



APRIL 2009 NEWSLETTER

Message from the Directors

It looks as if Spring is really here, or is this just another April Fool's prank. With still having snow fall last week you can never be sure. All of us at Superkids are anxious for better, sunnier weather and the chance to see the lovely changes in nature that springtime always brings. March was filled with much learning about Mother Nature, how plants grow, how caterpillars magically become butterflies, and how we can help keep our planet beautiful.

We all started off the month learning about many green things- trees, grass, seeds, buds, shamrocks and Leprechauns. Oh yes, there was a bit of Saint Patrick's Day mayhem from these little visitors. They made some messes, hid toys, shrunk Ms. Andrea's guitar, but did leave some delicious green treats under the rainbow. Funny thing was, was that these yummy green cookies turned everyone's tongue green! See our photos showing off all the green mouths on Green Day. The day continued with singing about everything green and dancing an Irish jig. Watch out, we have some future River Dancers in the school! We also made Shamrocks; ate many green foods such as kiwis, green apples, spinach, and green cream cheese; and of course there were attempts made to catch those Leprechauns.



With all this green business going on, we were well on our way for the start of Spring. All the Superkids have been busy learning about seeds, how to plant them, and what a plant needs to grow. We have learned songs, read books, done activities, and have even begun making our garden grow. In preparation for Earth day, all the children planted flowers which they will be taking care of.

Everyone was also introduced to the concepts of recycling, reusing, and reducing in order to help our environment. On our Earth Day, each class walked to the recycling booths and played a selecting game with Angela. They had to pull something out of a bag and figure out what it was, and where it should go. All of the children did a great job sorting plastic, paper, aluminum and glass. Now we all know that not everything is "trash" and that every bit that we can recycle or reuse helps.



April Themes and Events

March 30-April 3: Spring Week, Yellow Week, and Farm Animals

April 2: Pre-K and Kindergarten trip to the Wild Animal Park, bus leaves 9:30

April 3: Yellow Day - Dress in yellow and celebrate all things that are yellow!

April 6-10: Easter

April 9: Easter celebration: Egg dyeing, basket making, an egg hunt, and treats from the Easter Bunny

April 10-17: Spring Break - School closed. Enjoy your Spring Vacation!

April 20-24: International Week
Study of the continents, countries, different cultures and eating habits

April 24th: International Festival
10-12pm Parents invited

Superkids International Festival is the largest celebration of the year, where we celebrate all the nations represented at our school. It is a time to share our culture, costumes, and delicious ethnic dishes with one another. There will be singing, dancing, games and activities, and of course, FOOD. Tables will be set up in the garden for displays of flags, photographs, costumes, and traditional food from each country. We hope that you can join us. Please bring an ethnic dish to share.

April 27-30: Healthy eating

May 1st: Labor Day- school closed

Notices

Registration Questionnaire

We ask all our parents to please fill out the questionnaire given to you and return to Barbara, whether or not you will be returning. This will help us to form classes for next year. Registration for 2009/2010 will begin after spring break.

International Festival: Volunteers Needed

We will need volunteer parents to help with many of the activities that will be set up in the garden. Help is needed supervising children at the bouncing castle, face painting, fishing, basketball, and other games. We appreciate any help that we can get. Please see Angela if you are interested in helping.

Garden Clean-up

Now that Spring is here we have gotten many new garden toys and equipment. We have been teaching the children about cleaning up the garden and putting away the toys in a locked shed when we are not in the garden. Clean up times are 11:50am and 3:50pm. We ask those of you using the garden after hours to please respect the clean-up times and help keep our garden clean and our toys safe. Thank you.

Excursions in May

Please be advised of the following trips coming up in May.

May 19: Zoo trip for Pre-K and K.

May 21: Wildlife Park for Nursery.

May 26: Planetarium trip for Pre-K and K.

In all cases, children need to be at school by 8:45 to eat snack. Bus leaves at 9:30 promptly. Any children not here at that time will have to spend the day with another class or you will have to provide transportation for them to the parks.

Recycle, Reduce and Reuse

Superkids is continuing to recycle things used at school. We have begun reducing by installing a water filter in the school to give the children fresh drinking water instead of using bottled water. We would like to ask your help in encouraging your child to collect items that can be reused, and bring them back to school, where they will be used for many types of projects. Everyday household items have many uses. Vases can be made out of bottles and jars; tissue boxes make great baskets, egg cartons and toilet rolls make flowers, insects and other animals; newspaper and meat trays can be used for paper-mache projects; soap bits can be placed in old stockings and used for easy and no mess hand washing; and cans can be turned into pencil holders. These are just some examples, but the list can go on. Please ask your teacher if there are any items in particular that you could save, and not throw away.

April Songs

GOOD MORNING TO THE SUN

Good morning to the sun,
Good morning to the hills,
Good morning to the chickies and the hen
Good morning to the rooster
Good morning to the cow
Good morning to the piggies in the pen
I say good morning, good morning to
everything in sight
And when I am finished it's time to say
Good night to the sun, good night to the
hills, good night to the chickies and the
hen.... I say good night, good night to
everything in sight and when I am
finished it's time to say good morning to
the sun, etc. (End with "It's time to say
Good Night!")

MR. SUN

Oh Mister Sun, Sun, Mister Golden Sun,
Please shine down on me.

Oh Mister Sun, Sun, Mister Golden Sun,
Hiding behind a tree.

These little children are asking you
To please come out so we can play with
you.

Oh Mister Sun, Sun, Mister Golden Sun,
Please shine down on me.

IT'S A SMALL WORLD

It's a world of laughter, a world of tears,
It's a world of hopes and a world of fears.
There's so much that we share that it's
time we're aware
It's a small world after all. (repeat 4x)

There is just one moon and one golden
sun,
And a smile means friendship to everyone.
Though the mountains divide and the
oceans are wide,
It's a small world after all. (repeat 4x)

WE'VE GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN OUR HANDS

We've got the whole world in our hands.
(4x)
We've got the air and the water in our
hands...
We've got the birds and the fish in our
hands...
We've got the trees and the river in our
hands...
We've got our mommies and our daddies...
We've got our brothers and our sisters...
We've got everybody here in our hands...
We've got the whole world in our hands!