



Preschool Newsletter
Preschool Webpage

November 30, 2006

There was a special visitor in preschool Monday morning. Abi Tenenbaum-Nathan, aka "Miss Tenenbaum", spent time in the classroom seeing a few old friends and recognizing several familiar faces from last January's Admission visits. Abi is presently a full-time student at Temple University studying speech pathology. It was wonderful to see Abi again; returning to the classroom was like putting on a comfortable pair of slippers for "Ms. Tenenbaum".

Please visit again soon, Abi!



The children of Preschool and Grade III will be presenting their musical response to the December query together. The theme is Harmony.

Can you guess what we will be singing?

See the Preschool Sing-Along Page and look for the New Seekers!

Important Dates

December 1
Friday
First Friday @ FSH
8:30am

December 5 & 6
Tues. & Wed.
Holiday Gift Sale (PTO)

December 15
Friday
10:00am-10:45am
**Preschool parents invited
to the classroom to join
the Preschool
Jingle Bell Band!**

Holiday Meeting
for Worship
11:00am
Winter Holiday Begins
after Meeting for Worship

January 2
Tuesday
School Resumes

January 5
Friday
First Friday @ FSH
8:30 a.m.

January 6
Saturday
OWLS Gathering

January 9
Tuesday
PTO Meeting
7:00 p.m.

January 12
Friday In-Service Day
PUPIL HOLIDAY

January 15
Monday
Martin Luther King Day
SCHOOL HOLIDAY

January 16
Tuesday
Parent/Teacher Confer-
ences Preschool & Prekin-
dergarten
PS/PK PUPIL HOLIDAY

Expanding the palate

Wednesday's snack was vegetarian baked beans. Have you ever played "Twenty Questions"? Well, this time we turned it around and gave twenty clues.

It's something you eat. They're brown and sugary. Sometimes you eat them with hot dogs. You can eat them with a spoon or a fork. They are a type of bean.

Preschoolers guesses ranged from nuts to green beans.



The children created their own "handlers" for their reindeer



What would happen if you woke up one morning with antlers?



Ask your preschooler about this sleepy looking baby...
(music on webpage)

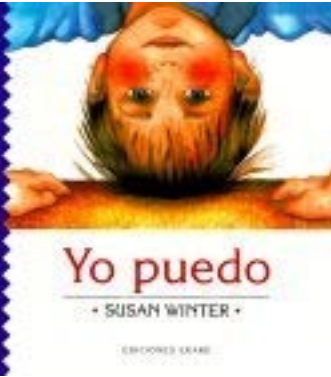


Espanol with Professora Adriana

Yo Puedo (I Can), Susan Winter

New Vocabulary:

hermano/brother
hermana/sister

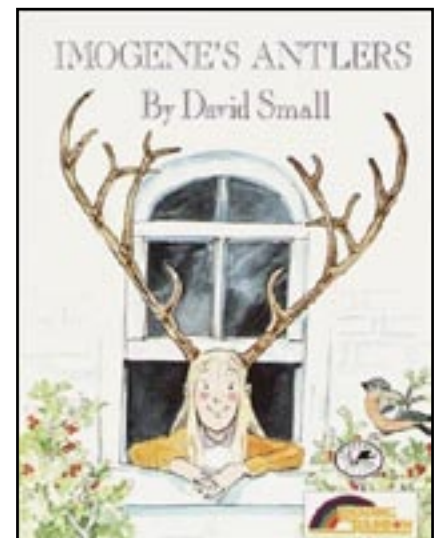
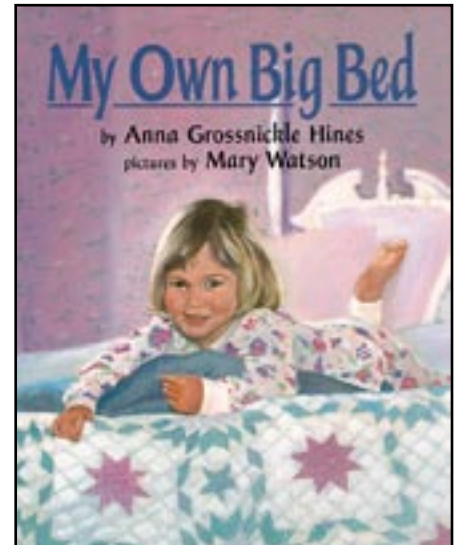
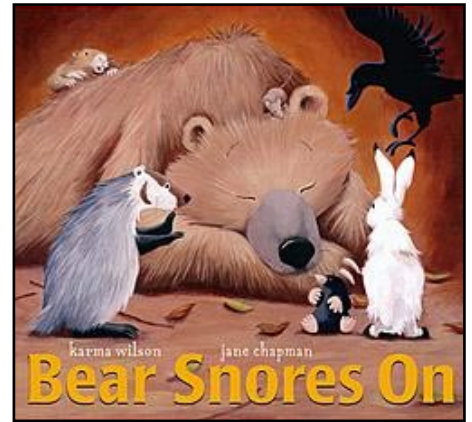


Books we have read recently include:

Bear Snores On, Karma Wilson and Jane Chapman

My Own Big Bed, Anna Hines

Imogene's Antlers, David Small



Winter 2007 Parent/Teacher Conferences
This is a PUPIL HOLIDAY for Preschool/Prekindergarten

Tuesday, January 16

7:30am
8:00am
8:30am
9:00am
9:30am
10:00am
10:30am
11:00am
12:30pm
1:00pm
1:30pm
2:00pm
2:30pm

Please email Tina with your first, second, and third choices for a January Parent/Teacher Conference time.
(There will be no hard copy sign-up form.)

Conference times will be confirmed by email in the order in which they are received. As in the past, all confirmed conference times will be posted at Winter Conference Schedule

Wednesday, January 17
9:30am

Thursday, January 18
9:30am

Wednesday, January 24
9:30am

Thursday, January 25
9:30am

Wednesday, January 31
9:30am

A Warm Invitation from the Preschool

Who: Preschool Parents *

What: The Intergenerational Preschool Jingle Bell Band
(Yes, you will be asked to sing and play!)

When: Friday, December 15. 10:00am - 10:45am
(prior to Holiday Meeting for Worship)

Where: The Preschool Classroom

Why: To share the music and joy of the season

* Preschool children who do not attend school on Friday are invited, with their parents, to join the group at 10:00am.

Holiday Meeting for Worship will feature a response from each class (Preschool through Grade VI) to the monthly query.

PLEASE RSVP so that the teachers can help guide your child's expectations for the morning

PTO

Each year the PTO sponsors a Holiday Gift Sale. This event is held for Friends School students. At the sale, children are invited to purchase \$1 gifts for family members who live in their home.

Two times have been set aside for the preschool children to attend the sale with a parent or caregiver.



Tuesday, December 5, 8:00am
(prior to the 8:15am start of school)

and

Wednesday, December 6, 11:45am

Parent volunteers ("personal shoppers") will be on hand to shop with your child to help maintain the element of surprise of gift giving.

(Please note that unlike children in older grades, the preschool children do NOT attend the gift sale as a class.)

Donations of gift items may be dropped off at bins on the Meeting House Porch.

MUSINGS by Tina

*Have the Media shaped my ideas of what a young child "needs"/"deserves"?
Do I select toys that promote gender, racial, or social stereotypes?
Am I providing my child with toys that are non-commercial, age-appropriate, and that provide opportunities for open-ended exploration?*

Gift ideas that can stimulate a child's sense of wonder:

Non-digital egg timers, spray bottles, turkey basters, food coloring, wooden blocks, funnels, empty containers that can be filled with rice, lentils, or jingle bells to make a shaker, syphon, 5' to 20' sections of garden hose (minus the nozzle or fittings), magnets, magnet marbles, paper clips, PVC piping (rigid and flexible), a magnifying glass...

