

March 2008

Play is Powerful



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PPP March News

Mark your calendars for:

PPP's 5th Annual Art Expo and Silent Auction Saturday, April 19th

Join us for a special night of fun, food,
drinks and bargains.

Some of the items to bid on include:



Black Lion
 The Bradford Store
 Brixx Pizza
 Carolina Panthers
 The Carolina Trail
 Carrabba's Italian Restaurant
 Charlotte at Play
 Charlotte Symphony
 Cheesecake Etc
 Concord Mills Mall
 Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens
 Edventure Children's Museum
 Flying Saucer Draught Emporium
 Irresistible Portraits
 Lazy 5 Ranch
 Longaberger Baskets and Pottery
 Lowes Motor Speedway

Max & Erma's
 Monkey Joe's
 NASCAR Speedpark
 NC Zoo—Asheboro
 NC Dance Theater
 Northcross Lanes at the Lake
 Pampered Chef
 Panera
 Paramount's Carowinds
 Quail Dry Cleaners
 Reiki by Susan Thompson
 Riverbanks Zoo & Botanical Gardens
 Smokey Bones
 Southern Light Photography
 Stampin' UP
 Tijuana Flats
 Wal-Mart
 Walt Disney World

The Auction proceeds go to better our school, so help make PPP all it can be by
joining us for a great night out!

Enjoy a night out without the kids. No one under 21 permitted.

Dates to Remember

Thurs, March 6th	Auction Committee Meeting
Wed., March 19th	Council Meeting
Fri., March 21st	No School –Easter Break
Mon., March 24th	No School - Easter Break



Classroom News

Here's what has been going on in your child's classroom...



Our classroom has started to get that buzz of busy children. In art, we have painted with feathers and cars and are beginning to use two colors of paint. We also have started using scissors to cut up old magazines in the sensory table, as well as gluing on the easel.

Other new items in our room have been a dollhouse, musical shakers, bristle blocks and links.

It is common for children this age to become interested in clothing. We are seeing more dressing up in their dramatic play and taking off shoes and socks. We are encouraging children to manage their own clothing during toileting and to find and "try" to put on their own coats and hats, and to keep up with the clothing they remove (hats and gloves go on the fence, shoes and socks go in cubbies, etc.).

We really enjoyed conferencing with everyone. It's always nice to have the time with parents to discuss not only concerns, but all the wonderful experiences we have with the children.



Thanks so much for coming in for the conferences. It was wonderful to be able to sit down and share with each other. We are always available by phone or e-mail if you ever have a question that comes up or to schedule a conference. During the conferences, several parents expressed interest in coming in to read. We have placed a reading calendar on the door to help coordinate a reading schedule for those interested.

The children are busy in the blocks. There are roads being built from one end of the class to the other. Tall towers are being constructed. We also have added scissors, hole punchers and an assortment of colored pencils to the writing table. This has been a busy little center.

We are continuing to paint with two colors, and will soon be adding a third. After lunch, the children have been working together on floor puzzles. It is just awesome to watch the smiles and high fives shared between them. The wood working continues to be an exciting activity that they look forward to. Thanks to the moms and grandpa who have come in and volunteered. We are still collecting round oatmeal containers. Good health and happiness to all.



The four year olds are continuing to amaze us as they attempt more projects in the classroom and take on new challenges outdoors.

The girls are all working extremely hard to be able to sit on top of the bar and swing above everyone. It takes a lot of upper body strength and for those still practicing, there is help aplenty. It is a team effort.

The boys are playing new games and continue to chase, bury treasure, and become all sorts of characters ranging from dogs to pirates.

Inside the classroom some new additions have been added to every area. The block area now has puppets and cars and it is still one of the busiest places to be. From garages to stages, they are building up a storm from beginning to end. We have added pretty stationary and stickers to the writing table and they caught the attention of others who usually just pass on by.

Housekeeping looks like housekeeping again but now there are fancy dresses and party plates, which has inspired weddings, birthdays, and get-togethers. The children keep busy all day and are all creating original, fun masterpieces whether they are doing woodworking, collages, spin art, or the ever popular stamp painting.

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Outerspace Nuts! **July 14-18**

Peace Out **July 21-25**

Days of Knights **August 11-15**

Under the Sea **August 18-22**

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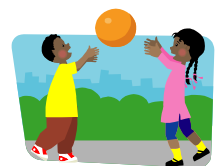


When Friends Come to Play

As parents, it is exciting to let your child know that a friend from school is coming over for a play date or going home with your child and you.

But at school, we have been experiencing some hurt feelings and excluding talk between the children.

If you are planning on a play date with schoolmates, the children's day in the class would be much smoother if they didn't know what was coming and had a nice surprise at the end of the day.



What to do when your child complains about another child.

By Marjo Wilson

Children complaining about other children is a common thing as they become more verbal and aware of others at school.

Sometimes it's simply a way of having a conversation with an adult or relaying what goes on at school. It can also become a way of getting attention.

As parents, sometimes we have to resist the urge to "rescue" and find ways to empower our children to handle their own conflicts. Giving them the tools to deal with adversity will be a great asset as they travel through life.

If your children complain about an incident, ask them what they did when it happened.

If they say "nothing", you could make a suggestion in this way. "Well, if someone hit me, I would tell them to stop or I would find someone else to play with".

If they answer "I told them to stop," etc. then you could say approvingly "That's sounds like you found a way to handle it."

You can also remind them that if they've tried and can't handle a situation then that is the time to get an adult.



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Thanks go to all the parents who have been surprising our staff with special goodies.



Sandwich Kebobs

Is your child bored of the same old lunch?

Try serving it on a stick.

This recipe from Family Fun Magazine can help put some fun back in the lunch routine and can be adapted to suit all tastes or diets.

Ingredients:

- Bread
- Cheese
- Lunch meat
- Grape tomatoes
- Lettuce
- Pickles
- Olives



Directions

1. Cut up cubes of bread, cheese, and lunch meat (we ordered 1/2-inch-thick slices of ham and turkey at the deli counter).

2. Slide the cubes onto a skewer with other foods your child likes, such as a grape tomato, a piece of lettuce, a pickle, or an olive.

3. Set out a side of mayo or mustard for dipping.

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