



Preschool Newsletter
Preschool Webpage

March 1, 2007

During the reading of *Stone Soup*, it became obvious that, with the help of friends and a magic ingredient (*sharing*), a community feast could be created. As the reading of the classic folk tale progressed, so did the filling of the pot. (See the splash of the stone and the addition of fresh spinach and tomatoes!)



See the celebration as preschool shared the stone soup feast with Grade III partners

Important Dates

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 Assem-
bly 8:30am

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

April 25
Wednesday
Spring Concert and
Celebration of the Arts
7:00pm

May 4
Friday
First Friday @ FSH
8:30am

May 8
Tuesday
First Grade Play
8:30am



Happy birthday to Noah who turned three-and-a-half February 10!



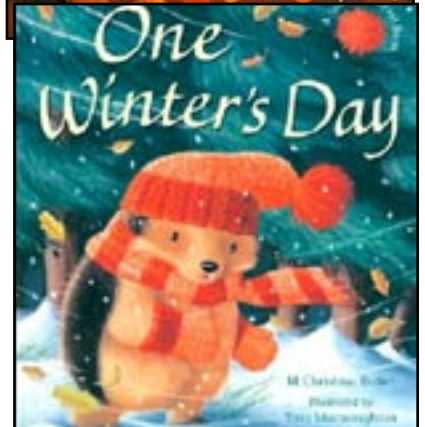
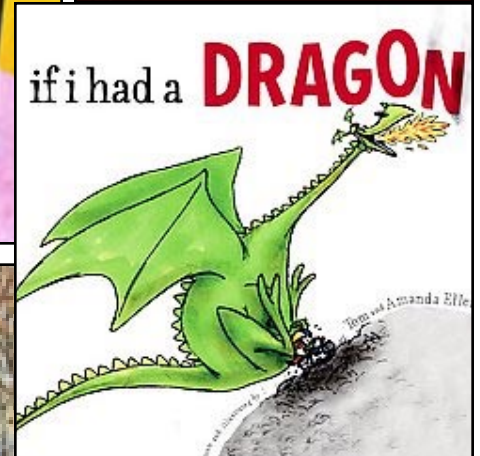
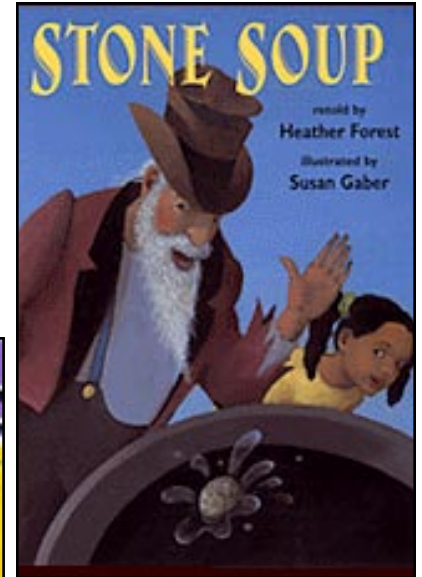
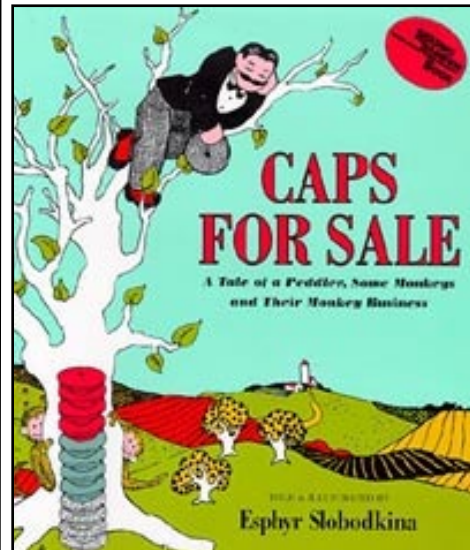
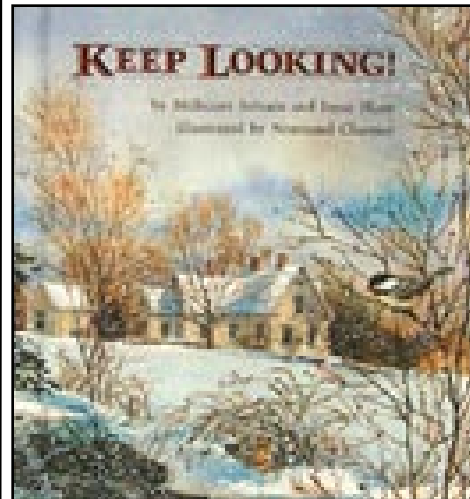
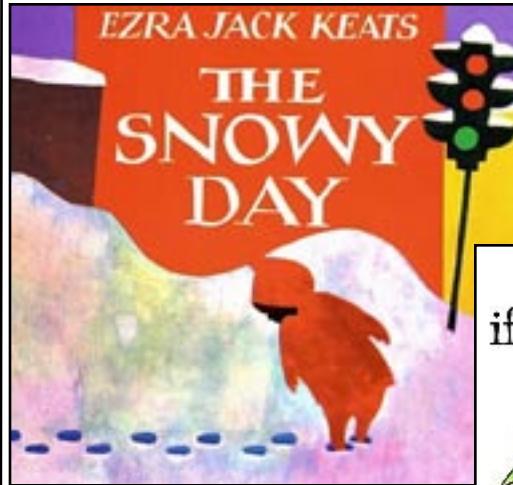
Happy birthday to Sebastian who turned four years old February 18!



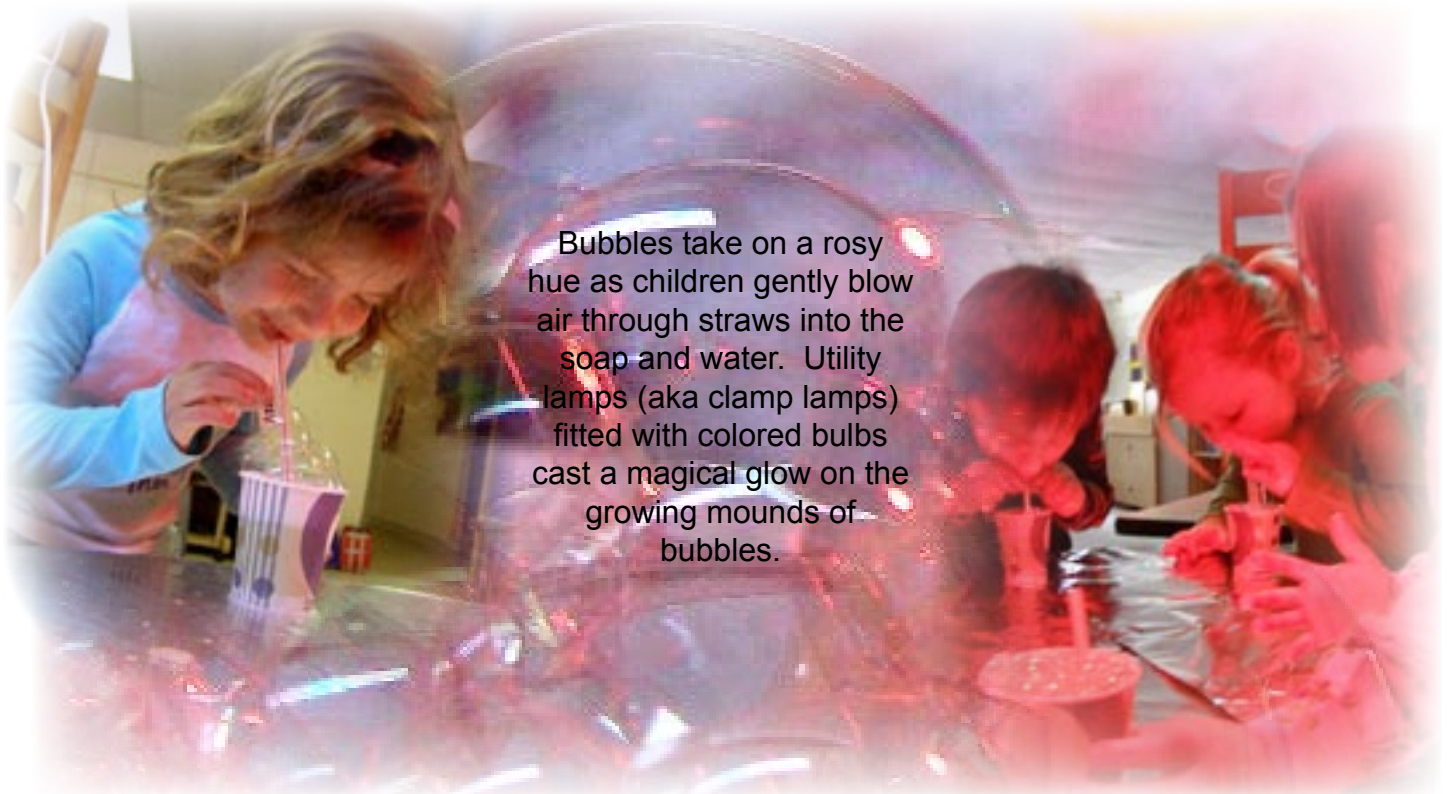
Happy birthday to Blythe who turned three-and-a-half February 28!

Books we have read recently include:

- The Snowy Day*, Ezra Jack Keats
- Stone Soup*, Heather Forest
- If I Had a Dragon*, Tom and Amanda Ellery
- Keep Looking!*, Millicent Selsam and Joyce Hunt
- King Kendrick's Splinter*, Sally Derby
- One Winter's Day*, Christina Butler
- Caps for Sale*, Esphyr Slobodkina



Prompted by the book *The Snowy Day*, we collected some snow to view under the magnification of the CCTV. The frozen crystals seemed to pop as they melted in the warmth of the room. To see what would happen, salt was sprinkled on top of the snow. It was amazing to see the immediate melting effect. Just as important, the children were also able to see the abundant dirt and foreign particles that were visible in what had looked like pretty clean snow! ***Don't eat the snow!***



Children discovered the power of wind recently. An assortment of items was placed on the floor including paper scraps, beads, ping-pong balls, small toys, pine cones, and a small rock. Without using their hands, would they be able to move the items across the floor? Working alone and together the children experienced the amount of wind force that would move, or not move, the items.



Below: Can you see the alternating pattern that has been created by the placement of these children? If you look closely you will notice that there are two answers!





Preschoolers use a soup pot and bean bags to work on their eye/hand coordination and large/small motor skills (grasp, aim and release).

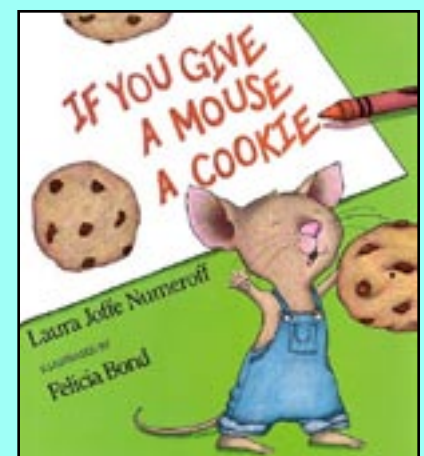
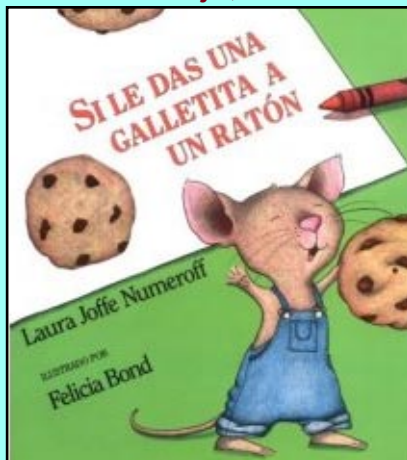
It looks like this one is going in!

One morning the children arrived to find that some equipment and furniture had been moved around in curious and unexplained ways. It was exciting to see the many creative uses the children had for the new configurations.



Spanish Corner

Si Le Das Una Galletita a un Raton, Laura Numeroff
La Gallinita Roja, Lucinda McQueen



*Aesop's Fables,
The Musical*



Congratulations to the students and teachers of Grade III on their wonderful performance of *Aesop's Fables, The Musical*.

The costumes, make-up, and set were truly impressive but it was the children's level of performance that stole the show.

The preschool partners were proud to make a cameo appearance in the performance.



*Caps for sale!
Caps for sale!
Fifty cents a cap!*

Preschoolers stood as still as statues to see how many caps could be piled on their heads at one time. Unlike the peddler who carried thirteen caps on his head, a few children were able to pile on six caps before they toppled to the floor!



Parent Visit Schedule 2007

(as of February 28, 2007)

March

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

12 _____
13 Lin (Cole)
14 Sophia (Petros)
16 _____

19 Lauren (Lily)
21 Rebecca and Adam (Kyle)
22 Wendy and Chris (Emma)

April

6 Tracey (Sofia)

11 Tracy and Kevin (Ainsley)
12 Khiet & Christian (Sebastian)
13 Alaina & Jesse (Corinne)

April (cont'd)

16 _____
18 Nikki and Greg (James)

23 _____
27 Jemma and Jim (Tessa)

May

30 _____
1 _____
2 _____
4 _____

7 _____
9 Lisa (Noah)
11 _____

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