



## Monthly Newsletter: March, 2018

### What have the students been up to and what do they have to look forward to this month?

The Blue room will be studying musical instruments this month so if any parents or family members play an instrument and would be interested in demonstrating for the students, we would love for you to come in! Please see Heaven, Katy, Stephanie, or Stacy if you are interested!

#### Blue room

The students have been working on

- Refining their sense of sound using the sound cylinders and playing "What do you hear?"
- Quiet/loud and high/low notes with the bells
- Pairs, odds, and evens
- Formal operations using the Golden Bead Materials (GBM), bead stair, and strip boards with the older students

This month we will be introducing

- Musical instruments and their families
- Composers and their music
- The Stamp Game with the older students

#### Red room

The students have been working on

- Animal habitats in Spanish
- Refining their fine and gross motor skills with activities related to la casa such as using a screwdriver, putting nuts onto bolts, straining, and using a funnel

This month we will be introducing

- Los animales (animals) including los animales domésticos (domesticated animals) and los animales salvajes (wild animals)
- More needle work in the practical life area, polishing, and caring for a baby

#### Green room

The students have been working on

- Basic skills such as cutting, gluing, how to care for the artistic tools, and clean up procedures
- The crayon melt activity
- Collage
- Pastels

This month we will

- Continue to work on representational drawing by copying from stencils, pictures, books and objects.
- Print making with the kindergarteners

#### Rainbow room

The students have been working on

- Birds
- Plants and animals of South America and the rainforest
- Letter-sound association, sequencing, matching, and categorizing
- Grammar including sentence structure and punctuation with kindergarteners

This month we will be introducing

- North America in geography
- The scientific method and life cycles, including amphibians and mealworms
- Poetry
- Parts of speech including nouns, verbs, adjectives and articles using the farm in the language area

## FYIs and Upcoming Events:

We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's Birthday with a Pajama Day on **Friday, March 2nd**. Students may come to school in their pajamas for the day! In honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday, we will be serving a "Green Eggs and Ham" themed lunch on this special day (without the ham, of course).

The snow is melting and the playground is getting muddy and wet. You can send an extra pair of clothes to school so your child can change after recess. Because of the mud, we will be spending some of our recess time at Fassbinder Park instead of on our playground.

We will be **CLOSED the week of March 26 – March 30** for spring vacation. Please be sure to take all winter snow clothes home so we can clean out the bin room over the break. Don't forget to check the lost and found for missing items.

The **red room** will be going on a field trip to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave Sports soon! As soon as we pick a date, we will post a sign on the front door.

## Sharing

Sharing takes place on Thursday and Friday mornings during first class. Please be sure to arrive at school on time for sharing. The sharing time begins at 9:00 and usually only lasts about 10-15 minutes.

The purpose of sharing is to give the children practice with public speaking. The sharing topic list is posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen, on our website, and on shutterfly. We are not as interested in what your child brings within that topic, but more interested in what your child can tell us about it. Sharing is also a great opportunity for the children to practice their listening skills and taking turns.

### Announcement:

Hello Lovely Children's House Families!

I am planning on finishing out the current school year, but for those of you who have not heard yet, my husband and I are expecting a baby girl this coming June!

My husband and I have decided that it makes the most sense for our family if I stay at home next year with the baby. It is with many mixed emotions that I have decided not to come back to work at Children's House next fall.

Children's House has been such an amazing place to work! I've grown so much over my 8 years here and I've learned so much from all of you and your wonderful children. I plan on trying to stay involved and connected here as a substitute teacher. Thank you all for such an amazing year and all of the warm memories!

As this is our first baby, we will be needing lots of baby stuff! We would be interested in buying any used baby gear, so if you are interested in parting with any of your used stuff please let me know! Thanks again!!

Ms. Stephanie