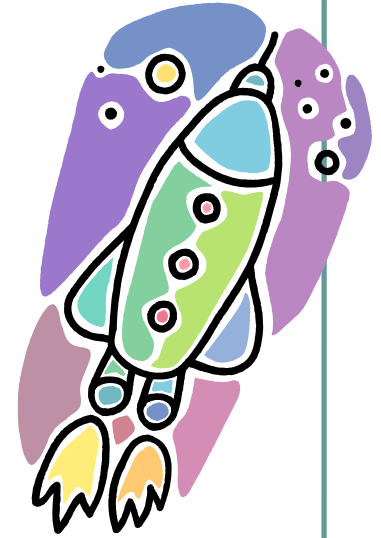


CATHEDRAL HOUSE NEWS

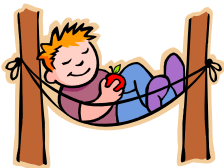
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2010: The Odyssey Continues

Our school year theme, *2010: The Odyssey Continues* has us heading to the moon, learning about outer space, our planets, what our future travel may be like and so much more. Each month our studies will include songs, activities, art projects and lessons. For the month of September, we will study the Solar System. We are very excited to explore the universe we live in. So hold on tight as we blast off to another fun year at Cathedral House!



Important Dates this month...



Monday, September 7th

Cathedral House will be CLOSED
for the Labor Day Holiday

Friday, September 11th: Patriot Day

Wear red, white and blue to show support of our country on this special day of prayer and remembrance.



Mark you calendars for upcoming events:

Friday, October 30th - Fall Festival

Thursday, November 19th - Family Feast

Thursday, December 17th - Holiday Program

Winter Break - School Closed, 12/24/09 - 1/3/10

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Dear Parents,

Each August, as we plan for the new school year, we assess the needs of our programs and services. In addition to the physical elements of the operation we take special consideration in addressing the needs of our teachers and staff. As a whole the materials, supplies and resources invested in our teachers and staff allow us to maintain a high quality early learning environment for the young children and families we serve.

With this being said, we recognize that the recent economic challenges may have impacted the lives of the families we serve and have decided to delay our anticipated tuition increase until January, 2010.

As always we appreciate your continued support and consideration and look forward to answering any questions, comments or concerns you might have. Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Teri Jackson

Batter Up!

The **1st** annual Cathedral House
Teacher vs. Mommy
Softball Game
Saturday, October 10th!

Parents that are still interested please see the Mommy team captain Amber Branum (Grace from Toddler I's mom) All proceeds will go towards our new playground. Don't miss it!



Grandparents Rule!

Cathedral House children have had a tremendous support from their grandparents in helping us raise funds for our new playground. We have been overwhelmed with their kinds notes and generous donations. We can not thank them enough.

As we continue to receive funds from grandparents, we have a special treat in store. For information on how grandparents can be involved, please contact Ms. Teri or Lizzette Palmer, our Playground Chair via the school at 713-222-2482.



Keep Us Informed!

As you make scheduled doctor visits and they include updated immunizations, flu shots or physicals, please ask for a copy of your child's records. We need all updated information.

If you are moving to a new job, a new house or a new internet provider, please make sure we have your new information.

If you are changing pick up routines with additional family or friends, please make sure we have that contact information.

As you are expecting additional siblings in your family, please make sure we have you on the wait list.

All of these items, ensure we have the information needed for licensing requirements and to keep you informed as well.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Thank You, Thank You!



A huge “thank you” goes out to all the Cathedral House families for making our Playground Capital Campaign Kick-Off Dinner such a success! A very special “thanks” goes out to our Playground Chair, Lizzette Palmer, our Helping Hands committee for underwriting the cost and arranging for Collina’s Italian Restaurant to cater the food. We appreciate their help in giving us a first class meal at a reduced price for the

A special thank you goes to all our teachers and classrooms for adding their unique way of contributing to raising funds for the playground campaign.

Spanish Club



Thanks to Ms. Patricia for donating her time to do Spanish lessons on Fridays. All

tuition raised by the club will go to the playground capital campaign.

A Cloudy Chance of Meatballs

Thanks to our Primary teachers will be hosting a movie day for some very lucky children to go see this children’s favorite story adapting into a soon to be released movie. All proceeds will benefit the playground capital campaign.

Tender Loving Care Desserts

Our Kindergarten teachers and children will be baking and distributing special treats to increase the funds being raised.

Thank you Kindergarten Class!

Pennies for Playground!

What an overwhelming success story this has been. Our sincere thank you goes to every child and every parent who brought in their loose change to benefit our efforts for a new playground. We will celebrate with a school wide ice cream party on Thursday, September 10th at 3:30 pm. Please feel free to join us in the celebration.

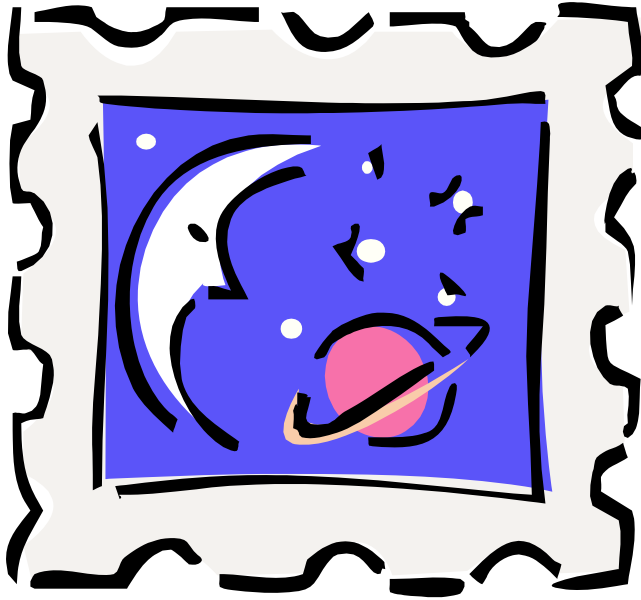
The winner is.....

Primary I	\$500.00
Primary II	\$375.00
Kindergarten	\$300.00
Toddler II	\$265.00
Toddler I	\$ 220.00
Movement II	\$165.00
Movement I	\$135.00
Nursery I	\$65.00
Nursery II	\$50.00
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Grand Total	\$2075.00



**These amounts have been rounded to nearest \$ amount.*

Nursery Department News



We will bring this year's theme into the Nursery Department using books, songs, finger plays and art experiences. Look for books like *Goodnight Moon* and *Hey Diddle, Diddle*. Listen for songs that are old favorites like "Twinkle, Twinkle" and new songs like "Mr. Sun/Mr. Moon." Keep your eyes out for art we will be making with our hands and/or feet that will be displayed around the classroom! This year our rooms are sure to be completely spaced out!

This month, we welcomed Ms. Michelle Rosas to our Nursery Department. For those who remember Ms. Janette, Michelle came highly recommended with years of experience of caring for her own children and children in her home. We are so pleased she could join our Cathedral House family.

Nursery I News

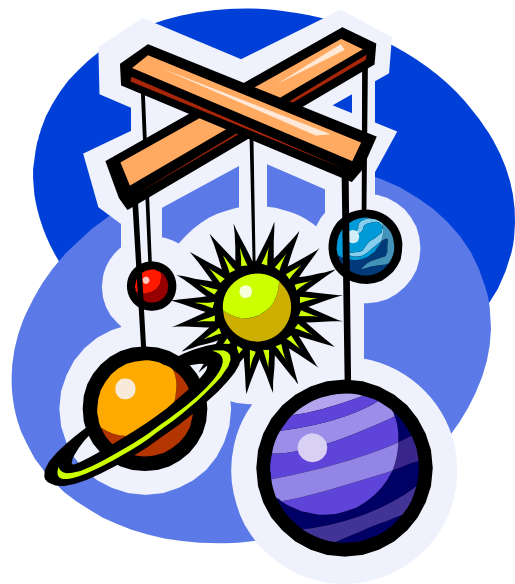
We welcome Gregory to our busy little class this month! We are looking forward to getting to know him and his family. Our babies are learning so much. Logan has recently grown two teeth, and he loves to show them when he smiles and talks. Owen is learning to play with his hands, and also loves to smile and talk. Sawyer is happy and smiley— he talks, reaches and grabs for toys, and is starting to roll over. Amelia is talking a lot too— she likes to watch the other children and she also enjoys rides outside in the bye-bye buggy! Sophia is a busy little one— she is sweet and precious with a lot of spunk! Carter has become such a relaxed, happy little guy. He sits up and can reach for things around him to play with. Hudson is very confident sitting up too. He is beginning to enjoy his tummy time, and he is learning to clap his hands! Jacob also enjoys his tummy time, and he is becoming more confident and sturdy as he sits up. Soon, our older babies will be transitioning to Nursery II! The summer went by so fast, but we are looking forward to a fun school year.



Nursery II News

August was a great month! Many of our friends discovered how to walk around the room. It won't be long before we have a few track stars!

We also discovered that we can make animal sounds! *Animal Sounds* is a book we read throughout the summer and had fun sounding like a cow, horse, duck and pig in July and August. You can continue our lessons too, if you'd like! Try singing "Old MacDonald" at home or in the car, and wait for your child to make the noises! What a fun way to wrap up our "farm-tastic" summer.



Movement Department News



Movement I News

What's going on in Movement I?

Lots of learning and having fun.

We said goodbye to 5 handsome boys and learned to work puzzles and share our toys.

On Fridays, we enjoyed a special popsicle treat and our friend Brielle we were happy to meet.

She and her family are new to our school. Matthew wears shoes on his hands because he thinks it looks cool.

Aubrey found a spot to hide; Ethan and Emmett like going for a ride.

We enjoy our bonding and playing with friends because in Movement I, the fun never ends!

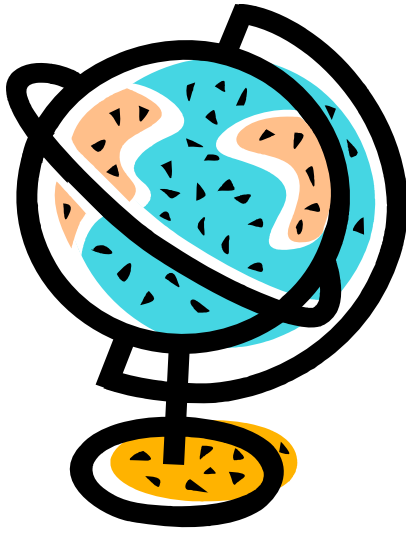


Movement II News

Thank you Mr. Aaron, we are so excited about our new Learning Center! We use it when we learn new songs to sing and when we learn about our colors. We also use it for vocabulary development. There are some great picture cards to help us as we are learning about emotions.

Also, we had so much fun at Gymnastics this month! Check out all of the things we can do...





Toddler Department News



Toddler I News

August was well spent in the classroom. The children are doing a phenomenal job during work time; we are seeing great work cycles as well as good transitions. Our new members Trace, Charlotte, Callie, and Jane are having a blast trying out new lessons and keeping up with the big boys and girls in Toddler I. This month, we are sad to say “goodbye” to our friend Cole, who will be attending another school close to home. We wish him the best in his new adventure. Summer is over and it’s time to change our batteries and get ready for a school year full of adventures with our theme “the Odyssey Continues.” During the month of September, we will be discussing the Solar System: its planets and galaxies. We are very excited to start our Odyssey. To stay with the theme in our Spanish class, we will be talking about *planetas*, *galaxias*, and *el Sistema Solar*. New words will be posted on the door as in the past. New parents are encouraged to call Ms. Patricia for a parent-teacher orientation.

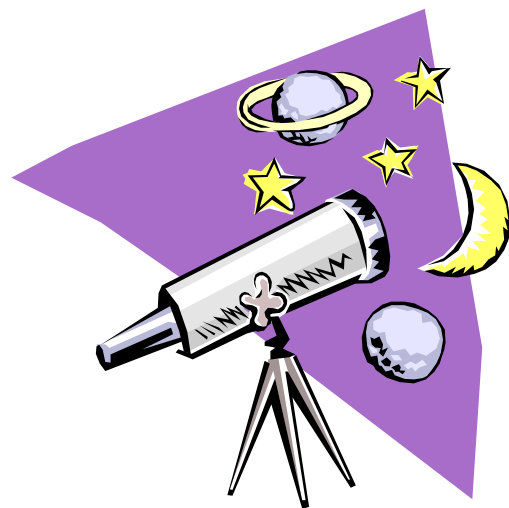


Toddler II News

Once again, the summer months have come to an end and we have to say goodbye to some of our sweetest and dearest friends. Elizabeth Black, Reese Mason, and Matthew Dampf all left us during the month of August and they will be sorely missed. We wish them all the best at their new schools!

Did you bring in your pennies? We did! The children were very dedicated and excited about bringing in their money and did an awesome job contributing their pennies, quarters, and dollars for the rebuilding of our playground.

In the classroom this month, we will continue to focus on building fine motor and gross motor skills, expanding vocabulary and reasoning skills, as well as giving your children lots of opportunities to build relationships so that they can grow emotionally and socially. Check out some of the Montessori lessons we have done this month!





Kindergarten News

Thanks to Alex Tripp and her family for making our summer "Farm-tastic" adventure exciting and fun. They have shared washboards, horseshoes, cowbells, and this bee smoker that belonged to her great grandfather. We learned why this bee smoker was used and how to use it. Thanks, Alex, for a wonderful demonstration.



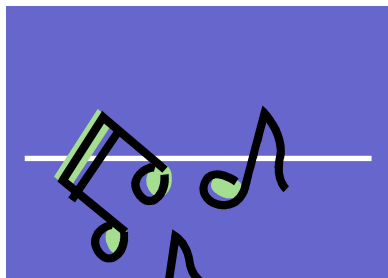
Be on the lookout for this year's exciting theme of "2010: The Odyssey Continues."

Primary News

We have had a fun-filled summer. We learned about farm life and farm animals, as well as having delicious donuts with our dads and going to VBS. Splash days were a splash and the children are eagerly counting down the days until next summer's splash days. We cannot wait to start our journey through the new school year with lots of adventures along the way. We will be sending out Scholastic book orders every month—reading to your child is one of the best things to prepare them for school. In addition to creating a love of books, reading to children builds important language skills. Order forms are to be turned into our class, checks made payable to Scholastic Book Clubs.



Birthdays this month:



September 1st:	Rhys P.	3 years old
September 5th:	Katerina L.	3 years old
September 10th:	Michael Paul	4 years old
September 12th:	Alex F.	1 year old
September 20th:	Lincoln L.	2 years old
September 24th:	Livvy N.	5 years old
September 30th:	Zoe K.	1 year old

Also celebrating this month:

Ms. Mary, Toddler II, on September 6th

Ms. Maria C, Housekeeping & Cook, on September 8th

Ms. Virginia, Movement II, on September 17th

Curriculum Corner

How do I help my child become a good communicator?

Here are a few ideas to try:

Be the narrator! Talk about what you are doing as you go about your daily routines, label objects. Talk about what your child is doing too– this helps associate words with actions and names with objects.

Watch and listen! Even before a child can speak, look for non-verbal forms of communication such as eye contact, facial expressions, and gestures such as reaching and pointing. Responding to these cues shows your child that you understand his attempts to communicate and that he should keep trying.

Focus on feelings! Label and describe feelings as they come up. Point out the facial expressions that go along with different feelings. This will help your child to recognize and describe feelings.

Expand and build! When your child is learning to talk, use what she says and expand on it or add to it.

Pretend! Encourage and model pretend play with your child. This requires symbolic thinking, a necessary skill for language development.

Read together! Not only is reading a great time for building language, it is a great time for building relationships!