



**June 2009**

**Important Dates**

**Cathedral House News**

**Our Summer Theme is a "Farm-tastic" Summer**

This summer we will be exploring life on the farm! Keep an eye out for lots of "farm-tastic" activities! It is sure to be a blast!



**Words cannot express our overwhelming gratitude. The Teacher Appreciation Luncheon and generous gifts were greatly appreciated. Our hearts were touched by your generosity. Thank you!**

- June 5th:** First Splash Day
- June 14th:** Flag Day
- June 19th:** Dads & Donuts
- June 21st:** Father's Day
- June 21st:** First Day of Summer

**Dads & Donuts**

We welcome you to join your child for breakfast **Friday, June 19th** as we celebrate fathers and other special men in our lives.



**Vacation Plans?**

Let us know! Please keep us informed of days your child will be absent.

Teachers and classmates tend to worry if their friends are missing.

This will also help our teachers as they plan fun summer activities! Thanks!

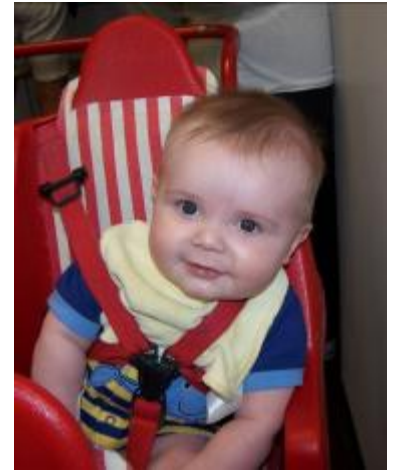


## Nursery Department News

Our busy little ones are learning to explore the classroom and each other.



We have been riding in the bye-bye buggy, feeling the warm sun and cool breezes. We can watch the older children play on the playground too.



## Nursery I

We have had a very busy month. Mother's Day was very special, having babies and mommies spend a little extra time together.



We would like to say welcome to Hudson, who joined us in May.

We can't wait for more new friends to join us soon—this month, we will welcome Sophia!



Some of our children will be exploring in Nursery II now, where they will have lots of fun! Alex and Aubrey are our May graduates. We will miss you, but we will be neighbors!





## Nursery II

May was full of activity in Nursery II. Matthew and Petra celebrated their first birthdays! Happy Birthday! All of our children were moving and shaking in the month of May! Look at Kelsey climbing down the steps of the climber. See how Ellie can play the

drums! Watch Maren climb down the steps of the climber— she is very careful. Look at Ethan slide down the slide. See Brooke roll across the carpet to get her favorite pink piggy blanket. We look forward to lots more moving in the month of June!



## Movement Department News



Silly Caleb shows off his feet.



Jeremy loves looking at books.

Kaden and Conner ride in the buggy.



Our resident artist, Anna.



## Movement I

The month of May went by so fast. It's already the summer and we're prepared to have a blast! Everyone is growing up so quickly. Vivienne, Jake and Trey will be making their move to Mill. We are sad to see them leave, but excited to get to know our new friends. Petra, Matthew, and Grant will be joining our gang just in time to get their bathing suits on and get ready for the splash day fun! Take a look at our photos to see a small part of the fun going on in our class.



Jake shows off his spaghetti face while getting a hug from his mom.

John enjoying nature...



Andrew S. wrestles alligators in his spare time.



Andrew D. gets a little help from Emerson.

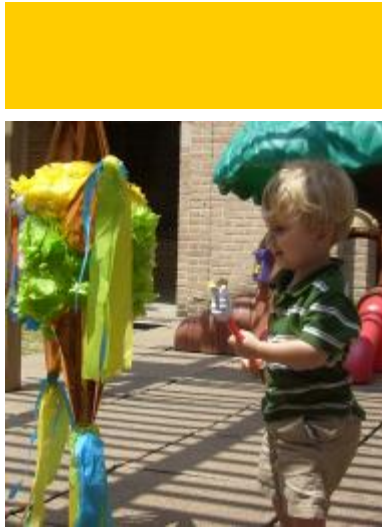
This month, we celebrated mom with "Moms and Muffins." Thank you moms and dads who came to eat breakfast with us.



## Movement II



Jake uses his spoon very carefully to eat his lunch, Helen rolls her rug when she finishes her work, and Christopher shows that he has heard the bell by touching his elbows.



We celebrated Cinco de Mayo with Ms. Patricia by hitting the piñata and having a special snack. In Arts Alive, we went down to Mexico, where Will found a dancing partner in Ms. Janet.



Wow! Look at Callie's Earth Day bean plant— it's bigger than she is!



We would all like to say a sad goodbye to Mrs. Rosa. We love her and she will be missed by her coworkers and babies. We know she deserves the rest and relaxation she will get at home.

*Farewell*

## Toddler Department News



Toddler I says  
"hooray" for  
mommies!



### Toddler I

May was a month of ground rules and lots of lessons. Some of the ground rules that the children are reviewing are *quiet voices*, *quiet feet*, and *the bell*. We will continue working on these rules for the month of June.

The older children have been working on clamping, rubbing number games (1-5), the pink tower, brown stairs and red rods, as well as color box II. The younger children have been working on nuts and bolts, sorting number puzzles, sorting by color, sorting *s*, *m*, *t* sounds, and the fruit basket.



We are all doing a great job with our story baskets. This group is enjoying art, which we try to display around the room for everyone to enjoy.



Thanks for joining us for "Moms and Muffins!"

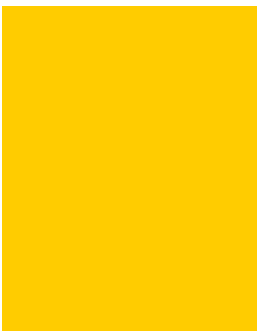


## Toddler II

The month of May went by in a blur of activities. We celebrated Cinco de Mayo with our own version of a Mexican Hat Dance. As we focused on games and team building, the children practiced sharing during mini soccer games, and took turns while participating in



musical chairs. We did group games that focused on listening skills like the telephone game and worked on coordination games such as the elephant balancing game and "In the River on the Bank."



Special Reminder: Now that we are in the summer months, please ensure that your child has weather appropriate extra clothes in his or her cubby. Also, mosquitoes can be pesky this time of year, so you may send in bug spray for your child as an extra precaution.



## Primary News

Our children have grown so much this school year and we are so proud of their many accomplishments. This is the first time in awhile that children will be moving up to our Kindergarten class to allow for new children to join our class. We can't believe it but it is true, Olivia F., Natalie and Alexandra are all climbing the way up to scope it out for the others that will join them sometime this summer. Way to Go Girls!!!!



June 5th marks the return of our favorite summer time activity. SPLASH DAYS!!!!!! Please remember to change out extra clothes for the summer and label ALL items from towels to swimsuits, and sun block. Now to the fun stuff...



## A "Farm – Tastic" Summer

Our theme study this summer will be about the farm. We look forward to learning about farm animals and things that surround the farm, like what jobs are on a farm. The farm, the farm, the farm!



Also, we would like to include a short study on some famous artists– so keep an eye out for that!

Finally, we wish to say "Good Bye" to Ms. Sindhu Sheladia, our NCME Montessori Intern this year. Sindhu has received her Montessori teaching certificate and will rejoin her family's Montessori School in Sugar Land. She has been a real trooper in joining our team to learn from the "best" and we give her our best as she heads back to her school.



Thank you!

Primary Staff

P.S. Don't forget Dads and Donuts on June 19th. This is one our favorite events and all dads, friends, grandfathers and uncles are welcome to join in the fun. 7:00 am - 9:00 am - Parking is available at the Cathedral Parking Garage. Tickets will be validated.

## Kindergarten News

Congratulations to all the Kindergarten graduates! We are so very proud of all their achievements and wish them all the very best as they transition from Cathedral House to their next journey in life.



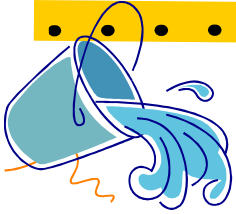
### **Congratulations Kindergarten Graduates!!!**

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming events:

Friday, June 5th is our first splash day. Children may come dressed in their swimsuit and a cover. Safe water shoes are encouraged. (No Crocs or flip-flops)

Friday, June 19th from 7:00-9:00 AM is Dads and Donuts. Dads may enjoy a donut and extra time with their child as you drop them off.

A special and sincere thank you goes out to all the parents for making us (Ms Sherri, Ms. Tanzie, and Ms. Myriam) feel truly appreciated, not only on Teacher Appreciation Day, but every day, THANK YOU!



# Splash Days

**When:** Every Friday throughout June and July

**Time:** During morning playtime

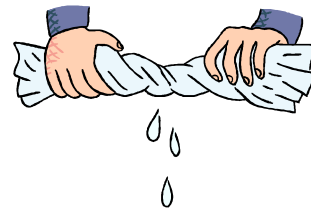
**Who:** Children in Movement I – Kindergarten

**Where:** On the playground



**Please send children to school dressed in swimsuits, cover-ups, or t-shirts, sunscreen applied, with a towel.**

No Crocs or flip-flops will be allowed during water play. Please send a change of clothing for after the fun.



## June Birthdays



- June 6th: Callie, 2 years old, Movement II  
June 7th: Mr. Aaron, Business Development Manager  
June 8th: Mason, 4 years old, Primary  
Scott, 6 years old, Kindergarten  
June 12th: Grant, 1 year old, Movement I  
June 13th: Olivia, 5 years old, Kindergarten  
June 15th: Oliver, 3 years old, Toddler II  
June 21st: Elizabeth, 3 years old, Toddler II  
June 25th: Ms. Monique, Movement I  
June 26th: Ms. Samantha R., Movement II  
June 28th: Ms. Vicky, Nursery I

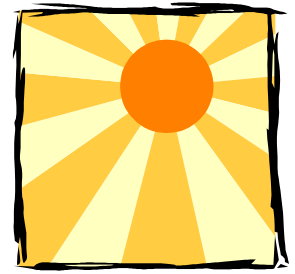
# Curriculum Corner

## Go Outside and Play!

If this gorgeous pre-summer weather isn't enough to make you want to stay outside all day, try this...

Young children are kinesthetic learners, which means that they learn through movement. Physical activity stimulates the connection between mind and body. What a great excuse to get outside and play!

As young children use their bodies to explore their environment, they build knowledge, strength, and skills.



Children learn problem-solving skills as they try different movements to figure things out; they learn to turn their ideas into actions to accomplish a goal.

They learn important concepts like *in*, *out*, *up*, *down*, *over*, and *under*. They learn social skills like cooperation, turn-taking, and self-control.

Sand and water play lay the foundation for future math and science learning. Mastery of physical skills like walking, running, jumping, balancing, climbing, and swinging also helps children gain self-confidence.

You can help instill a love of movement in your child when you make time for physical activity together!

