



Preschool Newsletter
Preschool Webpage



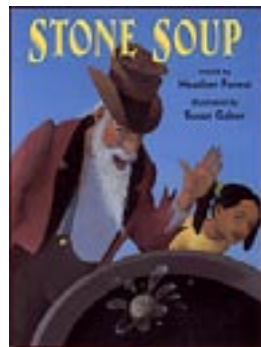
February 8, 2007

**IMPORTANT HOMEWORK FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21
"First Notice"**

STONE SOUP

Please send in **TWO CUPS** of the following for our Stone Soup. We need the items on Wednesday, February 21. **Send your vegetable in a zip-loc bag or storage container (labeled with your name if you want it returned).**

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| AINSLEY | Fresh green beans |
| BLYTHE | Diced carrots |
| COLE | Diced potatoes |
| CORINNE | Diced potatoes |
| EMILY | Corn |
| EMMA | Diced tomatoes |
| JAMES | Chopped celery |
| KYLE | Diced onion |
| LILY | Chopped broccoli |
| MADISON | Chopped cauliflower |
| NATALIE | Diced turnip |
| NOAH | Chopped cabbage |
| PETROS | Cooked kidney, pinto, or navy beans |
| SEBASTIAN | Cooked kidney, pinto, or navy beans |
| SOFIA | One bunch chopped fresh parsley |
| SUSANNA | One bunch of fresh basil |
| TESSA | Fresh baby spinach |
| ZOE | Jar of chicken bouillon cubes |
| TEACHERS | Magic Stone |



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| WHO: | Preschool children |
| WHAT: | See above list |
| WHEN: | Wednesday, February 21 |
| WHERE: | Preschool |
| HOW: | In a zip-loc bag or storage container |
| HOW MUCH: | 2 cups (unless otherwise specified) |
| WHY: | To share with our partners |

Important Dates

February 13
Tuesday
PTO Meeting
7:00pm

February 14
Wednesday
Valentine's Day



February 21
Wednesday
Stone Soup Ingredients due



February 27
Tuesday
Third Grade Play 8:30 am
Preschool Cameo

March 2
First Friday @ FSH 8:30 am

March 10
Saturday
Family Fun Outing
Wynnewood Lanes
4:30pm-6:30pm

March 20
Tuesday
Fourth Grade Play
8:30 am

March 22
Thursday
Spring Holiday Begins
NOON DISMISSAL

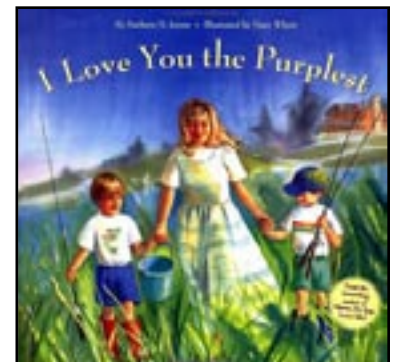
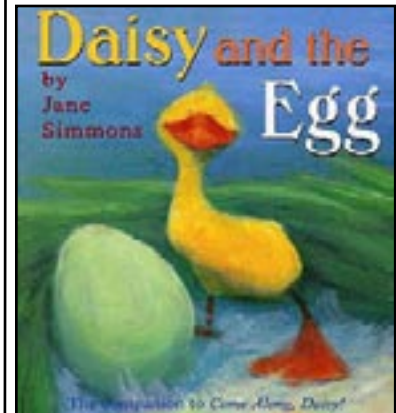
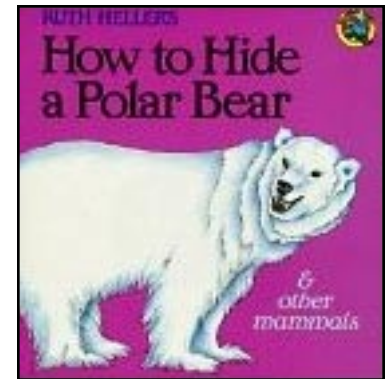
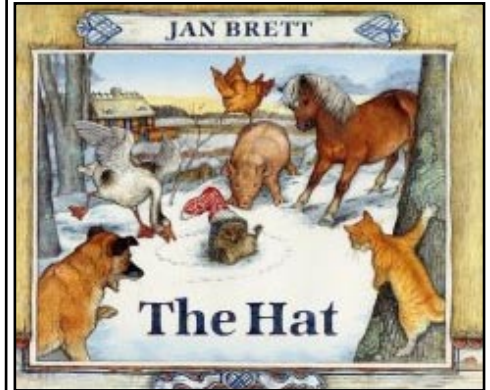
April 2
Monday
OWLS Gathering
9:00am-Noon

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



Books we have read recently include:

- The Hat*, Jan Brett
- How to Hide a Polar Bear*, Ruth Heller
- Daisy and the Egg*, Jane Simmons
- I Love You the Purplest*, Barbara Jooisse



Winnie the Pooh was on hand Friday to invite families to attend the Pajama Storytime at Barnes and Noble that evening.

Tina and Jen are greatly appreciative of the many gifts of books that have been added to the preschool bookshelf as a result of this effort.

Many thanks to the PTO organizers and the many preschool families who participated so generously. These books will be read in honor of your children for years to come.



The preschool classroom has a wonderful collection of magnets in all shapes and sizes.

Children are mesmerized as the magnets attract and repel each other, and seem to defy gravity.

This is an example of “hands on” science at its best.




The children's work with blocks has continued to evolve throughout the year. In the fall, it was common to see piles of blocks dumped on the floor being guarded by the "builders". By February, symmetry and function are becoming apparent as children collaborate with each other, working out the details of the structure. The computer screen in the background captures the height of the skyscraper that the children were hoping to achieve - so high that binoculars would be needed to see the top. The colored blocks are balanced in size, structure, and color. At one point the structure was disassembled to allow adjustments to be made to the basement. Once the renovation was complete, the building was rebuilt exactly as it had been, including the colored block add-on at the top with the balancing, yellow beam. At one point an accidental bump caused the decorative blocks to tumble. Rather than causing an emotional upset, the children responded with a positive attitude - "we can fix it!" and they did.

Medications notification and sick children arriving at school

Parents, please take a moment in the morning to write a note to the teachers if your child has received any medication prior to coming to school. Some medications can make a child drowsy or agitated, or can result in an upset stomach or extreme thirst. It is important for the teachers to have an accurate "read" of your child and to look for any adverse reactions that may be a result of a medication, prescribed or OTC. Last week, Nurse Doreen provided parents with guidelines for when a child should not be at school. If a child's fever, cough, nausea, or diarrhea is being controlled by medication, the child is NOT symptom-free and should be at home until he or she is well for 24 hours. If you would like an additional copy of the hand-out or if you have questions, please contact Nurse Doreen Jones (ext. 120).





On Monday, we were delighted to be visited by the chicks from the Grade V science project. The chicks were fluffy, adorable, and, at times, quite noisy. The egg teeth and beginning combs were clearly visible as were the unfurling pin feathers.

The children were filled with questions and wonder. We are grateful to Mrs. Livingston, the 4-H Club, and the students of Grade V for making this project possible and for including the Preschool children in this first hand lesson in life-cycles.



Valentine's for Partners

In a time-honored tradition, and to express our affection for our Grade III partners, children and teachers created Valentines out of new and recycled materials. Foam hearts, heart-shaped doilies, pictures of flowers cut from seed catalogues, and stickers covered the construction paper cards that will be hand-delivered next week.

If your child will be giving Valentines to their classmates next Wednesday, the children's names are listed below for your convenience:

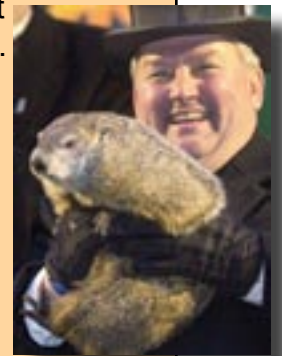
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SOFIA
SUSANNA
TESSA
ZOE



Reports say that Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow last Friday, but with his track record, we are not putting our snowpants in storage just yet. The weather has been bitterly cold outdoors but the classroom is a comfy 68 degrees. With the extra indoor time, we have been able to explore materials and equipment in the room that have been waiting for a good excuse to be used. The shadow play screen (aka white sheet hanging from the ceiling) and the slide projector were called into action on Tuesday. The children played "Guess the Person" and "Guess the Toy". Can you identify all of our silhouettes?



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Parent Visit Schedule 2007

(as of February 1)

March

5 Alison (Natalie)
7 _____
9 Ali and Kurt (Blythe)
12 _____
13 _____
14 Sophia (Petros)
16 _____
19 _____
20 _____
21 Rebecca and Adam (Kyle)
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 _____