



# Kachemak Kids

Early Learning Center

5/9/08

## News and Stories

### THE SUN WILL COME OUT

It might not be warm and sunny yet, but it is certainly less cold and the kids have certainly noticed. Getting ready to get outside now takes minutes instead of hours and the kids seem like they'd be happy to stay out there all day if they could. Lately, they have been observing everything in the playground. The rocks offer a great opportunity for tactile experiences as well as a treasure hunting game as they try to find the most beautiful stone on the playground.



Construction and flight seeing season has begun too and the kids stop what they are doing to watch every truck and plane go by. Even though many of the kids wind up

getting too warm in their coats after they have been running around, please be sure to send your child with a coat. Hats and gloves usually aren't needed anymore but they won't hurt anything.



### EEEEWWBLICK

We added another exciting and entirely disgusting experience to the classroom this week with something educators refer to as "ooblick". Mixing water, corn starch and food coloring offered great



joy and fascination as the substance first clumped in a ball and then oozed through their fingers.



### **PAINTING CARS**

The kids enjoyed playing with the toy cars in a different way this week. Their cars raced back and forth in slick paint and then left interesting line designs on cut out

shapes that they came up with.



### **TINKER TOYS**

Many parents have had a blast from the past when they came in the classroom and saw the children playing with those oh-so-familiar toys from their youths; tinker toys.



The only thing is that these tinker toys are giant size for small hands to more easily handle them. Cars, rockets, and even ice cream dispensers have been a few of the inventions that have emerged.

### **MOTHER'S DAY**

"Momma Do You Love Me?" by Barbara M. Joose led us on a discussion of just how much our mothers and grandmothers love us and how much they deserve our appreciation and adoration. The kids were excited to tell us about



some of the things they were going to do to show their mommies how much they cared. We won't tell you though because it might spoil the surprise. We will say though that many of them decided to take some time to draw or color pictures for the women they love.

### **PLANTING SEEDS**

Deborah Brown (Annalynn's mom) came in on Friday and brought in her own idea too! She planted sunflower seeds with the kids in plastic cups. What a wonderful



springtime activity it was as we first read and discussed the book "Sunflower House" by Eve Bunting.



## PARENT TIME

Thanks to Deborah Brown, Diane McBride and Kate Rich for helping out in the classroom this week. Thank also to Karen Weston and Patty Forquer for tasty and healthy snacks. Patty is also going to be doing lots of cleaning this weekend. Emilie Otis also helped keep our school clean and our kids healthy by cleaning the bathrooms. Thanks everyone!



## New/Important Parent Time Opportunities

- Repair the small wooden chairs (gluing will do) and thoroughly clean the plastic chairs.
- Fill buckets with sand from the beach for the sand box on the playground.
- Clean the Fridge Out-Look at expiration dates of perishables and icky veggies. Throw them out. Its worth as much time as you put into it.
- During Parent Time in the Classroom, do a process oriented project with a mass produced product that can serve as a fundraiser opportunity such as making recycled crayons, printed cards, tie dyed shirts etc.

The **CURRENT** parent sign up sheet is at the bottom of this newsletter. Please notice the highlighted opportunities. These

are the things that we feel are the most needed. To sign up, please use the binder at the front door.

### Some Things We Need

- Laptop computer
- Egg Cartons
- Picnic table
- Fruit Dehydrator

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

This weekend and next week:

- Parent To Parent Class with Paul Story
  - Mondays April 28<sup>th</sup>, May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup>
  - At McNeil Canyon School 5:30-8pm

## Notes to Parents

At pick up time, please keep an eye out at your child's cubby as there may be a note taped up, letting you know that your child needs extra clothes, diapers or the like.

Also, please check your folder at the front door to see the amazing things your child has made for you or any notes we may be sending out.

## Articles of Interest

We all know that parenting and otherwise caring for children can

be downright exhausting. At night, you are surely ready to zonk out but somehow, your child is doing ballet on the ceiling. I think that we are all also aware of the ways that sleep patterns change with the growing light and warmer temperatures. Two weeks ago, you may have read the article about sleep deprivation. This week, you can read a bit about some ideas for getting your intelligent and resistant child to bed when they are sorely in need of sleep. Check out this link.

<http://babyparenting.about.com/od/sleeping/a/bedtimeresist.htm>

PARENT TIME OPPORTUNITIES

FOR WEEK OF May 12, 2008

DATE	12	13	14	15	16	
Task	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Flexible Day
AM Aide					Glasman	
PM Aide						
Clean Animal Cages			TOBIN		ZATZ	
Snack	WALLS	TOBIN				
Community Events Board						
Newsletter Blurb						
Special Projects *						
Clean Bathrooms						
Clean Fridge						
Toy Sanitizing						
Laundry					RICH	
Buy Out						