



Preschool Newsletter  
Preschool Webpage

February 1, 2007



*Integrated curriculum: logical/mathematical (sequencing, dividing a whole into parts), Science (how and where potatoes grow, effect of heat during cooking)*

- Scrub potatoes until they are clean.
- Dry them off.
- Cut them into halves and cut the halves into smaller pieces.
- Toss the potato bites with olive oil and kosher salt.
- Place in a single layer on a greased pan.
- Roast @ 425 degrees for 20 minutes,
- Turn the heat down to 350 degrees and roast until golden brown.
- Serve with ketchup (optional)



**Important Dates**

February 2-4  
FSH Book Fair  
Barnes and Noble  
Bryn Mawr

February 13  
Tuesday  
PTO Meeting  
7:00pm

February 14  
Wednesday  
Valentine's Day

February 21  
Stone Soup Ingredients due  
(details to follow)

February 27  
Tuesday  
Third Grade Play 8:30 am

March 2  
First Friday @ FSH 8:30 am

March 10  
Saturday  
Family Fun Activity (PTO)  
To be determined

March 20  
Tuesday  
Fourth Grade Play  
8:30 am

March 22  
Thursday  
Spring Holiday Begins  
NOON DISMISSAL

April 2  
Monday  
OWLS Gathering  
To be determined

April 3  
Tuesday  
School Resumes after Spring  
Holiday  
8:15am

April 6  
First Friday @ FSH  
8:30am

Some days are just too cold to go outside. When the wind chills are hovering near zero, the cozy classroom is the only safe place to be.

The children learned a little bit about the effects of wind chill on skin last Friday. In the comfort of the classroom, teachers misted the children's hands with water to see how that would feel - "wet", "nice", "soft".

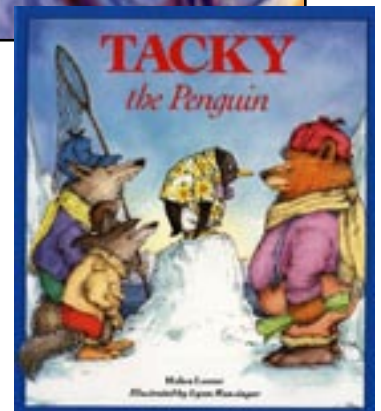
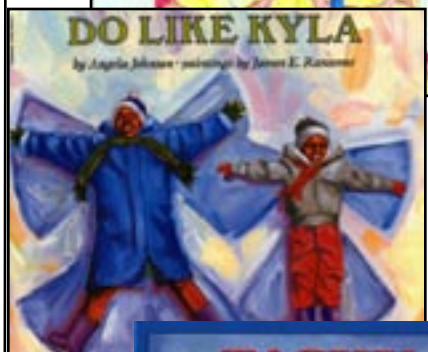
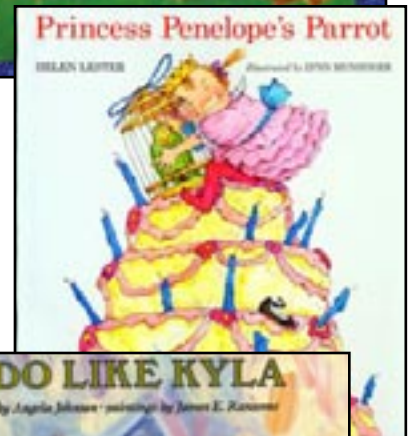
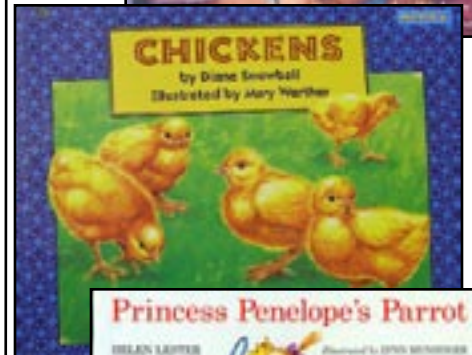
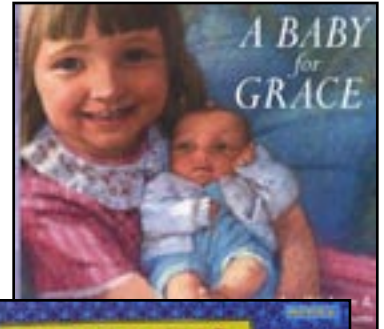


Next, we fanned our wet hands to experience the cooling effect of evaporation - "freezing cold!" The final step was to simulate a blowing wind storm. The effect was uproarious!



Books we have read recently include:

- A Baby for Grace*, Ian Whybrow
- Chickens*, Diane Snowball
- Princess Penelope's Parrot*, Helen Lester
- Do Like Kyla*, Angela Johnson
- Tacky the Penguin*, Helen Lester



### Spanish Corner



*Sapo en Invierno*, Max Velthuis

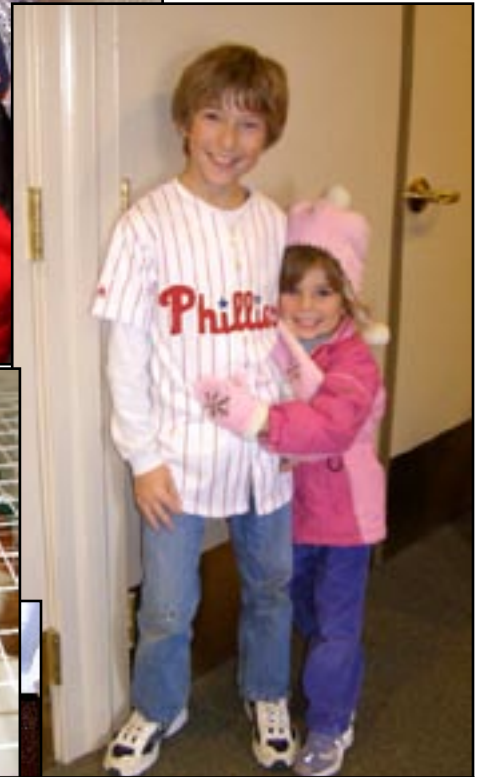
Vocabulary:

- la nieve / snow
- los zapatos / shoes
- tengo frio / I'm cold
- los pantalones / pants
- la camisa / shirt
- el sueter / sweater

## A Frigid Friday Field Trip

It started with a trip up the elevator to the second floor of the School House. Among the discoveries we made were a new perspective on Heritage House (this is preschool geography at its most meaningful), a big brother, a gecko, a guinea pig, stairs in a cloud forest, and many delighted faces as they greeted preschoolers along the way. It is

always a special opportunity for the teachers of the youngest children to see their former students engaged in such a rich learning environment. It was a treat for everyone.



*Integrated Curriculum: Life cycles, light/shadow, fine motor (crayons, scissors)*

Last Friday, Sharon Livingston, FSH science teacher, invited the preschool teachers and students to see what the children of Grade IV are working on in the Science Lab. Each year, the older students tend to the task of monitoring fertilized hens' eggs. They keep track of the incubator's temperature and humidity, and they turn the eggs periodically much like the mother hen would do to her clutch of eggs.

Mrs. Livingston demonstrated the correct way to candle an egg, to see the growing chick inside. The moving shadow of the chick and the air sac could be seen.

Back in the classroom on Monday, the preschoolers worked with crayons and scissors to color and cut their paper chick still in it's egg. Using the light from the slide projector, each child "candled" an egg to see the chick and it's air sac through the shell.



Continuing the theme of light and shadow, the children's silhouettes were traced onto black paper with the help of the slide projector. Looks like the groundhog isn't the only one looking for a shadow!



*Integrated Curriculum: Gross motor, Music, Social Studies*

In the gym for some gross motor play, the children created their own rhythms using the preschool classroom percussion instruments.

Here, Corinne plays along to a recording of a lively Sousa march playing in the background. Cymbals, triangles, bells, maracas, shakers, and blocks are just some of the instruments from which the children can choose.



Happy birthday to Zoe who turned three-and-a-half years old January 30



*Fine motor, snack*

Squeezing the bottle of chocolate syrup into heated milk is an easy way to make hot chocolate and it's a wonderful way to strengthen developing hands. Placing mini-marshmallows on a toothpick "skewer" also supports the fine muscle control in young hands.

## Parent Visit Schedule 2007

(as of January 25)

### March

5 Alison (Natalie)  
 7 \_\_\_\_\_  
 9 Ali and Kurt (Blythe)  
 12 \_\_\_\_\_  
 13 \_\_\_\_\_  
 14 Sophia (Petros)  
 16 \_\_\_\_\_  
 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
 20 \_\_\_\_\_  
 21 \_\_\_\_\_  
 22 Wendy and Chris (Emma)

### April

6 Tracey (Sofia)  
 10 Lauren (Lily)  
 11 Tracy and Kevin (Ainsley)  
 12 Khiet & Christian (Sebastian)  
 13 Alaina & Jesse (Corinne)

### April (cont'd)

16 \_\_\_\_\_  
 18 Nikki and Greg (James)  
 23 \_\_\_\_\_  
 27 \_\_\_\_\_

### May

30 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1 Lin (Cole)  
 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
 7 \_\_\_\_\_  
 9 Lisa (Noah)  
 11 \_\_\_\_\_  
 14 Andrew (Lily)  
 15 \_\_\_\_\_  
 16 Caroline and Noel (Zoe)  
 18 \_\_\_\_\_  
 21 \_\_\_\_\_  
 23 \_\_\_\_\_