

Cheverly Weekday Nursery  
March 2008

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

What an interesting and fun month this has been. We began by talking about the ground hog. The children enjoyed making the ground hog bag puppet, doing the dot to dot paper, reading stories, listening to the legend and learning about shadows. Then onto Valentine's Day! We talked about mixing white and red paint to make pink, purple and white to make lavender, painted huge hearts, created Valentine mail bags for their mail boxes, made cards for parents, did collages with old Valentines, matching, counting and sequencing Valentines and created beautiful hearts painted with vinegar and then touches of tissue paper were added for a neat effect.

Then, onto the most exciting unit we do. Dinosaurs! This group has really enjoyed playing with our fantastic collection of dinosaurs doing puzzles, listening to stories, singing songs and learning about the dinosaurs. Our paper plate creations were colorful and fun, sponge painting, headbands, and bone collages were very exciting too. There were many papers that involved usual perception, matching, counting and for fun – just coloring these creatures. The children were

fascinated by their names and could say them all. Vocabulary was abundant – fossil, skeleton, paleontologist, trowel, sieve, carnivore, herbivore to name just a few. The highlight of the unit was pretending to be a paleontologist and dig for real bones in the sand box and

to chip away at hard play dough with little dinosaurs buried in it. The children used screwdrivers and hammers as tools and then they got to take the dinosaurs home – what a thrill! All in all – a fun learning experience. On April 11<sup>th</sup> we will visit the Smithsonian Museum and view the dinosaurs. Through out this study of dinosaurs, we used our imaginations (another new word). We did several imagination games, and also wrote individual stories about our dinosaur that lives in our homes. It was fun.

We also spent some time learning about George Washington and Abe Lincoln. Weren't those masks great?!

### MARCH PLANS

During March we will be doing activities associated with Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick's Day, wind and Easter. Thanks to Brady's mom for helping us with our cat in the hat bulletin board. She washed many feet that day!

### CHEVERLY DAY

On Cheverly Day the Nursery and Mother's Day Out programs will sponsor the ice cream concession. This will be our second year – Last year we made about \$200.00. **No volunteers** needed all we have to do is buy lots and lots of ice cream! That's enough to do!! Please tell neighbors and friends to support the effort.

### TRUCK TOUCH

Katie Troyner, Stella Scott, Michelle Ferrando, Sue McElroy and Laila Sekowski, along with the staff have been getting organized for the big event **TRUCK TOUCH**. The date is May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mark it on your calendars. We **NEED** all our parents to help on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. this is a huge event – widely publicized and we need many volunteers – adults as well as teens. If you know of someone who has a vehicle that children would like to see up close, let us know. For this event, we also need toys that are given out by fast food restaurants. This is a way to recycle!

If you have not handed in your registration form for next year, please do so. The Nursery is having financial difficulties this year and we have to use our reserve funds in order to meet our budget. Our enrollment this year is quite low and without a minimum of 15 students for next year, we may have to close our doors. We've had calls, people have visited, but not many have registered and paid the fee. We certainly hope that his will not be our last year. This is such a great school.

### SNACKS FOR MARCH

All we would like for you to bring this month are 5 oz. cups and napkins. The Nursery will provide the juice and the food.

### VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

We had a great party. The children ate lots of pizza and enjoyed the jello that they made for dessert. Thanks to Sue McElroy and Melanie Davis for their help that day.

### REGISTRATION 2008-09

## EASTER PARTY

We will have an Easter Party on Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – from 8:45 – 12:30. This year we would like to serve chicken nuggets and macaroni and cheese, fruit salad, lemonade and an Easter cookie for dessert. More information will be sent to you shortly. Oh, yes, we will need a parent volunteer.

## SPEECH SCREENING

Speech screening has been re-scheduled for Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. We will follow the same procedures – all children will come at 8:45. If you had offered to bring some refreshment for the clinicians, may we count on you to do it for the 18<sup>th</sup>? If not, please call us.

## PARENT CONFERENCES

You received a letter regarding your conference appointment last Friday. If this time is not convenient for you, please let us know so we may give you another time. Also, **very important**, due to schedules of working moms, you **may not** have an appointment on **March 14<sup>th</sup>**. You may have an **early morning** appointment on **another day**. We will send a reminder the day before your conference.

## SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

If your child has a summer birthday and you would like to celebrate it at Nursery School, please see Linda to arrange a date. We call this an “unbirthday” or “pretend” birthday.

## BAKE SALE

On Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, we will participate at the Cheverly Flea Market by having our annual spring bake sale. We need to have one or two people co-ordinate the event. All have to bake. It is not labor intensive. See Linda or Nancy if you would like to help.

## HEALTH RECORDS

You may borrow your child's health records when you register your child for kindergarten.

## REMINDERS

1. March tuition payments are due now.
2. March 14<sup>th</sup> – No School – Conferences for older children.
3. March 19<sup>th</sup> – Easter Party – All students 8:45 – 12:30, lunch will be served.
4. March 20<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> – Easter Vacation.
5. March 31<sup>st</sup> – Classes Resume.
6. April 5<sup>th</sup> – Cheverly Flea Market – Bake Sale.
7. April 11<sup>th</sup> – Dinosaur Trip – Smithsonian.
8. April 16<sup>th</sup> – Vision Screening – All children come at 8:45.

9. April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Trip to  
Arboretum?? (Depends on  
Weather).