



Preschool Newsletter

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November 19, 2008

November 22
Saturday
Heritage House Parent Party
7:00pm
(see e-vite)

November 26
Wednesday
Grandfriends Day
Thanksgiving Holiday Begins
11:45am DISMISSAL

December 1
Monday
School Resumes

December 4
Thursday
First Thursday@ FSH
8:30am

December 6
Friendship Saturday

December 9+10
Tuesday + Wednesday
Holiday Gift Sale

December 18
Preschool Parents
Jingle Bell Band
9:30am

Meeting for Worship
11:00am

Dismissal
11:45am
Winter Holiday Begins

January 5
Monday
8:15am
School Resumes

January 8
Thursday
First Thursday @ FSH
8:30am

January 13
Tuesday
8:30am
FCO Meeting

January 15
Thursday
8:15am
Sibling Story Time

Leaf Rubbings
Place several leaves on the table and secure them with tape. Place a sheet of paper atop the leaves and rub the flat side of a crayon over the page. The outlines of the leaves appear as if by magic.

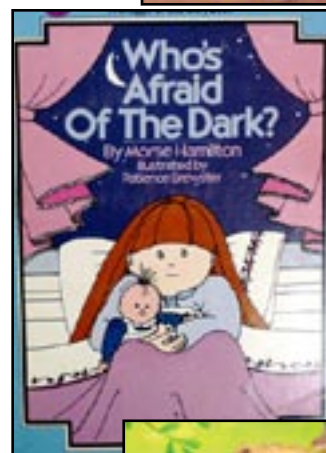
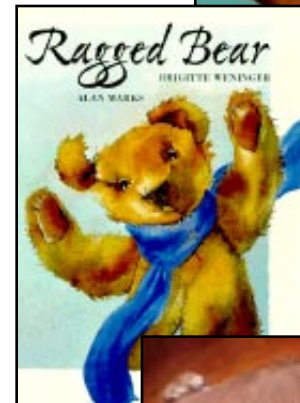
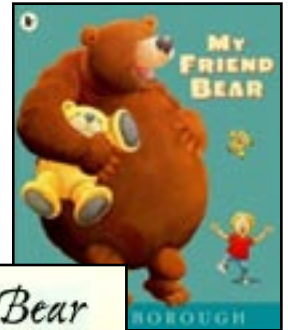


Friday visitors

The children of prekindergarten were invited to join the preschool children to get acquainted with Lotus and Wilmer, the resident doves of preschool. The docile birds walked around the circle greeting old and new friends. All of the children watched respectfully, sitting criss-cross applesauce with hands in laps and asked many questions about the birds. The birds clearly felt safe among these gentle young children.

Books we have read recently include:

My Friend Bear!, Jez Alborough
Ragged Bear, Brigitte Weninger
Bear Snores On, Karma Wilson
Who's Afraid of the Dark?, Morse Hamilton
Bear Wants More, Karma Wilson





Like other doves, Wilmer and Lotus are ground feeders. This trait makes them vulnerable to predators in the wild but not so in preschool. Here Ryan and Roman get a bird's eye view of Wilmer eating his seed.



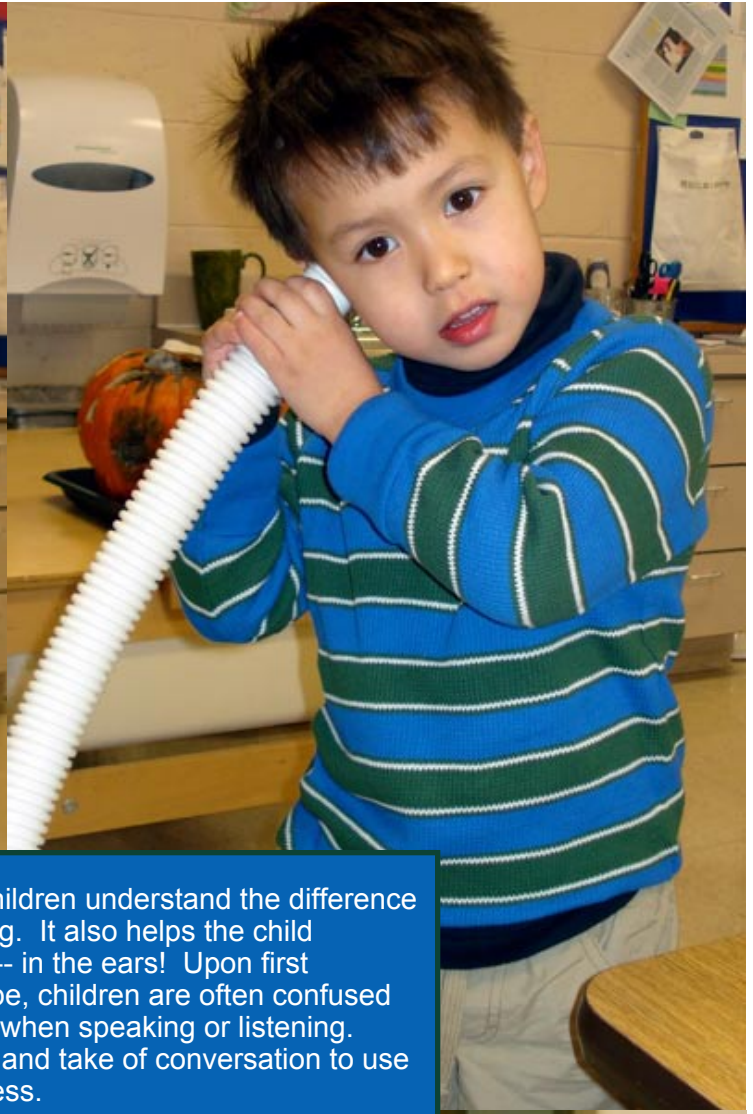
Buttered corn for snack was a popular choice Monday morning



Laundry clips are a great tool for developing fine motor skills. Here, Megan attaches laundry clips to a popsicle stick star.

Other activities would include using the clips to pick up cotton balls, macaroni, small toys, etc.

The whispering tube



A simple tube or hose helps children understand the difference between listening and speaking. It also helps the child learn where hearing happens -- in the ears! Upon first being handed a whispering tube, children are often confused about where to place the tube when speaking or listening. It takes awareness of the give and take of conversation to use the whispering tube with success.



Science: an unexpected lesson

Sadly, where there was to have been a picture of the classroom Jack-o-lantern at day 21, there is no picture. Last night, the cleaners tossed the rotting gourd into the trash, unaware that it was an on-going preschool science project. In lieu of a picture of the real thing, you can enjoy some pretty cool time lapse photography of rotting jack-o-lanterns at youtube.com

Self-dressing for cold weather

We can do it ourselves!



The following Parent/Teacher Conferences have been confirmed:

Tuesday, January 20

7:00am Megan
7:30am Miles
8:00am Christian
8:30am Cate
9:00am
9:30am Evan
10:00am _____
10:30am Blaise

Thursday, January 22

7:30am Roman

Tuesday, January 27

9:30am _____

Wednesday, January 28

9:30am Ryan

FAQ's

Q. When I come to my conference, where should I park?

A. Please park on the street or in the portion of the sheds' parking area that is not designated "High Density" -- your car will be blocked by teachers' cars. DO NOT PARK around the oval or along the sides of the driveway. These spots are for faculty cars that remain at school all day.

Q. May I bring my child to the conference.

A. No.

Q. My baby-sitters are in school at that time. Who will baby-sit?

A. Consider making a plan with the family whose conference is on either side of yours. Sharing child care could help another family as well.

Q. I have another child in the School House. Do they have conferences too?

A. No. January 20 is a School day for Grades I-VI.

Q. May I drop my child off at Early Birds in the morning?

A. Yes! There is a \$3 fee payable in the gym to Mr. R.

Recently asked:

Q. ***Do grandparents come to the 9:30am Preschool Jingle Bell Band Party on December 18th?***

A. The Preschool Jingle Bell Band is separate from Holiday Meeting for Worship that occurs later in the morning. The Jingle Bell Band at 9:30am is for preschool children and their parents only. This will be an informal gathering at circle time -- parents, teachers and preschoolers sitting on the floor together.

All families, grandparents, aunts, uncles and all extended family, friends and neighbors are warmly invited to Holiday Meeting for Worship, that same day at 11:00am.

Parents, to date, we have received RSVP's from the parents of Cate, Christian, Evan and Megan. To help the teachers guide each child's expectations for the morning, please let us know your plans for that morning. RSVP by email to Tina.