

The Spencer House Montessori News

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SCHOOL NEWS

We have to keep the school news short and to the point this month because the teachers have much to tell you about their classes!

- We now offer a Wednesday lunch that consists of a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, chips, fresh fruit or veggie, and a juice box for \$3. You sign up on the same form you use for Pizza Friday and pay in the same tin box. You can also now sign up and pay for as long as a month in advance. The PBJ's were a big hit with the kids on our first day of having them. We will continue to seek to expand our lunch offerings.

- The fundraising packets are due back to school on Monday, March 20th. We are heading into a very expensive time with the school expansion this summer, so any help you can give with fundraising is greatly appreciated. Mr. Keven is still in shock from the first quote on his campus fence project!

- Summer Camp is filling up fast! If your child is coming and you haven't signed up, please contact the office soon. We have a lot of fun around here during the summer!

- **Spring Break Camp is full!** We're sorry, but if you didn't sign your child up already you will need to make other plans for the week of April 3rd through April 7th. We will not be able to take them that week and can't make exceptions due to staffing limitations.

CLASS NOTES

Infants

"Babbles from the Babies"

Another month has flown by and we're just having a blast in the Infant Room. We had such a good time making the babies' handprints for Valentine's Day. These days go so fast and before you know it they're all grown up. Cherish these days...you can't turn them back!

Ethan is now crawling all over the place. He's so happy when he gets to where he's going and gives us a big



grin...except when he's backed himself into a corner and can't get out. He likes to "stand up" on the big shape box.

Easton is starting to cruise! He is so happy to be "on his own!" He's so proud when he just goes and gets what he wants. He's been "walking the dog" walker these days and getting very good at it! He's sitting at the table to eat and enjoys Mom's good "country cookin'."

Summer is growing up fast. Mom

says she's taken 2 steps...we're waiting to see that for ourselves. She's sitting at the table to eat and doing quite nicely by herself! She loves strawberries! She likes going outside to swing and socialize with the other kids.

Alyssa is cruising around and is always smiling. She is starting to color..."I'd still rather eat the crayon, but Ms. Vicki won't let me!"

Savannah is now 1 year old!!! On her birthday she wore a princess hat and we celebrated by having a "Cool Whip party." They loved smearing it all around...their mouths. She likes going outside with Conner and Molly to swing.

Conner has graduated to the Beginner's class! We sure will miss you...you've been such a pleasure to care for and you're a real fun boy!!

Molly is always making us laugh. She has such a way about her that makes you smile. She loves books and just sits and jabbers away while she "reads." She is coloring very well and she enjoys going outside to play.

We'd like to thank Ms. Rebecca for the wonderful new cribs! Our sleeping room looks better than ever and is a little roomier now.

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

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(352) 262-4150

For faster service on requests to the office, email Cheryl Russell at:

SHMOFFICE@ALLTEL.NET

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Beginners

We have been having lots of fun and learning a lot in the Beginner's class. We have been doing many messy projects where we get to play with different textures. We've also been having our water and sand days as scheduled and the kids have absolutely loved it! This month we are saying goodbye to our friend Spencer as he moves up to the Preprimary classroom and we will be welcoming Conner from the Infant room. We are very proud of them both and hope they have an easy transition.

Many of us have become very vocal and are starting to speak our minds. Skyler knows many of her animal names and the sounds they make. Jake has begun to announce his words very well and even knows most of his body parts. On St. Patrick's Day we will be making green jello and then having it for a snack. Yum!

If you have any ideas or have questions please don't hesitate to talk to us. Thanks again!

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

Preprimary

We have been extremely busy in the Preprimary classroom this month. In March we have covered the letters W, Q and X and our friends are enjoying taking home the letter basket on Friday. Each Friday morning they eagerly await the announcement of who will be taking it home that weekend. On Monday morning we have had a

great time going through all of the interesting, creative items each family has brought to share.

Dora has also begun to make the rounds and has spent the weekend with Calen and Braxton this month. We have enjoyed reading her journal to the class and are excited that she has sparked an interest in journaling for many of our friends!

Each day we review our numbers 1-10 in Spanish, our numbers by 10 to 100, the pledge of allegiance, months of the year and continents. Our class is planning to put together a presentation including songs and artwork we have done throughout the year sometime in May.

On Thursday, March 23rd our 3 and 4 year old group will be taking a field trip to the Alachua Library for Story Hour. Please have your child wear their Spencer House t-shirt for the field trip.

Thank you so much for your continued support!

Ms. Rebecca, Ms. Radha, Ms. Kathleen, Ms. Sarah, and Ms. Ashley

Primary

The Primary class wrapped up their unit on nutrition and the food pyramid with a field trip to Hitchcock's grocery store. The VPK and K-1 classes walked there together with several chaperones

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

including our very own plain clothes police escorts. Upon arrival, we divided into 3 groups and began our scavenger hunt. We did a behind the scenes tour of the produce department with Mr. John, who also showed us the cardboard baler, cold storage area, and the deli. In the bakery department we were allowed to walk into the big coolers and freezers and got to see everything in progress. Mr. John gave each group a bag of apples and Ms. Margaret in the bakery gave each student a cookie to eat. After our tour we headed to the park to play and eat lunch. We'd like to thank Joe and Tscharna Senn, Sharon LeBlanc, Stephanie Thompson, Stacey Mantlo, and Ross Edwards for going with us.

We've started our unit on the Solar System and are learning the parts of our flag. We will be going to the Florida Museum of Natural History on Monday, March 27th. We'll leave the school at 10 a.m. and return at approximately 2 p.m. A permission slip has been sent home.

A couple of reminders...please check around your homes for any school folders, we are down to 3 again, and please send a cloth napkin for your child to place their lunch on and a cloth napkin to wipe their hands with. Thank you!

Important Dates

Friday, March 31st

April 3rd - April 7

Friday, May 26th

Wednesday, May 31st

Deadline to signup for Summer Camp

Spring Break and Spring Break Camp

Last Day of School

First day of Summer Camp