year

April 28 Andrew Schneider, 1 year

Staff Birthdays:

April 5 Ms. Tamesha,
Toddler II

April 14 Ms. Myriam,
Kindergarten

April 15 Ms. Aida,
Nursery

April 18 Ms. Teri,
Director of Operations

April 18 Ms. Terri,
Movement I

April 22, Ms. Claudia,
Toddler I

Curriculum Corner with



Ms. Alyssa

Why are routines so important for young children?

Routines create rules that set expectations for acceptable behavior and promote positive relationships.

Routines help regulate a child's physiology, emotions, and behavior.

Routines foster cognitive, motor, and social development.

Routines help children learn turn-taking, sharing, negotiation, helping, comforting, waiting, empathy, and respect.

The patterns of routines create discipline (hanging coat, sitting to eat).

Routines decrease stress, conflict, danger, and anxiety.

Routines increase self-esteem, self-control, trust, safety, comfort, competence, and self-worth.