



# HAPPENINGS

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"Learn to see the world through your child's eyes. Give up the illusion that your child is a miniature adult. You promote a child's growth better by embracing immaturity than by fighting it."

-Martha & William Phipper

Welcome back! Start of a new school year!

Welcome to all our new enrollments and to those who took the summer off. We are sure glad to see you all and we pray for a wonderful year ahead of us!

A warm welcome to our GREAT team - the staff members: Thank you for doing such a superb job 😊

## Summer Was Such Fun!!

The children loved their water days this summer! A big thank you to Ms. Anila, Ms. Ivette, Ms. Jonnie, Ms. Kimberly R., & Ms. Jessica for coordinating this awesome and fun activity.



## Parent Appreciation Evening;

**Save the Social date!**

Friday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009 from 5:00- 6:30 pm

You are cordially invited to our **Parent Appreciation Evening**. Come and meet other parents and enjoy a social time with everyone.

## Classroom Happenings:

**Pre-Primary I** class studied and appreciated nature by going through the play ground collecting things they could find in nature and what a collection they had! From twigs, dead leaves, plants, roots and flowers to different types of rocks. They also got to learn about reptiles and life cycle of frog through stories, puzzles and sequence cards. They loved doing their snake project. From reptiles and frogs they went to learn about life in the ocean and birds and enjoyed doing respective projects learning about the parts of bird and fish.

**Pre-primary II** has a new classroom pet called "Skippy". Neither an ant nor a lion, this curious insect gets its name because its larva is so fierce of other insects, especially of fire ants. Ant lions are beneficial because they eat fire ants, for more info. on ant lions go to - antlionpit.com. We also have a parts of the ant lion paper that the children enjoy doing. Thank you to all students and parents who donated Capri juice containers for the classroom apron. The juice containers are very sturdy and made a strong fabric for our apron. Ms. Kimberly is surely very creative!



Almira wearing this unique apron!

## Classroom Happenings....cont.

**Infants:** The earliest moments in life, the first minutes and hours, are the most impressionable for infant and parent. This is the time when the basic instincts of parenting are awakened, and bonding begins. It is the time when the infant develops feelings of trust in those around him, and a feeling that our world is a happy place to be. The single most important element in a infant's environment is the loving wisdom of the adult. Nothing material can substitute for time and attention during these early months and years.

**Toddlers I** class had awesome time learning about all the different zoo animals and their sounds.

Amazingly the children were able to master most of the different sounds in just a few days! Some of our other activities included, finger painting, making music shakers for our marching band, color flash cards, coloring pictures of zoo animals and the sand box and feeling the sand in between their toes. A few of our favorite books this summer were Farmer Jed, Dora's animals and my first phonic's sound book. Song's included were farmer in the dell, head, shoulder, knees and toes, itsy bitsy spider and ABC's. Please join us for the month of August as we learn about different musical instruments.

**Toddlers II** class has been working on with practical life activities which includes spooning, pouring, using large tongs, using a funnel as well as table setting, flower arranging, and baby washing. Baby washing is one of their favorite activities. We have also been working quite a bit on language; this includes circle time as well as the shelf work. Circle time is another activity that the children love. Reading books, singing, language bag activities as well as gross motor movements.



Aubrey and Olivia being  
"Mini Mothers"

Alex so engrossed!

August 17-21 is our school curriculum on safety and strange danger. Some of the things children will learn is about Gun Safety: What to do if they come across a real gun, What to do if they catch on fire, How to call 911 and when. Stranger Danger: we will role play some stranger danger tactics that child predators use to abduct children. We will do this for our creative dramatics class. Who is a stranger? Recognizing and handling dangerous situations, learn to be assertive. Animal Safety: Dangerous animals/bugs: black widow, brown recluse, & more, what does it look like. Please, talk to your child about safety, fire, strange danger at home. We suggest you get your child familiar with your home and cell phone for dialing 911 (incase for an emergency).

## Car Safety Reminder

Please make sure you buckle up your child safely inside the car seat when driving. Following the laws is vital and very important for his/her safety. Putting them in the front seat should be avoided, even for short trip!

## Extra Curriculum Classes

We are offering extra curriculum classes starting Sept. The classes available are Karate, Dance, Gymnastic, and Spanish. The earlier students start learning a second language, the more likely they are to become proficient and speak the language. New research is showing just how children's brains can become bilingual so easily, findings that scientists hope eventually could help the rest of us learn new language a bit easier. Each language uses a unique set of sounds. Scientists now know babies are born with the ability to distinguish all of them, but that ability starts weakening even before they start talking, by the first birthday.

## We Recycle - give us your junk

Please keep us in mind the next time you start to toss out hats, belts, socks, ribbon, jeans shorts/pants, items that can be used as a purse strap, clothing w/buttons, stretch pants, sweat shirts, junk mail envelopes, magnets and much more.... We use all these items for our wrist band sewing, purse/bag sewing, puppet making, hat making and head band sewing to name a few.