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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Open house on June 18th,
4:30 - 6:00pm

FROM PAT'S DESK

I would like to thank all of our families who donated wonderful treats and beautiful cards during Early Childhood Education Appreciation week. Your thoughtfulness was much appreciated by all the Educators here. Thanks to everyone as well for filling out the Parent Evaluation forms. Your feedback is so important to us. The polls will be closed shortly.

The Parent Manual has been revised and approved by the Board of Directors. I have sent it to the printers and we should be receiving them back shortly. I will place a Parent Manual in everyone's mailbox as soon as they arrive.

We were successful in receiving funds from two grant applications which I submitted early in Spring. We have received \$5,000 from The Winnipeg Foundation for our Art with Illustrators grant for summer programming. We also just received word from the FACT Parent Child Coalition that we were successful in receiving \$1,500.00 towards a fitness and wellness initiative over the summer months. Bryanna from Prairie Roots Yoga will continue to provide classes two days a week over the summer months which was a component in this grant application. We will also be receiving the Fruits and Veggie grant for our fourth year. The children continue to enjoy trying new fruits and veggies and we are thankful for all of the support from these funders!

TAMMIE'S TIDBITS!

Another school year has almost finished. It is a bittersweet time of the year for me and my fellow educators. Our grade six children have grown up and are leaving but their departure allows room for younger minds to enter our program. We wish the grade six children all the best in their future endeavors. We will miss them!

With summer approaching we have been busy planning an exciting and fun filled summer. Many new faces will be joining us this summer, and we want to take this opportunity to welcome them!

A summer package will be available the week of July 16th. If you happen to be a family leaving for the summer, however returning in September, we hope you have a wonderful, enjoyable summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you September 2nd for the first school in-service of the year.

KINDER CORNER NEWS

We would like to welcome Jared and his family to the Nursery and Kindergarten program!

We can finally say we are done with the winter for some time now and we have fully embraced the warm spring weather! During our outdoor times we have observed the weather and how our surroundings have changed. The children have noticed that the temperature gets warmer and how the trees are now growing leaves.

Moe the Mouse has almost completed another round of sleepovers! It has been wonderful hearing the adventures that Moe and Moe's friends have had with the children. Moe and his friends have also been included weekly in activities such as story time, scavenger hunts and during rest time.

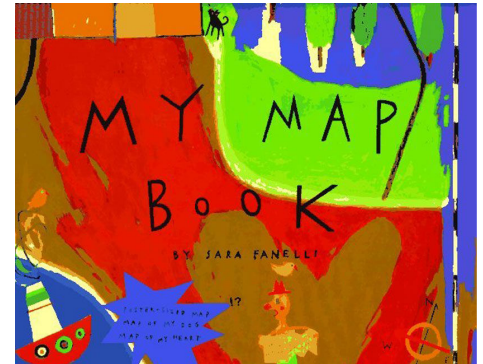
We have completed a number of projects this spring. The children have continued creating their own books that they have chosen to do on their own time. We had a

wonderful time learning how to use watercolors with the project "Our Map of My Heart" inspired by the "My Map Book" by Sara Fanelli. Their artwork is amazing and the children have become great artists themselves! Watercolor painting has become one of their favorite activities.

After reading the story "Plant a Kiss" by Amy Krouse Rosenthal the children created their own planted kiss for their moms. The children shared what made their mom so special and incorporated it into their plant projects.

We are currently working on our Picasso inspired self portraits! We have been exploring our faces through mirror, drawings and magnet cut outs of their faces. They have certainly noticed many similarities as well as differences between one another. We also had great conversations with the children when exploring our noses! "There is hair in there!" said one of our children when exploring using mirrors to look at their nose.

By: Jean dela Cruz



Kinder Graduation will take place on Monday June 23rd at approx. 11:30am or sooner depending on when the children are dismissed from school that day. Lunch will be served to all families in attendance. More information will follow shortly!

Favorite Quote of the Month:

I asked the Educators in lieu of Mother's Day to provide a favorite quote, lesson or value from their mother.

"You can do anything you put your mind to." - Carmie

"Live every day as if it is your last" - Suzanne

"School is not the only place to get an Education." - Marilyn

SCHOOL AGE NEWS

We are about to embark on the third Annual T.W.O. (two weeks outdoor challenge). Please be sure to send your children with the appropriate clothing. A brochure about this event went home in every child's mailbox.

In Mary S. Rivkin's "The Great Outdoors" book she analyzed the relationship between nature and

human health. She states that less nature can result in: higher rates of aggression and violence, more evidence of loneliness, more prone to stress and anxiety and higher rates of clinical depression. Other results included greater rates of childhood obesity with a greater risk of cardiovascular diseases.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE MAY AND JUNE BABIES!

CHILDREN:

Anastasia, Anthony, Kenny, Nathan, Neveah, Riley, Beckham, Bella, Dayton, Emile, Lisa, and Sean

STAFF:

Pat, Terry, Francis and Arlyn

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Next BOD meeting will be July 10th at 5:30pm, Sinclair Park Community Centre.

PARENT INFO

Our Spring Open House will take place on June 18th from 4:30-6:00pm.

Light refreshments will be served. Please take a tour and see the Educators' projects!

EDUCATOR'S NEWS

It was Jenn Martin's last day on May 16th. She has been employed with us since 2009. It was time for her to simplify her life a bit. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

We have hired Sandra Liwanag for the morning program. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome her to the team.

We have promoted Melchie as the Inclusion Support Facilitator. We are very excited that Melchie has agreed to take on this new role.

RECIPE

Broccoli Salad

2 Large bunches of broccoli
 1/2 cup raisins
 1/2 cup red onion or mushrooms
 1/2 cup sunflower seeds
 Dressing: 1/2 cup mayonnaise
 1 tbsp sugar
 1 tsp vinegar
 Mix first 4 ingredients in a bowl.
 Make dressing and pour over broccoli. Mix and enjoy!

ME TO WE

At this year Manitoba Child Care Conference, Marc Kielburger, co-founder of the Me to We initiative was the key note speaker. It was fantastic to hear about this wonderful organization and how it not only benefits many countries, people and charitable organizations near and far all over the world. He also addressed the benefits of involving children at any age into the Me to We program.

"As a result of participating in Me to We programming:

70% of participants are now motivated to get better grades in school.

82% now feel more informed about social issues.

86% feel they are more likely to volunteer.

79% intend to donate to charity.

84% are now thinking about their career path and academic future.

79% feel more likely to join a school club.

87% consider themselves leaders.

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