

Directors Notes Continued

Marsha is creative and insightful, a good listener and problem solver. She has a great vision for the future of KDD along with the personal and organizational skills to make Kids' Discovery Days an even better place for children and families.

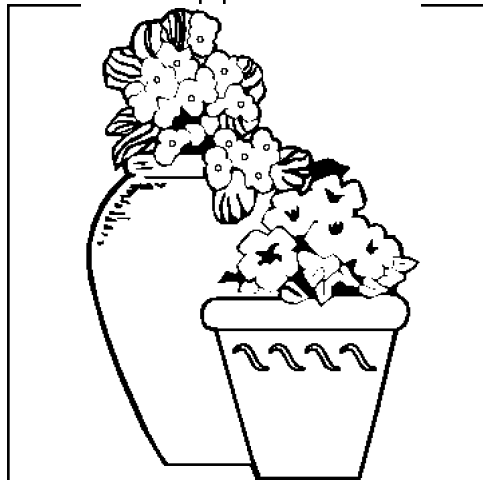
I'm sure you all know that we are blessed with a wonderfully caring and talented teaching staff. They will continue to give your children the best possible preschool experience. I am a better director and a better person for having worked with them.

And as for you, our parents and extended families, your participation in the classroom and your volunteering for the program contribute more than you know to your own children's experiences and those of all families and staff.

We all know how lucky we are to be serving this community.

I wish you all the best now and in the years ahead.

Phyllis



KIDS' DISCOVERY DAYS Newsletter

May, 2010



Director's Notes

Calendar

May

2-23

Plant Sale - you can buy from stock now

Sunday - Sunday

11, Tuesday

No Classes - Staff Training Day

17, 18

Cake on the Lawn at 11:30 - celebrate with Miss Phyllis and Miss Marsha

26, 27

After School Picnics at 11:30

Wednesday, Thursday

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Last Day of Classes

This is my last newsletter article. I have been experiencing a lot of these "last" moments this year. I am grateful for all of your good wishes and for all the wonderful years I have served as the director of KDD.

The staff and families have made it a joyful experience. Now I look forward to all the good things to come for myself and for this program I love.

I am especially excited about the choice of director. To have Marsha Schultze step into the director's role has had me smiling for three weeks now. In addition to loving our kids and the program, she brings many talents to the role.

Preschool Three

Can you believe that it is May? We would like to thank you for a wonderful year of growth and learning with your children. We have truly enjoyed getting to know your children and your families.

We thank you for the support you give your children and KDD. We couldn't do it without you!

In the weeks ahead, we will continue to nurture the sunflowers growing in our pots (thanks for the soil!). These will go home the last week of school.

Next, we'll launch into space. Our crafts will include astronaut helmets, planet earth watercolor paintings, and moon prints. We'll read books about the sun, moon, and stars and

Toddler News

Can you believe it is May and the end of the school year already? I'm finding it hard to believe! This has been a great year working with you and your children! They have grown up so much since the beginning of school. I love looking at pictures as they grow. Many of the children have started making friends and playing with each other, instead of simply engaging in parallel play.

During May, we will focus our theme around springtime and getting ready for summer. We will decorate kites and flowers, and do some activities with bugs and fish! if the weather cooperates, we will spend more time outside. Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child before coming to school. Hats are also welcome.

Don't forget to join us for the end of the year picnics. Thank you all for your help in the toddler room this year! Kim and I have loved getting to know your children and your families. We will see a couple of you next school year. Come visit us if you are moving on. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or concerns.

In summer, the song sings itself. **Jennifer Potter 303-422-2784**

make telescope tubes.

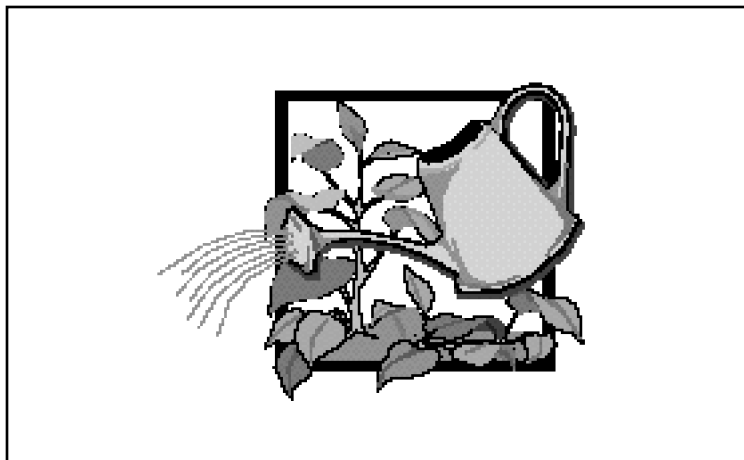
(If you have any t.p. tubes to donate, we could use a few more.)

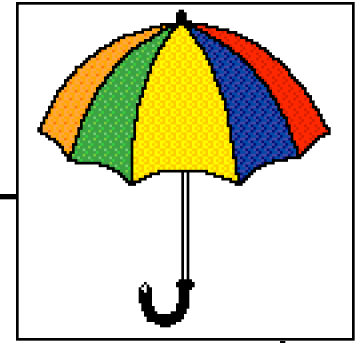
Our final week, we'll return to earth to

investigate the oceans.

We'll make underwater scenes, explore with the water table, play a fishing game. We'll also imagine that we are at the beach.

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Preschool 4/5 Fridays

Spring arrived with our April discussions of animals homes, clouds, rain, and other signs of the season! We learned about the water cycle and actually made a cloud and rain in our classroom! The children glued feathers on paper ducks and used wet chalk to give the ducks colorful umbrellas to brighten any rainy day. We completed a variety of other spring art projects to welcome spring to our class!

After listening to the book, *In the Rain with Baby Duck*, the children dramatized the story with simple props giving each child an opportunity to develop self confidence while having fun acting in a play. After the rain comes the sun, of course, and the *Weekly Reader*'s focus on this distant star helped us to understand how the sun affects our Earth

We celebrated Earth Day with songs and stories to extend our awareness of caring for the Earth by reducing, reusing, and recycling. The children decorated great litter bags to use at home and studied the sequential growth of a tree.

During the three Fridays in May, we will focus on ladybugs, physical fitness, and summer safety. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching your children this year! Thank you for your support and assistance. Have a wonderful summer, and please read to your child for a few minutes every day!

Mary Fanyo 303-425-6143

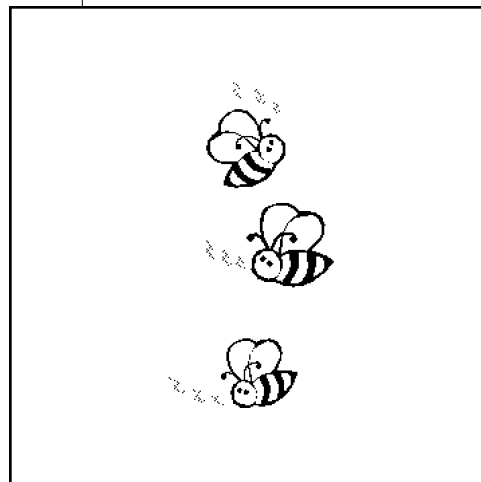
Preschool 4/5

Shirley Pierce 303-420-8353

May will be another busy month for us. We started making wristbands last month and will continue until everyone has had a chance to make at least one. Each wristband will have a bead that changes color when hit by UV rays, reminding us to wear sunblock.

We will study birds, insects, and read a few more books about the moon. Students were surprised to see an old manual typewriter on our activity table. They've enjoyed typing after we read the book, *Click, Clack, Moo--Cows That Type*. Thank you all for bringing in potting soil; our planting project will be fun.

Thanks to all of you for your help in the classroom. I've enjoyed working with you and your children and will miss them all!



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Each of your children is unique and wonderful! They have shared their joy, smiles, laughter, and growth with us, and we thank you for sharing them with us this year.

We'll see you in the fall!

**Marsha Schultze
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**Katie Meeks
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Preschool Two/Three

It is hard to believe that the school year is almost over. It seems like just yesterday when we were coming to your house for a home visit. This time of year is a little sad for us, as we have grown so attached to your children, and it is hard to say goodbye. This year will be especially tough for me, Miss Suzanne, as I will miss our last day of school and our picnic because my son, Owen, will be graduating from Arvada West High School. My last day at school will be Monday, May 24, but we will still have class on Wednesday and Thursday.

This month we will explore Mother's Day, butterflies, and flowers.

May Finger Play

A seed is planted in the ground.
Rain falls softly all around.
The sun shines brightly down below,
Helping all the flowers grow.

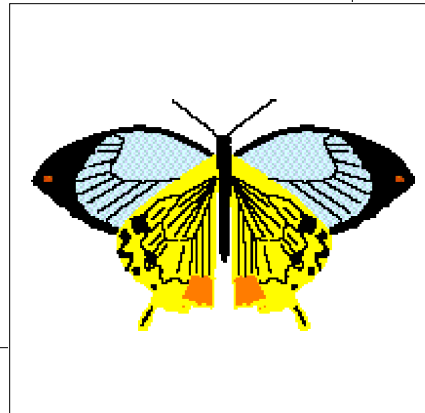
May Song (tune: "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")

Hoe, hoe, hoe your garden
Up and down the rows.
See the sun come shining down,
And watch your garden grow.

We would like to thank you for all of your help and support during the last year. We know that it can be difficult to find time to volunteer in the classroom, but your participation allows us to maintain a high quality environment for the children. Thank you for sharing your amazing children with us. We have loved our time together and will miss them.

Plan to join Miss Cindy at the picnic after the last day of class, and have a wonderful summer.

Cindy 303-469-1160 Suzanne 303-424-5806



Summer Opportunities

Music - The ad in this newsletter is from Miss Anne and A Child's Song. This class is right here in our building this summer.

www.achildssong.com

Little Foxes

Children's Theater - It's at the Fox Theatre, a bit of a drive but well worth it. *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* runs from June 15 - June 28. *Alice's Adventures in*

Wonderland runs July 13 - July 20.

It's at 9900 E. Colfax
303-739-1970

www.AuroraFox.org

Majestic View Nature Center - Celebrate the wonders of nature

with short hikes, hands-on activities, crafts, and books.

Apex Recreation

District - another local opportunity for great children's activities and classes.

www.apexprd.org

Preschool 3/4 Lisa Newkirk

In April, the Friday class enjoyed doing puzzles and making a giant caterpillar with our Friday Friends. Our last visits are 5/7 & 5/21.

We learned about absorption as we watched our white carnations absorb the different colors in water. We also had fun looking at various seeds with our magnifying glass. The Tuesday class used their senses to explore during our nature walk. We saw and felt moss, smelled flowers, touched tree bark, and watched birds. We had fun seeing the new leaves growing on the trees. We will try to explore outside again.

We will talk about Mother's Day, insects and bugs, and growing plants during May. We will plant flowers and seeds on May 3 and 4. My older son, Randy, will graduate from Arvada West H.S. on May 26. My last day of school will be Tuesday, May 25. My sister is coming from Tennessee to be my "parent helper" on May 25 and May 25. I want to thank you all for your help and support this year. You are a very special group of parents and I was blessed to have your children in class.