



the Parents Press



Duke Memorial Weekday School

May 2011



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Your
Calendar

Spring Book Fair

May 3rd – 5th

Last Day for Lunch Bunch

May 13th

Kindergarten Play

May 18th @ 11:00am

Last Day of School

May 24th

DMWS Summer Camp

July 18th – 22nd

2011 - 2012 Parent

Orientation

Sept. 1st @ Noon

First Day of School

Sept. 6th



From the Desk of...

*Susan
Grubbs*

Dear Parents,

I cannot believe that the school year is quickly coming to an end! It has been a great year! It started off with our 60th anniversary ice cream party in September and the dedication of the DMWS Butterfly Garden and will end with the annual Kindergarten Play. In between we had a great Fall Gathering and an awesome Carnival and Silent Auction and the butterfly release for all of the classes.

A huge THANK YOU to the Parents' Council for all of the support they have provided this year. It has been a pleasure to work with everyone. DMWS will reap the rewards of your hard work for quite some time!

If your time at DMWS has come to an end we wish you and your family all the best. Thank you for letting all of us have a role in your child's journey. If you are returning in the fall we look forward to seeing you then.

Have a safe and wonderful summer !!!

Susan Grubbs



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Mrs. Powell & Mrs. Collins Three Day 3's

by Amy Oakley

It must be Spring because Spring is written all over the décor of Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Powell's Three day 3's Class. Beautiful butterflies made by our precious preschoolers are hanging from the ceiling and in the hall, an umbrella tree on one wall speaks to April showers and a few lingering "grass head" projects sit in the window sill. On the other window sill Easter bags decorated by the children are lined up waiting for the egg hunt later that morning.



When I arrived at the class on the Friday before spring break, it was free time. Future architects, William, Vivi, Alex, Brandon and Ryan were building impressive structures with Magna-Tiles. Jordan and Bailey were in the back corner at the self directed art area while Gavin, Iris and Mitch were working on an Easter Basket craft with Mrs. Collins. Shortly after I arrived, Isaiah rang the bell and announced clean up and circle time.

Circle time started off with a catchy tune and then the class quickly identified that Elliot was missing from class that morning. *EVERYONE* had something to say in circle time including several announcements regarding various grandparents' arrivals as well as several injury reports. Isaiah announced that he would be having a peanut, butter and jelly sandwich after school; all were duly impressed. I was impressed that the children raised their hands during circle time and waited to be called upon and that they all had something to share with their friends. Rotating responsibilities were identified including that William was the Line Leader, Isaiah the Bell Ringer, Jordan the Snack Helper, Iris the Weather Watcher and Bailey was the Caboose for the day. Mitch was the Teacher's Helper which responsibilities included choosing the snack time blessing (the Johnny Appleseed blessing thank you very much!). While in circle time, the children all reviewed the calendar with Mrs. Collins and correctly identified the month, the day of the week and the day and Iris astutely relayed the current weather conditions and posted them on the board. Luckily, it was a beautiful, sunny and warm day, because next on that day's agenda was playground time followed by an Easter Egg hunt on the church's front lawn. The children were thrilled at the hunt as well as the special party snack that followed. It was another fun, filled fabulous day for our budding preschoolers. Thank you Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Powell (and MR. Powell who arrived later that morning with an Easter surprise for each child!)

Mrs. Speight and Mrs. Allman's "Froggy Friends"

By Joanne West



As the year comes to a close for Mrs. Speight and Mrs. Allman's 4 Day Fours, it is amazing to look back and reflect on how far our children have come. Along with the growth of inches, the children have really grown and matured as little people over the school year. With guidance from Mrs. Speight and Mrs. Allman, skills like cutting shapes, writing their names, counting, and mastering the alphabet have all been accomplished on the way to getting ready for kindergarten.

The children have had a busy and fun-filled year. Activities are never lacking in the Froggy Friend's classroom. Some of the centers where the children can explore daily include office, computer, blocks, home living, and art. In addition, every month there were activities based on subjects the children were learning about like the five senses, healthy nutrition and exercise, dental health, and writing. Just before Spring break I had the pleasure to participate in the fun the four year olds had for their Easter party. All of the four year old classes celebrated together in Whitford Hall with Easter themed crafts and games. Afterwards for the Froggy friends, it was on to an Easter egg hunt out on the front lawn and then back to the classroom for a party.

Froggy friends also have a very special way to conclude the school year. Every year, Mrs. Speight and Mrs. Allman's class put on a Big Show where the children get to perform for their families their favorite fairy tales and nursery rhymes. The children have a blast decorating their own costumes and painting scenery in preparation for the show. This year's Big Show will be held on Thursday, May 12th at 11 am in the Bradshaw room.

For many of the children, this will be their last year at Duke Memorial Weekday School. Thank you to Mrs. Speight and Mrs. Allman for being such caring and wonderful teachers and making this past year so memorable. You will be missed.



PARENTS COUNCIL UPDATE

Some Parents' Council positions are still open :

- Fall Gathering Raffle
- Parents Night Out
- Carnival Kitchen Chair



Please email Tiffanie Hoover thoover25@hotmail.com or Kelly Andrew kellyandrew77@gmail.com if you are interested or know someone who would be interested in any of these positions for this upcoming school year.

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Spring Book Fair 2011



DMWS is very excited for the upcoming Usborne Book Fair! Please feel free to stop by and check out the books kids love to read in the Bradshaw Room. The book fair will be Tuesday, May 3rd through Thursday, May 5th from 11am - 1pm. If you are unable to visit the book fair in person you can still show support by shopping the e-fair. To shop online visit www.whatkidslovetoread.com and click on Duke Memorial Weekday School.

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The Parents' Press is published throughout the school year by DMWS Parents' Council. Please send submissions for next year to Laura Lloyd at drago.draco519@gmail.com. The first issue for the 2011-2012 school year will be published in September, so make sure to e-mail Laura by **mid August !!!**

