

The Spencer House Montessori News

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SCHOOL NEWS

We had much fun here at the school for Easter! The three year olds weren't buying the whole Easter Bunny idea when a six foot one showed up on our playground. They were sure it was Mr. Keven in that suit...so imagine their surprise when Mr. Keven was spotted on the other playground at the same time! Special thanks to the Joe and Tscharna Senn for the entertainment and to all the parents who came to help and brought food for the festivities.



We are excited that the new roof is finally going on the two story building. Mr. Keven is under orders to get it fixed up, painted, and dolled up with gingerbread...looks like he has a busy summer ahead of him.

The VPK/Primary class is planning quite an end of year celebration from what we hear. They have the French, Music, and Occupational Therapy teachers all working on presentations with the kids. We will email details as soon as we have them!

CLASS NOTES

Infants

"Babbles from the Babies"

Spring has sprung! Isn't this weather wonderful!!! Go out and enjoy it! This month we welcome Ben into our class. He is 3 1/2 months old and cute as a button. He has a big smile for everyone and likes watching the kids play around him. We certainly are enjoying him!

Ethan is really starting to cruise around. He is very brave! He's so pleased with himself and happy with his independence.

Easton is movin' faster than a speeding bullet. He's going to be walking before we know it. With a quick smile he melts our hearts.

Alyssa had her first birthday on the 7th. HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALYSSA! We celebrate with you and hope your next year is just as exciting as the first. Alyssa is almost ready to walk and always smiling.

Summer is taking a few steps now and she's so excited. We love watching her stand up and then try so hard to "get it going" and finally take a step or two. Summer will be celebrating her first birthday on the 15th. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Savannah walks all over the place now and enjoys playing with all her friends. She likes to "read" books and talk on the phone. She's a happy gal!

Molly has moved to the Beginner's class and is playing with Conner and Emilee again. We will miss her!

We'd like you to meet Laura. She

will be coming into the Infant Room at 2:15 to work with Tammy.

Welcome Laura!

As always it is our pleasure taking care of your children. Please read your Daily Report and come visit us anytime!!!

Ms. Vicki, Ms. Betsy,
Ms. Tammy, and Ms. Laura

Beginners

This month the Beginner's class was very sad to see Blake and Mattie move up to the Preprimary class. They are our friends and will be greatly missed. We will look forward to seeing them on the playground! However, we are lucky to have two new friends joining us..Anjana is the daughter of Ms Jnani, our new Preprimary assistant teacher, and Molly comes to us from the Infant Room. Molly and Conner are reunited and both have adjusted well to our class schedule. We had a great Easter holiday and have been enjoying our painting and coloring projects. As it is getting warmer outside and the bugs are multiplying, we ask that you send sunscreen and bug repellent for your child. As always we can use help with snacks and tissues, so anything you can do to help would be greatly appreciated. We have a surplus of goldfish and animal crackers, so some other variety of snacks would be a great treat for the children. Thank you!

Ms. Shayna, Ms. Shara,
and Ms. Lindsey

CLASS NOTES cont.

Preprimary

Welcome Spring! We had an exciting time last week as we prepared to celebrate Easter. The children enjoyed coloring eggs and were extremely excited about our Easter Egg Hunt and “special guest” visitor the Easter Bunny on Friday the 14th. Special thanks to Tscharna & Joe Senn (Kamryn’s Parents) for coming as the Easter Bunny and helper and to Mary Clark (Zane & Brice’s Mom) and Merrilee Jipson (Merrill’s Mom) for supplying us with goodies for our Easter Celebration. We would also like to thank Carol Schooler (Nikko’s Mom) for the yummy Bunny cake and for helping to stuff Easter Eggs and goody bags for our party. We couldn’t have done it without all of your support!

Dora has enjoyed spending the weekend with Sonia and Ross so far this month. The children anxiously await the reading of her journal each Monday morning. Thanks so much for participating!

On Tuesday April 25th our classroom will be celebrating Spring with a Teddy Bear Picnic. Please check your child’s folder for details.

On Thursday April 27th the 3-4 year old group will be taking a field trip to the Alachua Library for Story Hour at 10:30am.

Throughout the month of May we will be working on completing your child’s end-of-year progress reports. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Ms. Betsy, Ms. Rebecca,
Ms. Kathleen and Ms. Jnani

Primary

Hello and happy Spring! We hope everyone had a very nice Easter and a wonderful Spring Break. The children were excited to get back and share their stories.

The students participated in an Easter coloring contest sponsored by Food Lion. The manager, Mr. Lamb, and Amy Williams (Kaila’s Mom) came by the school Thursday afternoon to announce the winners. The first place winners received a rabbit cake and a \$10 gift certificate to Food Lion. The second place winners received a rabbit cake, and the third place winners a stuffed animal. Those winners were: First Place - Kara Senn and Caitlin Brooks, Second Place - John Garret Hause and Parker Edwards, and Third Place - Meredith Forrester and Taylor Mallard. All entries can be seen at the Food Lion store. The entire class will also be given an ice cream party on a day of our choice. We are finishing up our unit on the Solar System and have started our units on Life Cycles and and Rocks and Minerals.

Last week we received 2 chrysalis. One is a Buckeye butterfly which hatched Monday morning and excited the children. They’re anxiously awaiting the arrival of our other chrysalis, which is a Julia. We were fortunate enough to have a small Monarch caterpillar on a plant we brought in for the butterflies. He has

doubled in size in a week and we are watching him grow. We also have some Painted Lady caterpillars on order which should be here Friday.

On orders of the fire marshall, Mr. Keven has moved the hooks from the hallway to the cubby by the front window. Our space is very limited, so please use a canvas bag instead of bulky backpacks.

We are planning an End of Year celebration on Friday, May 19th at 9:30 am. The First United Methodist Church of Alachua has graciously allowed us to use their auditorium so that we won’t be crowded like last year. Details will follow!

Thank you very much for all your help and cooperation.

Ms. Roberta, Ms. Alice,
and Ms. Carol

Afterschool Enrichment

Following Spring Break, the weather was so nice and breezy - it inspired a week of stories about kites.

We have added “game days” and the children have been enjoying new board and card games, as well as old favorites. If your child has a favorite game that they would like to bring in for a week, please feel free to do so. Thank you!

Ms. Kathleen & Ms. Hope

Important Dates

Friday April 28th	Parent’s Nite Out 6-9pm
Friday, May 26th	Last Day of School
Monday May 29th	Memorial Day - School Closed
Tuesday May 30th	Summer Camp Planning - School Closed
Wednesday, May 31st	First day of Summer Camp