



MudPies Matters

April 2006



Working Together for a Great Start

...From the Director's Chair

SPRING has SPRUNG!! Isn't spring beautiful? Everything is so fresh and the bright colors just make the world an even prettier place. God's handiwork sure is an awesome work of art! The children are definitely enjoying the warm sunshine. As Spring has Sprung so does many activities and fun MudPies events. Please keep your eyes and ears open for notices both at the front office and in your child's class. WOW! Don't put this newsletter down until you mark your calendars!

"Isn't MudPies GREAT?" The families here continue to astound me with their continued support, involvement and commitment to the children and staff. The Reading Month, *ART to REMEMBER*, and the Raffle ticket sales were very successful. Thanks to everyone who read, bought and/or sold raffle tickets, or purchased an Art to Remember project. The MudPAC committees did a great job in organizing and carrying out all the aforementioned events. The profits helped us to purchase our outdoor storage building for outside toys and equipment. This speaks volumes for your dedication and commitment to the children and teachers here at MudPies and we thank you greatly!

Remember you are a vital part of MudPies and we want your help. Current research has proven that children enjoy a more enriched learning experience when their parents take an active role in their education. So what does this mean for you – volunteer, volunteer, volunteer! Thanks for your continued ongoing support and partnership!

Have a great April and Happy Spring!

Remember a smile goes a long way. ☺

Sandy

Quote of the Month:

...To be able to be caught up into the world of thought – that is being educated.

EDITH HAMILTON (1867-1963) American Educator and Writer



Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendars Now!

April 11	Easter Egg Hunts Ducks, Pandas, Penguins
April 12	Easter Egg Hunts Circus, Ocean, Dinos, Jungle and Space
April 13 & 14	Rain Dates for Easter Egg Hunts
April 20	Spring Portraits All downstairs classrooms & Circus Tykes
April 21	Spring Portraits Space, Jungle, Ocean, Dinos & Siblings
May 11	Spring Portraits Group and GRADUATION
May 20	SPRING FLING



FROM A PARENT'S EYE...

On the morning of March 28, I read to my son's class (Circus Tykes) and played with them outside for a little bit. As I headed back inside to leave, I saw a class coming outside to play and a child pulled the fire alarm. Within a minute, the staff and children were pouring out of the building in a very organized manner but with a sense of urgency. I thought it was amazing to witness these wonderful, caring adults leading the children out, without even knowing if it was a true emergency or just a drill. Thankfully, this was just an unplanned fire drill but I felt really good knowing my child was cared for in such a protective way. I wanted all parents to know about this incident and I hope you get the same 'warm fuzzy' feeling about MudPies!

Way to go Sandy, staff, and teachers!
Beth Johnson

THEME / PROP BOXES:

Hey parents – we are still in need of items for our THEME / PROP BOXES! Please see the list of the themes and suggested items needed for each theme. The teachers have enjoyed utilizing the completed ones so far and we would love to have all of them completed by the end of this year. If you have any questions about these boxes please see one of us in the office! Your contributions and donations are greatly appreciated in advance!

CURRICULUM KITS / THEME BOXES

Help
Wanted

- 🌀 **WHO:** MudPies' families who are willing to donate items that will enhance the growth and development of our children.
- 🌀 **WHY:** The items are needed for our CURRICULUM KITS/THEME BOXES. The kits are collections of different items that teachers and children can use to enhance their weekly lessons and activities. Each box/kit will contain items that relate to the theme for the week. Having real objects helps to enrich and bring to life the theme or focus for the children. There are a total of 34 themes/boxes we want to have available for the teachers to use.
- 🌀 **WHAT:** Used (in good condition) or newly purchased toys, items, and books. You may drop off the items at the front desk.

**THIS IS AN IMPORTANT TOOL FOR THE TEACHERS AND THE CHILDREN
SO WHATEVER YOU DONATE WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

Most of the kits will consist of universal items such as books, puzzles, puppets, posters, games, movies/educational videos, stamps, sponges, soft plastic objects and music CDs. However all items need to relate to a specific theme or topic. Below is a list of specific items that relate directly to a theme.

Again, please note that any and all items are greatly appreciated and will benefit the children and their teachers.



FARM/PETS: plastic/soft animals, vet jacket, food bowl, pet collars, toy farm equipment, bib overalls, play barn and fence



TRANSPORTATION/DINOSAURS: plastic cars, boats, trains, street signs, road/rug mat, train set, dino eggs, habitat carpet, masks, picture/fact sheet



ZOO/SPACE: same as farm/pets, fact cards, toy spaceship, astronaut figures and suit, moon rocks plastic stars, globe and or planets



SESAME STREET/SPORTS: character puppets, different balls, certificate/awards, water bottles, stopwatch, rackets, jump ropes, bats, helmets, foam paddles



NURSERY RHYMES/FAIRY TALES: puppets, puppet stage, flannel board cut outs



SCHOOL & FRIENDS/FAMILIES: multi cultural people, playhouse, chalk, ruler, book bag, dolls, picture cards



FALL/4 SEASONS: Halloween items, cats, pumpkins, fall clothing, leaves, pine cones, pictures, apples, acorns, rain stick, all weather clothing



NUTRITION/5 SENSES: toothbrush, giant tooth model, plastic/soft toy food, posters, picture cards, kaleidoscope, magnifier tripod, magnifying glasses, magnets, sound shakers, different pieces of textured material, binoculars, scratch-n-stiff stickers, flashlight



THANKSGIVING/FEELINGS: Indian corn, Indian head-dress, rain stick, tee-pee, pilgrim hats / clothing and figures, model ship (similar to Mayflower), mirrors, pictures of different facial expressions (sad, happy, crying, angry etc.)



CHRISTMAS & other CULTURAL HOLIDAYS/WINTER: menorah, dreidel, Kwanzaa candle holder, candles, bells, Santa outfit, African instruments, gloves, mittens, scarves, toboggans/hats, plastic or cloth, snowflakes, rubber boots, packing peanuts (pretend snow), ice trays



COMMUNITY HELPERS: fire hat, stethoscope, tooth-brushes, doctors/lab coat, gloves, first aid kit, construction hat, safety glasses, small toy - fire truck ambulance, police car, police hat and badge, ruler, small bell



CIRCUS: popcorn box, stuffed circus animals, hula hoops, top hat, mega phone tutus, cotton (cotton candy)

STAFF STUFF

Congratulations!!

The MudPies staff continues to excel in many ways one of which is achieving PERFECT ATTENDANCE! This helps teach the children about consistency and stability. Keep up the good work guys! A BIG pat on the back to you all!

The following staff had Perfect Attendance during the month of March:

Lillian Moody	Ashley Pinkston
Cha Wilson	Pat Toney
Linda Marshall	Chrissy Choplin
Brandi Inzar	Linda Bertman
Jennifer Wiley	Carlatta Miller
Cynthia Joyner	Adrienne Williams
Kat Johnson	Tiffany Fuller
Carla Reid	Sandy Weaver
Gina Brooks	Cheryl Smith
Donese Gaskins	Wilson Carrillo
Sha Woodard	Peggy Conrad

Happy Anniversary

Pat Toney 5 years April 2

Thanks for the dedication and commitment to our children and their futures!



***Your efforts,
Your time,
Your devotion,
YOU
make such a difference!***

Teacher of the Quarter

Our first 2006 quarter is now over and it is time to get your nominations submitted! Have you seen one of our teachers going that extra mile, above and beyond the call of normal job expectations, please give them the recognition they so richly deserve? It is a great joy for our teachers to receive this honor! We will vote for our first 2006 recipient at the April 11 MudPAC meeting. Remember nominations can be submitted via e-mail to Sarah McCollum our MudPAC chairperson @ at Sarah.McCollum@bankofamerica.com or directly to the MudPies office at mpadmin@nwcde.org.

Welcome, Welcome, Welcome!

WELCOME STAFF

MudPies would like to welcome **Tiffani Hannah** to our team. Tiffani joined the Baby Bear team on Monday, March 20. She will be working from 11:00-3:00. She is currently enrolled in the early Childhood program at Forsyth Technical Community College. She is a Winston-Salem native and enjoys reading, doing crossword puzzles and collecting dolphin items. Please help to make her feel welcome as our newest MudPies member.

Celebrating Easter



**Celebrating Easter
Is a bundle of fun.
Watching children
Hide eggs and run.**

**The Easter bunny
Is hopping around,
With soft little feet
You can't hear a sound.**

**Hope your celebration
Is just as bright.
Happy Easter to you.
Wish you a day of delight.**



MudPAC

PAC Particulars

The 2005-2006 year is in full swing and it's time to consider serving on the MudPAC committee for next year. MudPAC is searching for a webmaster and a newsletter representative. Both, Matt Warman - Webmaster and Trina Chery - Newsletter, did a fantastic job in their current positions. Thanks for your support this year and we wish you the best in kindergarten. If you're interested in the positions, please discuss with Matt or Trina.

CAMP READ A LOT BOOK FAIR LET THE BOOK BUGS BITE



Sharique Brown was a "grand" volunteer during the book fair and her name was left out of last month's newsletter. Our apologies Sharique and thanks for supporting our book fair!

Sarah McCollum
Chairman

April MudPAC Meeting

MudPAC's eighth meeting for the 2005-2006 year is Tuesday April 11th at 12:00. The meeting will be held in the 6th floor board room. Check in with the security guard who will issue you a guest pass. Don't forget you can stop by the cafeteria and bring your lunch to the meeting. You can park at MudPies and walk to the GMAC building.

MudPAC meetings are open to all the parents of MudPies. Please plan to join us for the monthly PAC meeting and let's begin this year with a bang.

Only three meetings remain in the 2005-2006 school year.

February 2006 Unsung Hero

Congratulations to **Trina Chery** - Our February Unsung Hero. Trina was nominated for her efforts in assisting the fundraising committee with the storage building permit. Trina also has done a fantastic job preparing our newsletter each month.

Submit your nomination for the March Unsung Hero by Tuesday April 11th by visiting www.mudpieschilddevelopment.org :MudPAC:Unsung Hero or sending an email to mpadmin@nwcdc.org



We Want You To Receive MudPies Email

Join the MudPies email distribution list

1. Send an email to mudpiesparents-subscribe@yahogroups.com
2. You will receive a confirmation message – Reply to this email by clicking “ Reply” and then “ Send”
3. You are added to the email list and will begin receiving important information from MudPAC and the MudPies Staff

The email distribution list will be used to send volunteer opportunities and other MUDPAC information to the MudPies family. Currently we have 45 members and hope that everyone will subscribe to the distribution list.

Need to contact all the parents on the MudPAC distribution list? Send an email to mudpiesparents@yahogroups.com

MudPAC (continued)

Pac Mission

To involve parents and ensure that MudPies remains a distinctive, premier, and safe preschool facility for our children and their teachers.

MudPAC Committees

Meet our committee chairman and join one of the teams. MudPAC has four committees that plan and coordinate events and activities for the 2005-2006 year.

All parents are encouraged to join one of the committees and support MudPAC.

Events	Sharon DeMaria - Chairman
FundRaiser	Leigh Ann Miller -Chairman
Facilities	Matt Warman -Chairman
Parent Involvement	Susan Boyles - Chairman

Name	Class Rep
Elizabeth Cobb	Bears
Cynthia Davis	Bears
Sharon Demaria	Y Ducks
Stephanie Hamby	Y Ducks
Leigh Anne Miller	O Ducks
Teresa Armstrong	Pandas
Susan Boyles	Penguins
Heather Bumgarner	Penguins
Deb Halvorsen	Circus
Kelly Creasy	Circus
	Dinos
Claressa Davis	Dinos
Lori Elder	Ocean
Melody Meyers	Ocean
Katie Parvin	Space
Matt Warman	Space
Melissa Lloyd	Jungle
Trina Chery	Jungle



Events Committee

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Teacher's Snack Day schedule:

April 25	Dino-Mytes
May 23	Ocean Divers
June 27	Circus Tykes

Check with your Room Representative for more information on what you need to do to participate.

The Events Committee is supporting the efforts of the other committees at this time. We will keep you informed of any new events that are scheduled.



Save the Date! – May 20th MudPies Annual Spring Fling

Sharon

Parent Involvement Committee

Thanks to everyone who participated in Reading Month. The children really enjoyed having parents come in and read to them. We suspect those of you who read enjoyed it as much as the children did.

In April, we'll need volunteers to help with the Easter Egg hunts. We'll need parents to hide eggs and help the children find them on the days of the hunts. (Check with the teachers to find out when the event is scheduled for your child's class.) If you can't be there on the day of the hunt, everyone can help get ready for it. The center needs candy-filled eggs to hide for the children. You can donate the supplies (candy and plastic eggs) or you can prepare them at home and bring the filled and taped eggs to the office. If you have a few extra minutes during drop-off or pick-up, stop by and help the office staff stuff the eggs with candy. It doesn't take long, and the extra hands will reduce the preparation time for the office staff.

Whenever you volunteer, don't forget to write down your time in the Parent Volunteer logs located outside each classroom. The hours can help your child's class earn books. The class with the highest volunteer hours per quarter gets \$25 to buy books for the classroom. A new quarter starts April 1, so plan your volunteer time now.

Thanks for all you do.

Susan



MudPAC (continued)

Facilities Committee

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Can we build it? Yes we can!

Thank you to the fundraising committee for raising the money for the long awaited storage building.



Bunce Buildings did a site visit and gave us estimates for the outdoor storage building. For the 6' x 12' the estimate was \$2,600. We are re-evaluating whether or not we could fit the standard 8' x 12' which would be a more comfortable and useful size. We would also have to confirm that the 8' x 12' doesn't put us over 5% of the total square footage of the lot for permit purposes. The estimate for the 8' x 12' was \$2,749. Bill Bates from Bunce purchased our first 2 raffle tickets, so, that was in essence a \$4 discount! Next steps are to find the site plan, get building plans from Bunce, apply for permit, pick out colors and give Bunce the deposit to order. Turnaround time is a couple weeks from order time. We can get dark green vinyl lattice work for the underpinning from Lowe's. That would cost us about \$150 max.

Cindy and Matt

Fund Raising Committee

The Fundraising Committee was very busy during the month of March.

(1) **Art to Remember:** Thank you to all the parent volunteers and teachers who helped our children create art for this project. Also, a big thank you to Frances Beasley (mom of Gracie Beasley in Older Ducks) for organizing this fundraiser. She did a great job. We received approximately \$1,900 in orders. The finished product will be back in time for Mother's Day.



(2) **Raffle:** The raffle is over. Thank you to all the parents and teachers who sold or bought tickets. We sold over 2,000 raffle tickets and after the prizes and expenses are paid we should have close to \$3,000 in profit. Congratulations to all of our winners. Jungle Explorers sold the most tickets (305) as a class and they will receive their choice of a pizza or ice cream party. Deb Halvorsen won a free week of daycare for selling the most tickets (100). We chose three Mud Pies

children from different classrooms to draw the prize tickets. Aiden Halvorsen won First Prize (\$500) in the drawing, Darrell Cates, Jr., won Second Prize (\$300) and Kirk Ford won Third Prize (\$100). Thank you to Flo Phillips, Ashley Robbins and Frances Beasley for helping sort the tickets into plastic bags. Finally, thank you to Sandy, Cheryl and Tiffany for helping count the money and track the unsold tickets.

(3) **Campbell Labels for Education:** Please keep turning in the labels so we can earn free stuff for Mud Pies. We will have a full report on the number we have collected so far in the next newsletter. Thank you for your continued support.

Leigh Anne



Campbell Labels for Education Program

Mud Pies is collecting labels from the products listed below to exchange for FREE merchandise, such as art supplies or classroom accessories, to benefit our classrooms.

- Campbell's® soups
- Campbell's Supper Bakes® meal kits
- Campbell's® or Franco-American® SpaghettiOs® pasta
- Campbell's® beans, gravies, and canned pasta
- Prego® pasta sauces
- Swanson® broths and canned poultry
- Pace® salsa and picante sauces
- V8® vegetable juices and V8 Splash® juice drinks
- Campbell's® tomato juice
- Pepperidge Farm® breads, cookies, crackers, and frozen products
- Pepperidge Farm® Goldfish® crackers
- Campbell's® Food service products

Please bring in your labels and drop them off in the Campbell Labels for Education collection box located at the front desk.

Policy Review

Please keep in mind that there are certain operational policies that are in place to help make MudPies run smoother. These policies must be adhered to by all families. Here is a short review of some of them.

- TUITION PAYMENTS:

Tuition payments are due by Thursday morning, 9:00am. If payments are not received by this time, a \$10.00 late fee will be assessed to your account.

If you choose to pay monthly or bi-weekly, tuition payments are to be made at the beginning of the month and at least 2 weeks in advance. No account can be in arrears more than 1 week.

If your child receives subsidized payments (Smart Start or DSS) you have a weekly fee instead of a monthly fee. If you are not sure what your weekly fee is, please see one of the office staff. These families are still required to have their account balance paid up front and not run in arrears or late fees will also be assessed.

- HOURS OF OPERATION:

MudPies hours of operation are from 7:00am – 6:00pm. Do NOT drop off children before 7:00am. An after-hours late fee will be assessed if you pick up your child after 6:00pm!

- SIGN IN – SIGN OUT:

Remember to sign your child in upon arrival and out when you pick them up in the afternoons.

- MEDICINE:

Medicines are given one time a day, between 11:00am – 12:00 noon. Over the counter medicines cannot be given without a note from your child's doctor! Prescription medicines must be in the original container with the prescription label on. Parents must provide their own dispenser to administer the medicine.

- CLOTHING CHANGES:

Children are required to have at least one complete change of clothes in their cubbies at all times. Many classrooms prefer at least 2 sets.

- ILLNESS POLICY:

MudPies will contact you and ask that you pick up your child if he or she becomes ill during the day. **IF YOUR CHILD IS SENT HOME DUE TO ILLNESS, THE CHILD MUST STAY AT HOME THE FOLLOWING DAY BEFORE RETURNING TO MUDPIES!**

- FOOD POLICY:

Food is not to be brought into the center except for the following reasons: an allergy that would prevent your child from eating the food served at the center or classroom activities or parties.

- BOTTLES, SIPPY CUPS, and FOOD must be LABELED and DATED!

If there are ever any questions about any operational policies, please feel free to write them down and drop them in the check box. We will try to address all questions/concerns in the next month's newsletter.

All Aboard!

The Parent Express *“Connecting home and school”*

This year, our **Parent Express** will focus on PLAY. As you know, our philosophy is centered around the value of play for the young child and how important it is to a child's development. We feel it is as equally important that our families understand our philosophy and why your children so enthusiastically answer “I played today” when you inquire about their day.

So sit back, grab a cup of your favorite drink, and jump on board the Parent Express for some informative information about your child's development!

What Does My Child Learn in the Art Center?

Why Is My Child Playing? For the young child, play and work involve the same actions: interacting with people, manipulating objects, and making discoveries that help make sense of the world. Learning happens naturally through play. Play is the work of children. For school success, children must develop physically, mentally, emotionally, socially, and creatively. Play is a crucial part of this development of the whole child.

What Is the Art Center? The art center in the classroom contains a wide variety of materials to promote creativity and expression through art by young children. The area normally includes child-size easels, tables, and chairs, as well as accessible storage. Experimenting, discovery, the experience itself – this is the value of arts and crafts at an early age. Children learn to control the medium, to care for the materials, and to clean up after themselves. Satisfaction comes with this learning and with the creation of something that is uniquely one's own.

What Is My Child Learning? Children express feelings and ideas through a variety of media. They learn about primary colors and how they combine to produce other colors. Children can also experiment with texture, design, and proportions. Through art, children are able to express individuality and creativity and show a personal understanding of the world and of self. Art activities also promote large motor and fine motor (eye-hand coordination) development, social interaction and communication skills, and problem-solving and planning ability. Art activities help children make connections with other curriculum areas and are a natural part of an integrated, developmentally-appropriate curriculum. Other learning that takes place through art activities includes building a sense of aesthetics, developing concentration and attention span, and stimulating visual and spatial representation.

Classroom Clips



Baby Bears

Baby Bears would like to welcome Louisa Joyce, born February 17, 2006. We look forward to springtime weather and springtime activities. We would like to especially thank Elizabeth Cobb and Stefanie Ramsey for the snack goodies and support. We would also like to thank Cindy Davis, Craig Maynard, Desiree' Hood, Jennifer Noped, Stefanie Ramsey, Elizabeth Cobb, Julie Brogden, Romaine Hudson, and Kent Hudson for their volunteer time and "pitch in" help when we need another hand, lap, or whatever. Please remember to check your child's cubby to make sure they have seasonal and size-appropriate clothing. Please also remember to label tops and bottoms of food and bottles with child's name or initials and current date. We wish everyone a Happy Spring and look forward to our outside time. Thank you!

Lillian, Sally, Traci, Cha, Linda, and Tiffani



Young Dandy Ducks

Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring! We are so excited to see the warmer weather. We are looking forward to all the many exciting outdoor activities that we can now have. We want to thank Page Hamby's mom, Stephanie, for reading to the class during the month of March. Also thank you to Abigail DeMaria's mom, Sharon, for helping with our *Art to Remember* projects. We are also in need of volunteers to help with our Easter Egg Hunt on April 14. Thank you again for all the support and volunteerism thus far.

A few reminders:

- Please sign your child in and out daily
- Check your child's cubby for weather and size-appropriate clothing
- Label and date your child's cup
- Wash your child's hands when entering the classroom
- Check your child's folder daily for important papers

Thanks again!

Constance, Brandi, Jennifer and Arkisha



Perky Penguins

Hello and Happy Spring! What a mild winter we had, but we're not complaining about the beautiful and warm weather we're having. Some of the trees and flowers are in bloom and the children love the bright colors. We would like to thank Mrs. Ashley Robbins for reading to the class and all the parents who bought books, or participated in the Book Fair. We also thank our parents who volunteered for our *Art to Remember* project. In class we have talked about the rainbow, green things, farm animals. Now we are gearing up for our discussion on spring - planting things in the garden and beautiful flowers and plants for the yard or flower garden. The farmers will be very busy this time of the year. Have a great spring and enjoy the warm and beautiful weather!

Donese, Sha, and Ashley



Older Dandy Ducks

Hello, Parents! It's springtime and hopefully we will have a great season. Thanks for all the parents who bought books for the classroom. They are really appreciated. Also thanks in advance to the parents who helped with the purchase of the CD player.

Just a few reminders:

- Make sure your child has at least two changes of clothes (including socks)
- We do go outside, so make sure your child is dressed according to the weather
- Make sure your child has a lightweight jacket
- Check your child's folder daily

Cynthia, Kat, Jennifer and Arkisha



Playful Pandas

We had a marvelous month of March in the Panda room. We enjoyed a few birthday parties. Layla and Ashton turned two in March. We enjoyed talking about spring. We painted flowers and talked about seeds. We are looking forward to April and warmer weather. A big THANK YOU to all of the parents who donated books from the Book Fair. Please remember to bring your family collage so your child can display family pictures on the wall. Finally, please make sure your child has two changes of season-appropriate clothes.

Angel, Gina, and Carla

Classroom Clips (continued)



Circus Tykes

We would like to take this time to remind parents to only allow your child to bring in items related to 'Show and Tell' on Fridays. Fridays are designated for 'Show and Tell.' We are having difficulty keeping children focused and out of their cubbies due to the distraction of toys in the cubbies. Also, please be sure your child has two **complete** changes of seasonally appropriate clothing. We are getting prepared to go on our very first field trip with your children in May. Please remember to sign your name on the permission slip on the door and pay your fee. We would greatly appreciate any and all volunteers. Thank you.

Carlatta and Millicent



Dino-Mytes

Wow! Spring has finally arrived! The Dinos were really busy in the month of March. We talked about community helpers in which we had visits from Firefighters, EMTs, a Deputy Sheriff (Asia's mom), and a Dentist (Langston People's mom). We got to walk to the library to visit a librarian and listen to stories about community helpers. We learned a lot about community helpers. We would like to thank all of the parents who purchased books for our class. We would also like to thank all of our parents who took time to read to our class during the month of March. Another thank you to the parents who brought in needed supplies and items for our activities in the room. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Pat and Chrissy



Ocean Divers

Thank you to all the parents who donated books to our class. These parents are Lori Elder, Amy Olson, Sahara Peoples, Lauren Eastling, Teresa Beam, LaTasha Joyner, Tiffany McCravey, and Tia Jackson. Thank you to Traci Woodcock for donating many books from her personal collection. Our field trip to the Strawberry Patch will be on Thursday, May 11th. Please plan to attend. It will be a great time for all. We might also plan a field trip for the month of April. Five parents will be needed in order for this trip to occur. Finally we will be giving out each child's developmental checklist soon. This will point out your child's strengths and maybe something they will need to work on. It is not to compare your child with other children in the class. It is just to measure your child's personal growth. If a conference is needed or there are any questions, please see one of us.

Linda and Michelle



Space Travelers

Hello Spring! We are looking forward to some sunny, pretty days. Please remember that each child needs to have at least two changes of clothes in their cubbies at ALL times. Please understand accidents still happen, and to make it an easy situation, please have the change of clothes in your child's cubby. For the month of April, we will be focusing on our numbers. Take home sheets will be available to work on concepts at home. Since we didn't have many volunteers to read in March, it would be nice to have some parents come in and volunteer to read in April (i.e., spring and Easter stories). Thank you for your support.

Sharon and Stacy



Jungle Explorers

First, a HUGE **THANK YOU!** to everyone for their support during yet another transition. We wish Mr. Dashan well in his new endeavor. April's theme will focus around SPRINGTIME! We will explore bugs, flowers, gardening, planting, and much more. Our colors this month are yellow, pink, blue, and green. We have begun practicing for our June 6th Graduation Program and hope you have your calendars marked for this important day! A BIG thank you to Ms. Peggy. She has been a great team player with helping to keep the consistency and stability for the Jungle friends. Again, thanks for the support! Remember, volunteers are always welcomed and needed! Happy Easter and Happy Spring!

Adrienne and Peggy