



# THE SCHOOL SHED

APRIL 2010

## Message From the Director

It's April and we are back in full swing. Welcome back for those that were out for the break; teachers as well as our students. I was in the classroom during Spring break teaching while some of our teachers took some time off. I loved every minute of it and forgot how much I miss it. I was amazed to see how much growth many of our children have made, especially those that have been with us for three years. Those that started with us on day one, they seemed like mere babies and now they will be moving on to kindergarten.

This month brings "April Showers" as our theme. We will continue with spring topics such as wind, pond life, rain, and chicks. We will also start the month out with a spring celebration and egg hunt.

We have watched our ladybugs, worms and caterpillars go through their life cycle and we have a wonderful ant farm that the children can view.

I'm looking forward to this month's theme and all the changes that take place. By the end of the month, metamorphosis will be a household word!

Our portraits are in and they look amazing!!

## Terrific Transition

The transition from preschool to kindergarten can be a stressful time for any child as well as the family. It means new friends and different people, different rules and expectations, new routines and adapting to a completely different environment. There are several things that you can do to help make this transition a smooth and stress free one.

- ◆ Avoid saying, "Don't worry, you'll be fine." Believe it or not, this can cause even more anxiety in a child. Instead try validating your child's feelings and asking them how they feel. For example, "I get a little scared when I go to new places. Are you a little scared too?"
- ◆ Have some closure with preschool friends and continue relationships by having play days. It's important for children to understand that just because preschool has ended, the friendships don't have to.
- ◆ Attend "Parent Night." This gives your child a preview of the classroom and helps with the "unknown" of who their teacher will be. Talk about what you saw. "I really liked how the teacher had your name on the train. What did you like about your new classroom?"
- ◆ Check out books from the library on kindergarten. Talk about what sorts of things are happening in the pictures and how this might relate to real life.
- ◆ Role play with your child. Try setting up a small class like setting. Let your child be the teacher. Or maybe you try being the teacher and ask your child what it feels like to be at school the first day." Let them know it can be scary for the teacher too!
- ◆ Try to find out as much about your child's classroom/teacher as possible. Don't be afraid to ask questions. Find out what sort of routine they follow, what form of discipline they may use, etc...

Feel free to give me a call or stop by my desk if you have any further concerns or questions.



## Summer Day Camp

Our summer day camp is in the works. The staff and I came up with many ideas and so now we must vote on them. We just don't have enough weeks in the summer to experience all we have to offer. Our summer camp program will run for seven weeks, June 7th through July 23rd. The program is from 9-12 M-F. Each week will be a different theme. If your child currently attends extended care, there is no need to register for summer camp. Extended Care will participate in the same summer themed activities as the day camp. More info to follow in the weeks to come.

\$75 per week, no registration fee

We are licensed for children ages 3 years - 7 years 0 months



## WELCOME BACK

Ms. Alison and Ms. Olivia.

We Missed You!!

Ms. Alison has returned. She was out following

the Haiti earthquake and then to care for her daughter, Ms. Olivia after a near fatal infection. Glad you are back. Ms. Olivia is expected to return April 12, 2010. We are so glad that you are feeling better. Welcome back!

## Spring Fling and Egg Hunt!!

Each classroom will be having a Spring party with an egg hunt. The times and days are as follows:

**Room #1** Thursday and Friday April 8 & 9 10:30 & 2:30

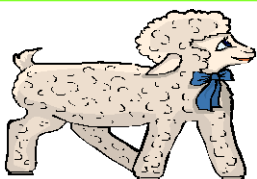
**Room #2** Thursday and Friday April 8 & 9 10:00 & 2:00

**Room #3** Thursday, April 8th they will be having a luncheon. Your child does not need a lunch that day.

Please keep an eye out for needed items.

Each classroom will be having an Egg Hunt.

**As always, parents you are welcome to attend.**



With spring comes baby animals. Katelyn Weaver will be bringing her baby lamb to school on Wednesday, April 21. Great photo opportunity. We will let you know the time when we get closer to the date.

## Happy Birthday to You!!

Chase 4/4

Jamie 4/5

Ian 4/8

Logan S. 4/9

Ms. Jules 4/16

Jacob 4/16

Lorren B. 4/20

Keegan 4/22



## Silly Sayings



While having a conversation with Erica, Bryce said, "I'm going to marry two people." Erica replied, "You can't marry two people, that would be an emergency."

After the Lucky Leprechaun visited our classrooms and made a very big mess, Lindsey shouted, "Now that was awesome walking through that mess."

When Amelia's marker ran out of ink she informed Ms. Jen that her pen was "out of control."

During the class photos we recently took, Matthew looked down at himself and said, "Hey, I kinda like this outfit."

Sophia came all dressed up for her spring pictures. Ms. Sharon complemented her and told her she liked Sophia's crown. Sophia pleasantly corrected Ms. Sharon with, "It's not a crown. It's a tiara."

Keegan was sitting on the chair waiting patiently for his turn to take his picture. We decided we would rhyme some words. He said, "Ms. Tanya, I know what rhymes with octopus; rocktopus!" He was so proud.

## CRAZY DAYS

Wear your socks inside out, turn your shirt around and mess up your hair. We are having crazy dress up day on Thursday, April 15th and Friday, April 16th. Don't forget!!

## Baby Lamb

# MOM'S MARKET

You're Invited for Fun Demonstrations, Tempting Treats, Gift Giving Ideas,

Hands-on Crafting, Pampering & So Much More!

Refreshments,  
Samples and  
Desserts to  
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Date ~ Sunday April 11, 2010

Time ~ 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Location ~ Universal Kempo Karate  
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