

CATHEDRAL HOUSE MONTHLY MARCH 2009

Theme of the Month: *Team Up for the Environment*

Calendar Events

Daylight Savings Begins 3/8

Arts Alive - 3/12 & 3/26

Wear Green 3/17 St. Patrick's Day

Friday - 4/3 - Silent Auction & Gala

Thursday - 4/09 - Spring Parade &
Egg Hunt

Friday - 4/10 - School Closed

4/19 - 4/25 - Week of the Young
Child



Watch for upcoming Auction meetings and refer to page 4 for Auction news and deadlines.

Your support and donations have been very much appreciated.

Recycle, Reduce, Reuse

What a perfect opportunity for us to lead by example. This month, we will learn about caring for our environment and our planet. We will discuss our contributions and responsibilities in protecting the planet where we live.

So it seems appropriate that we begin "going green" with this month's newsletter. You will be able to access the newsletter and check for other events on our website at www.mmschools.org. Copies will be available upon request, otherwise view the web and download your copy.

Mark Twain once defined, "Synergy - as the bonus that is achieved when things work together harmoniously." Together we will look at ways to recycle, reduce and reuse. We will talk about the care of the environment and ecological neglect when we waste, pollute and litter.

This school year, our focus has been on the concept of team and team building. With TEAM UP for the ENVIRONMENT, students, parents, and teachers can emphasize the difference we can make when we work together. Come into the classroom as a special guest reader, or to present a new lesson or make a special snack. Your involvement is always welcomed, let your child's teachers know if you are interested and they can set up a convenient time. It is sure to delight !



A SPECIAL GOODBYE!

This past month we said goodbye to a very special family. The Diepraam family has been with Cathedral House for close to 15 years. It has been our pleasure having Alex, Kirsten, Jenna, Warren and Kim with us all these years. Good Luck to Warren as he moves on to a new job and we look forward to seeing the whole family at different events and coming back to visit .

Curriculum News.....

Our theme this month is "Team Up for the Environment." Watch or ask for ways you can participate in some of our environmentally friendly, green activities and experiences this month.



Throughout last year and this year, some of our teachers have been attending sessions with the School Literacy and Culture Project to discuss ways to enrich literacy and language developmental opportunities in the classroom. Look for story baskets, portable writing centers, story telling journals and other literary adventures.

In February all of our Nursery and Movement teachers have been attending the "Infancy Institute" as part of their professional development. They have learned about respectful caregiving, selective intervention and freedom of movement. Feel free to ask them to tell you about these ideas and how they are being implemented in the classrooms.

Playground Updates.....

WOW! Our Valentine's Parents Night Out was a huge success. We raised over \$4,000 in donations for our GO Play! Funds for Fun! Parents we thank you for your generous contributions. We had a fantastic evening with lots of fun. Watch for updates as we move into our capital campaign.



Rice Children's Campus.....

On Friday, February 20th, we officially recognized the opening of Rice Children's Campus. Metropolitan Montessori Schools' President - Mr. Greg Robers with Rice University's President -



David Leebron celebrated the school and all the parties involved. A reception followed with a most appropriate serving of "milk and cookies." Although we miss our Ms. Karen, we are so happy for all the families, students and faculty of the school. If you are ever out and about, please stop by and say hello. We are very proud and would love to show the school to you!

Updates.....

We need your help in making sure that your children's records are in order. We are licensed through the state of Texas and meet state requirements. It is critical to our operation to have updated enrollment and medical information on file. As children get immunizations, we must update our files. Please make sure that we have the most current immunization records on file.



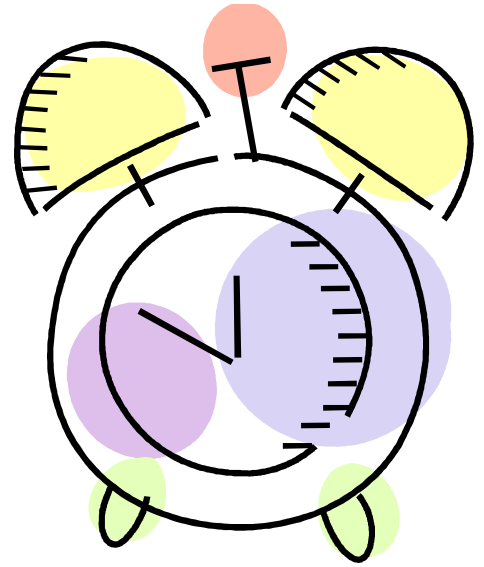
If you have changed jobs, moved to a new home or had a change in email addresses, please give us written notice of these updates.

Please make sure the email address we have on file is the most current and the one you wish to receive school information.

SPRING FORWARD!

On Sunday March 8th , we begin daylight savings time. This gives an extra hour of daylight in the evening often causing children to have a hard time adjusting. Usually their bodies and minds need a couple of weeks to adjust to the darker mornings and lighter evenings. We also find that it's harder to get them to follow their usual bedtime routine until they have become accustomed to this change.

Afternoons can also become congested. Parents tend to forget about parking issues, and may spend time chatting or playing on the playground. Even though our officers are watchful of cars backing out, it can be difficult to see when children are playing or running on the sidewalk in front of the school. .



HAVE YOU BEGUN TO PLAN FOR THE FALL?

We are beginning to plan for the Summer. To assist in our planning, please let the front desk and your child's teachers know:

1. If your child will depart Cathedral House for the summer or in the fall?
2. Will your child be attending another program for the summer?
3. Will your child be attending camp or vacation bible school for even a short period during the Summer?

For those families leaving Cathedral House, please make sure we have a 45 day written notice in order for your deposit to be refunded. Please include the date of departure to allow us an opportunity for the students to have a chance to tell their classmates good bye.

Kindergarten Graduation is: **Friday May 15th at 11:00am, more information will be available soon.





2009 Auction Information

It's Auction Time!

This year's auction is looking to be a really banner year and it is the perfect opportunity for parents to show their appreciation to the fabulous teachers and staff of Cathedral House. Some of the items we've already had donated for auction this year include:

- Round of Golf for 4 at Sugar Creek Country Club
- One hour flight simulation with Flight Safety International
- Beauty Makeover for Mom, including microdermabrasion and mani/pedi

The Cathedral House Wine Cellar and Liquor Cabinet featuring a diverse selection of wine and liquor contributed by YOU!

This is just a sneak preview. To see all of the other great items, including the always impressive class projects, you'll need to come to the Auction!

Please remember to turn in your Family Donations and to purchase your Family Tributes for the Auction Book! If you have misplaced your forms, they are available at the front desk.

Some important dates to remember:

March 9: Teacher Staff Comment Forms Due
 Family Tribute Forms Due
 Underwriting Donation Forms Due

March 13: Wine/Liquor Donations Due

Classroom Wine/Liquor Categories:

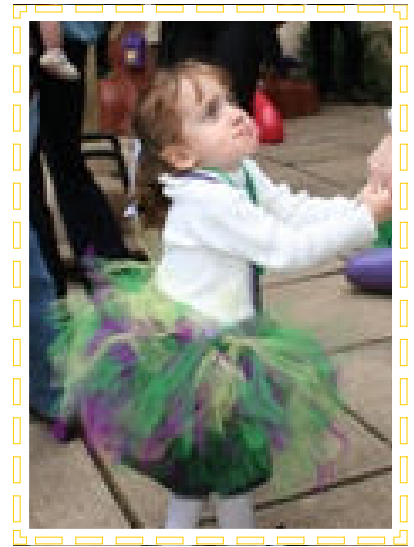
<i>Nursery I</i>	-	<i>Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon</i>
<i>Nursery II</i>	-	<i>Vodka and Gin</i>
<i>Movement I</i>	-	<i>Chardonnay or Pinot Grigio</i>
<i>Movement II</i>	-	<i>Rum or Brandy</i>
<i>Toddler I</i>	-	<i>Pinot Noir or Chianti</i>
<i>Toddler II</i>	-	<i>Champagne or Scotch</i>
<i>Primary I</i>	-	<i>Shiraz/Syrah or Red Zinfandel</i>
<i>Primary II</i>	-	<i>Whiskey or Bourbon</i>
<i>Kindergarten</i>	-	<i>Tequila</i>



March 16: Family Donation Forms Due

For any auction related questions, email Charlotte Cheadle at ccheadle@keyenergy.com

A Month in Pictorial Review



The classrooms would like to share...

Movement I:

We're entering a brand new month and can't wait to MARCH into the fun...

Let's start out by giving a GREAT BIG WAY TO GO to John and Genevieve, they are our most recent walkers and they are enjoying the ability to get up and go! Jenna is the oldest and is becoming a fan of cleaning up and putting things on the shelves. Grace and Emory are always willing and eager to offer a helping hand to their younger friends. Braden is always on the lookout for



balls and now goes around the room saying "dude" (a word his Daddy taught him) Emerson is always happy when we do art projects, even if more paint ends up on her face and hands instead of the paper. Vivienne is a great worker who enjoys puzzles and stacking rings. Matthew is becoming quite entertained by the fun he has in the tree house outside. Jake C. has done a GREAT job at feeding himself and remembering to wash his hands. Jake B. (or 'Baby" as Grace calls him) has the biggest smile and is always so happy, unless someone wants to ride on his favorite car. Last but not least is Trey (who can walk on his knees faster than lightning) Trey is the newest friend to join us and moved right in with no problems. We look forward to a new month of un, excitement and lots of learning.

Movement II:



The month of February was a busy month. We had our Valentine's party, passed out Valentine's to our friends. We talked about the word "love" and studied the colors, red and pink, and the shape of a heart. We marched in the Mardi Gras parade where we shook our shakers and caught beads. Everyone had a grand time. We ended the month with Go Texan Day, where our Buckaroos dressed up in their best western get up. Next month, we will talk about the Earth, air, water and getting ready for Earth Day.

Primary:

Wow - how the month has flown by! A big thank you to all the parents who have come in & read stories to the class, by the way which is no easy task! FYI - come in any time through the year to read. Just please check with the teachers to see available times/days. If you have notice the "ground rule alert" signs lately, we are trying to get back to the basics and promote positive behavior and promote a safe environment as well. So we greatly appreciate your support!

Thank you to the parents who signed up for Primary II's observation week. If you weren't able to stop by, please let Ms. Kathy know if you'd be interested in setting a date. This month we covered a variety of topics from the weather, Abraham Lincoln, auditory discrimination, the hour, ground hogs day, addition, and the class favorite - the solar system. Just a reminder, we have been noticing a few of our children without nap time items. Please remember to bring in a blanket and sheet to make napping a bit more cozier for the little ones.

Thanks!

Kindergarten:

Although February was short in days, it was packed with activity. Here are just some of the many activities the students were involved with.

- We learned the Ground Hog saw his shadow and we will have six more weeks of winter.
- Marian Gilmore from NASA visited and did really cool experiments with us. We are sure your child went home full of amazing discussions. Thanks to Luke Summer and his mom, Sara for setting up this fun day for us.
- We celebrated Presidents Day by learning about our past and present Presidents, Washington, Lincoln and Obama.
- We showed how much we care for friends by passing out Valentine cards.
- Our hearts were filled with joy by giving socks to the needy. Thanks to the parents for making this so successful.
- We paraded around for Mardi Gras and waved to friends and family. Throwing the beads was a lot of fun.
- "Go Texan Day" was celebrated with learning information about the state bird, flower, cattle and tree.
- Catherine lost her first tooth.
- Will mastered the skill of tying.
- During all of this we even had time to listen to guest readers. Thank you to Ellie's Dad and Emma's Dad for being our guest readers.



If you are interested in being a guest reader, please let any of the Kindergarten teachers know and we will be happy to schedule you.

March is sure to be as much fun as we talk about recycle, reuse, and reduce.

Mark your calendar for Kindergarten Graduation - May 15th at 11:00 am



March Birthdays

Tate Leach 4 years old March 2nd

Aidan Ganchan 5 years old March 3rd

Reese Mason 3 years old March 7th

Catherine Pfeiffer 2 year old March 7th

John Devine 3 years old March 8th

Brendan Storey 2 year old March 8th

Charlie Maddux 5 years old March 15th

Joseph Maddux 5 years old March 15th

Olivia Elroz 5 years old March 19th

Max Georgsson 2 year old March 30th



Also Celebrating in March:

Officer Charles - March 6th

Ms. Renae - March 20th - Nursery II

Ms. Raven - March 23rd - Primary