



May 2009  
 "The Winning Team"



# May News and Events



The theme for May is "The Winning Team," so be on the lookout for lots of fun games at school! We will focus on teamwork this month.

*"Win together, lose together, play together, stay together."*  
 -Debra Mancuso

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# Cathedral House News

**Birthdays:**

- May 8: Helen Maddux, 2 & Will Maddux, 2  
*Ms. Patricia, Toddler I*
- May 9: Conner Folsom, 1 & Petra Kubiak, 1
- May 10: Megan Ruen, 4
- May 11: Natalie Peebles, 5
- May 13: Kinsey Davis, 4
- May 17: Sam Sepulveda, 3
- May 19: *Ms. Erika, Movement II*
- May 20: Matthew Skinner, 1
- May 21: Hazel Britton Dansby, 3
- May 23: Brynn Bond, 4



**Important Dates:**

- May 1st : *May Day*
- May 8th: *Moms & Muffins*
- May 15: *Kindergarten Graduation 11:00 am*
- May 25th: *Memorial Day*  
 CHES CLOSED





## Auction Update

This year's auction was a **huge** success with your help and participation! Everyone had a wonderful time and we wish to thank this year's auction chair, Charlotte Cheadle and the entire auction committee who worked diligently to make this such a success.

## Teacher Appreciation Day

Wednesday, May 6th

The teachers and staff will be treated to a special luncheon, special treats and gifts from the proceeds of the auction. Parents are welcome to stop by to say "thanks" during the day and at the luncheon. The luncheon will be in two shifts and times for your child's teachers can be found at the front desk.



Moms and Muffins  
Friday, May 8th

Join us in celebrating our Moms, Grandmothers and other special individuals in the lives of our students.

Each classroom will participate in this annual event with a few surprises in store. The event will be from 7:00 am - 9:00 am

Parking available at the Cathedral Parking Garage



**Garage Sale**  
**May 30, 2009**

**What a great opportunity to do some Spring cleaning to benefit our efforts for a new playground!!!**

**All proceeds go to the "Funds for Fun" Playground Committee.**

**Flyers are available at the front desk for additional information.**



## Nursery I News



We have some precious babies that we welcomed in April: Carter, who has a brother Landon in Primary joined us. Noah, who is a sweetheart and loves to talk and our newest, Jacob, who is tiny and very

loveable are wonderful additions to our class. We have had some fun with activities and getting ready for our first Mother's Day. Take a look at what some of our Nursery I babies have been doing...



Alex moves around on his tummy. Aubrey wakes up with a big smile! Zoe explores a yellow puzzle piece. Merrick watches the older children play from his seat on the buggy.



For our friends who have grown and moved to Nursery II, Ellie and Maren- we will miss you! We are glad you were included in our Hat Parade because you looked so cute! We are looking forward to having a great May and starting to enjoy our Spring weather!

## Nursery II News

April brought a lot of showers, so we look forward to all the May flowers this month! A lot of babies have bloomed too and continue to bloom. There were little walkers all over Nursery II. Our crawlers were up and down the loft and in and out of the tub.

Some babies are rolling around too- way to go! We can't wait to get started on all the different and new ideas we have in store for the month of May.



## Movement I News

Wow, the month of May is already here. That means the summer is fast approaching. We had a great time in April. We learned about our body parts and facial features. We put on our bunny ears for our parade and we were introduced to a few new lessons too. Vivienne has learned many of her animal sounds, Jeremy loves to play outside, Anna likes her independence and practices uses her spoon

to eat, and Trey and Jake had a blast playing in the water when we learned about cold and wet. Jake decided to dump the whole tub of water out on his lap for some extra fun. Caleb enjoys collecting dishes, cups, and bottles and putting them in the sink. Matthew spends a lot of time exploring the big basket of balls. John is getting to be an expert at stacking blocks,

and Emerson enjoys climbing onto the loft with her friends. Andrew S. and Andrew D. joined us this month, and are settling in just fine. We will say goodbye to Genevieve this month, as she makes her move to Movement II, and hello to Kaden and Conner as they join us. We are also happy to welcome back Ms. Blanca! She got a lot of much needed rest and is happy to be back with children!





## Movement II News

April was a busy month. We marched in the Hat Parade with our bunny ears. We looked for eggs on our playground. In the classroom, we matched colored eggs and sorted large, medium, and small eggs. During the "Week of the Young Child", Amber (Grace's mom), Allison (Amelia's mom), Steve (Braden's dad), Mary (Callie's mom), and Heather (Jake's mom) came and read a naptime story. Grace's mom and dad joined us for Arts

Alive. Thank you all for coming. On Earth day, we planted a bean plant- we loved playing in the dirt! The children have been enjoying sitting on line for music, lessons, and stories. They are also practicing choosing Montessori lessons and working on their own rugs. We continue to work on self-help skills, like pulling up our pants and putting on our own shoes.



# Toddler I News



We had lots of fun in April with our parade, egg hunt, and a delicious special lunch. The fun was just beginning as we continued with the "Week of the Young Child." Some parents came and read to us, some stayed to make special bracelets, and we even had special treats after a wonderful story time. We can't wait for May to come since we are already busy making presents for our moms.



Please feel welcome to visit our class any day, as the children really enjoyed this time together. Special thanks to our guest readers: Mr. & Mrs. Dampf, Mr. Ganchen, Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Stinneford, Mr. Gilbert, Mrs. Sperandio, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Georgsson, and Mrs. Neslage.





## Toddler II News

During the month of April, the children focused on acting out stories authored by the children and dramatized by the children. This activity gave them an opportunity to share and express their thoughts. We also did book reviews, which allowed the children to retell some of their favorite stories in their own words. It was lots of fun!

This month, we will continue to work on telling and reading stories, as well as focusing on building cooperation, sharing skills, and good team spirit as we play different board games as well as group games in the classroom. If your child has *Candyland*, *Hi Ho Cheerio*, or another age-appropriate game, we will welcome and play them this month. Please see the teachers for details.

## Primary News

Our month started off with a fun pajama party on auction night. Everyone had a great time! Our fun continued as we welcomed Spring and learned ways to help our earth, such as recycling, turning off faucets and lights when they are not in use, and picking up trash when we see it. Our friends in Primary I worked with the geometric solids and learned about

cubes, spheres, and triangular prisms. Our friends in Primary II continued to work with the literacy program, writing and acting out some amazing stories, such as: *The Lion and the Little Bird*. We acted out Livvy's story of her version of the *Little Mermaid*, Andrew D.'s story of *Toys*, and Natalie's story of *Tinkerbell*. We look forward to the month of May, which will be filled with games.



## Kindergarten News

Thank you for making the "Week of the Young Child" so successful! Everyone enjoyed the extra time that parents and children got to enjoy doing activities together.



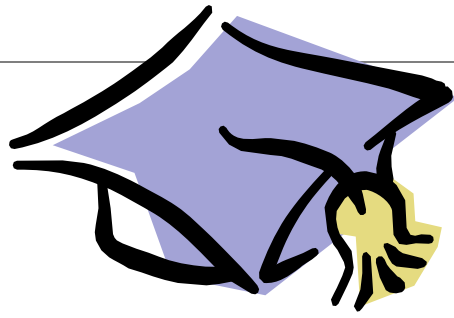
# GRADUATION

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Congratulations to Ms. Myriam for completing her Montessori teaching training! She will graduate in May!



Goodbye Olivia!  
 Olivia Elroz is moving to Kansas City.  
 We wish her and her family  
 a successful move.  
 We will miss you!



Mark your calendars for  
 May 15th at 11:00 am.

Kindergarten graduation will  
 take place in the Cathedral.

Refreshments will be served following the  
 ceremony. Reminder - at this time we  
 have no children planning on staying af-  
 ter graduation. If your plans have  
 changed and you will need your child to  
 stay after graduation, please notify Ms.  
 Sherri as soon as possible.

## Curriculum Corner with Ms. Alyssa

### How can I help my child learn to cooperate?

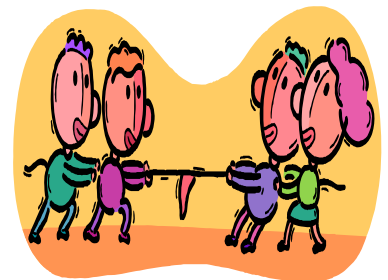
Cooperation is  
 different than  
 compliance-  
 cooperation means a  
 joint effort,  
 give-and-take.

We can nurture a  
 cooperative spirit in  
 children by helping  
 them understand how  
 our requests and rules  
 are good for every-  
 one.

Here are some ideas to  
 try at home:

- \*Practice taking turns
- \*Do chores together,  
 starting at a young age
- \*Offer two acceptable  
 choices
- \*Solve problems  
 together
- \*Explain reasons for rules  
 and limits

When children learn  
 how to cooperate, they  
 are better equipped to  
 solve conflict, cope  
 with disappointment,  
 and build healthy rela-  
 tionships!



# News Flash



**Washing Hands** - 1st step to preventing the spread of illness. We are asking parents to help by washing their hands and their children's hands as you enter the classroom.



**Over the Counter Medications** will be suspended during this time to allow for early detection of possible illness. We thank you for your cooperation in adhering to our 24 hour fever free policy with out the aid of medication. The earliest symptoms can help us detect the possibility of contagious illnesses.



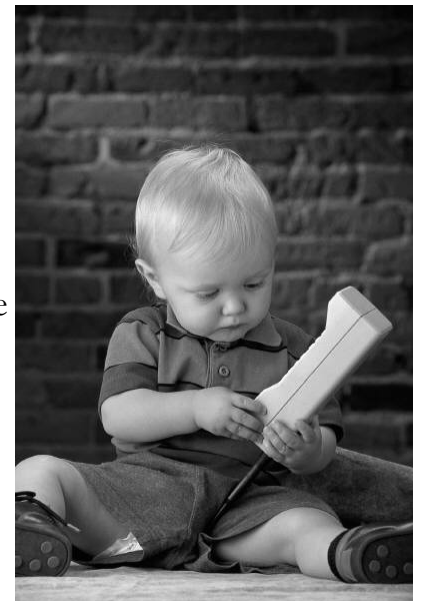
## Food Helpful Hints

Avoid sharing foods with other children. We limit the possibility of cross contamination and problems due to food allergies by keeping food brought from home for you child only. Please remember we are a nut free zone. No foods containing any type of nuts may be brought to school.

## Communication

Communication is essential in helping us to plan and protect the well being of all students, families, teachers and staff of the school. If your child is out with an illness, please notify us at your earliest convenience so we can post Parent Alerts and notify the classrooms of the situation. Often times, the school may not be notified and we may have several cases of an illness before other parents have been alerted.

Communication is our best line of defense. Our phones and email services are in operation 24/7.



# Cathedral House Splash Days are almost here!



Be sure to purchase your  
Cathedral House t-shirt  
to show your school spirit on  
Friday Splash Days this summer!

**\$10.00 for children**

**\$12.00 for adults**

**1<sup>st</sup> Splash Day is**

**Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>!**

Make checks payable to CHES/PTF.

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