



Preschool Newsletter
 Preschool Webpage
 February 15, 2007

With the delayed opening, Thursday morning's Valentine celebration was short and sweet. Preschoolers exchanged hand-made cards with their partners, delivered their cards from home to classmates' cubbies, snacked on special cookies from Madison's family, and received a furry love-bug and a magic penny in a red bag from the preschool teachers.



Tuesday's snow was a windfall for preschool. The slippery coating made the slides as fast as lightning. Thank you for your help in getting the children to school prepared for this important outdoor play. Children in preschool are learning the life skill of dressing responsibly for the weather conditions.



Important Dates

February 21
 Wednesday
 Stone Soup Ingredients Due

February 27
 Tuesday
 Third Grade Play 8:30 am

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

April 6
 First Friday @ FSH 8:30am

April 17
 Tuesday
 Spanish Performance Assembly
 8:30 a.m.

April 20
 Friday
 Parent/Teacher Conferences
 PUPIL HOLIDAY
 Faculty/Staff Appreciation
 Luncheon

April 25
 Wednesday
 Spring Concert and
 Celebration of the Arts
 7:00 p.m.

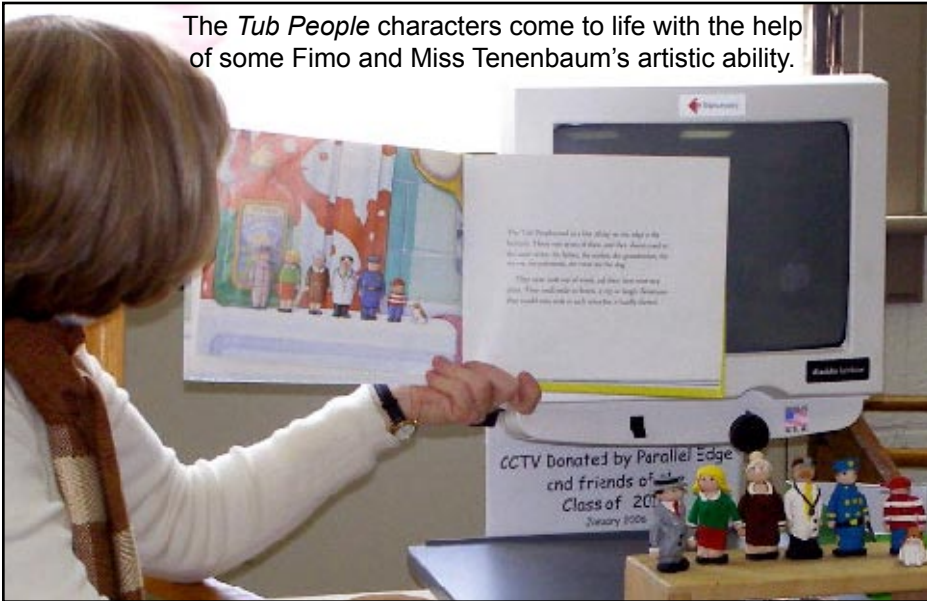
May 4
 Friday
 First Friday @ FSH 8:30 a.m.

Bringing books to life

Before reading a book with your child, read the book aloud to yourself, taking special note of the illustrations and story line.

Is the story age appropriate?

Are the story and/or illustrations too scary or upsetting?



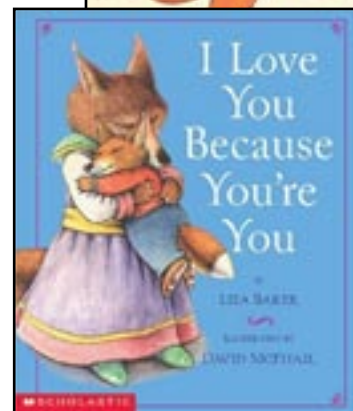
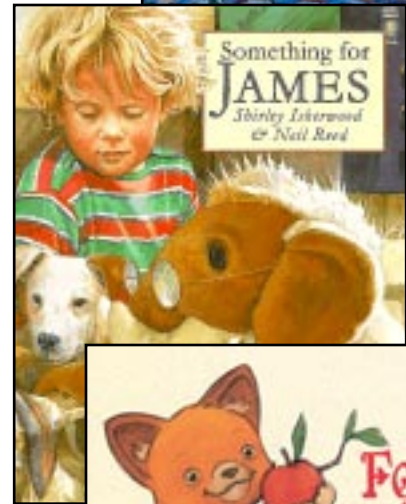
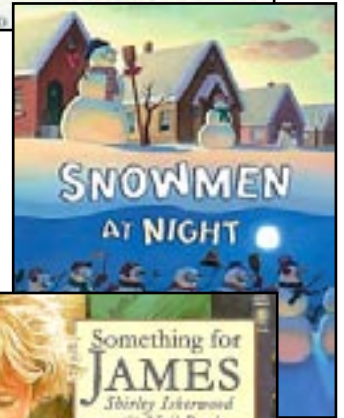
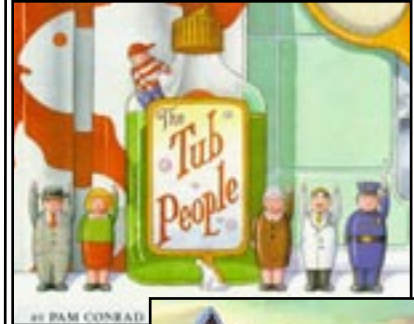
The *Tub People* characters come to life with the help of some Fimo and Miss Tenenbaum's artistic ability.



- What are ways that you can bring the story to life?
- Are there foods, props, toys, puppets, etc., that you can bring to the reading that would help to capture the child's attention and imagination?
- Ask open-ended questions: "How is the character feeling?" or "What do you think will happen next?"
- Ask the child to talk about his/her favorite part of the story or favorite illustration.
- Is there a simple way to dramatize the story with family members, dolls, stuffed animals, etc.?
- Be prepared to read a good book over and over and over again!

Books we have read recently include:

The Tub People, Pam Conrad
Snowmen at Night, Caralyn Buehner
Something for James, Shirley Isherwood
Fox Makes Friends, Adam Relf
I Love You Because You're You, Liz Baker

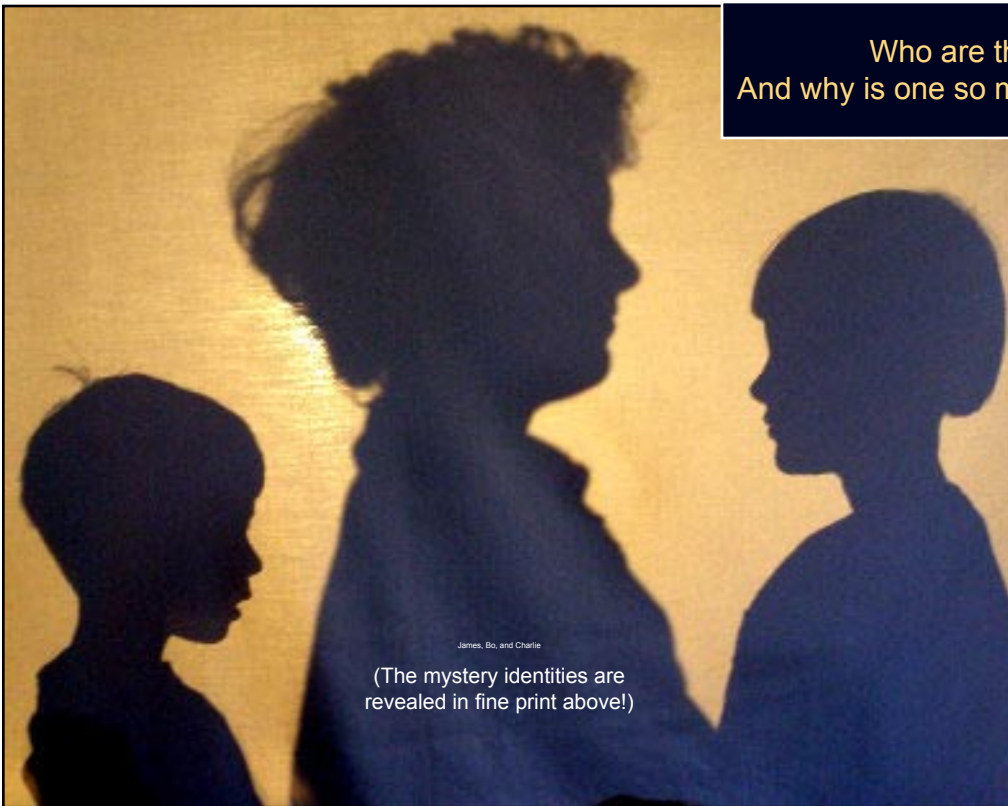


Tuesday's snack was custom-made personal pizza.
English muffin halves were topped with a choice of tomato
sauce, shredded mozzarella or sliced provolone cheese,
olives, pepperoni, green pepper, onions, and grape tomatoes.
NO TWO ALIKE!



Mr. Shy made his first appearance of the year this week in preschool. This timid creature warmed up quickly to the cuddly kids of preschool. It looks like Dane has found himself another cuddly preschooler!

Who are these mystery people?
And why is one so much bigger than the other two?



James, Bo, and Charlie
(The mystery identities are revealed in fine print above!)

Just for fun:

Before our Third Grade partners arrived for their visit last week, the preschoolers decided to find hiding places in the room to wait for their older friends. When they arrived at the classroom door, our partners were amazed to learn that their preschoolers had “disappeared”; they wasted no time looking under tables, behind chairs, and inside cubbies to track down their elusive younger partners.

Spanish Corner

Vocabulary:

- leche / milk
- galletas / cookies
- me gusta / I like it
- no me gusta / I don't like it

Henry, Donna Beveridge



Happy birthday to Mrs. Thompson who turned a half year older February 14!

Kid Mail

Please be looking in the backpack for your Child Mail folder each Thursday afternoon. Some backpacks are returned to school with the folders and the original mail still inside.

Thanks for your help in this.

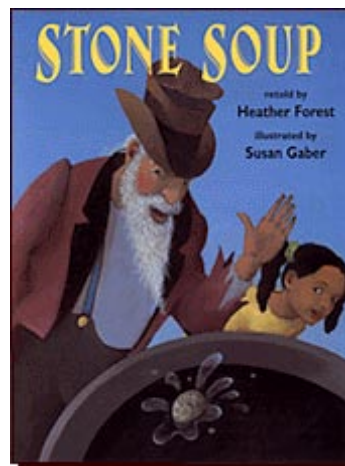


FINAL NOTICE!

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).**

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



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

Parent Visit Schedule 2007

(as of February 13, 2007)

March

5 Alison (Natalie)
7 Patsy (Emily)
9 Ali and Kurt (Blythe)

12 _____
13 Lin (Cole)
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 _____
2 _____
4 _____

7 _____
9 Lisa (Noah)
11 _____

14 Andrew (Lily)
15 Ty (Cole)
16 Caroline and Noel (Zoe)
18 _____

21 _____
23 _____