



# Katie's Kids News & Events



## March 2010

Dear Parents,

Spring is on it's way and the children are so ready for some nice weather!! They can't wait to get outside!! Along with nice weather, there is always that chance in the spring for Central Illinois to experience severe weather as well. With this being said, Katie's Kids would like to remind our families about our tornado shelter. At both of our locations, we have one classroom structurally designated to withstand a severe storm or tornado. The classroom itself is surrounded by concrete walls and is big enough to hold all of our children and staff to ensure their safety. Whether at home or on the go, you may wonder how to protect yourself and your family. Here are some tornado safety tips taken from the website [www.yourradioplace.com](http://www.yourradioplace.com).

- ✓ Stay calm.
- ✓ Seek shelter IMMEDIATELY!
- ✓ Keep a portable TV/radio and flashlight in your shelter.
- ✓ Wear shoes to protect your feet from broken glass and other debris left by the storm.
- ✓ Protect head and chest- crouch, face to floor, hands behind head.
- ✓ Cover yourself with blankets, pillows or coats.
- ✓ Hide under sturdy furniture.
- ✓ *Avoid candles, gas lanterns and oil lamps.*
- ✓ In schools and offices: seek designated shelter in interior rooms or hallway's on ground floor, or lowest floor possible. *Avoid auditoriums and gymnasiums.*
- ✓ In shopping malls, seek the smaller interior shops on the ground floor.
- ✓ In shopping centers, avoid large open rooms as well as the south and west walls.
- ✓ Evacuate mobile homes and vehicles! Seek shelter in substantial structure, ditch or culvert.

**We thought it might be fun to share some pictures of our tornado shelter being built...**



Have a fun and safe spring!!

Mo, Katie, and Tammy



## Classroom Tidbits...



### Room 1

What an exciting month it has been! February has really flown by! Thank you to all the parents who made it to our Friendship Party! We have been working on our Transportation Project, which we will be continuing on through March. We will also be welcoming some new people to our room: Hudson and Leslie will be starting from Rm 2, and Miss Stephanie will be working in our room from time to time. We are very excited to have them, and can't wait to show them around our room!

**Miss Megan, Miss Lindsay, and Miss Laura**

### Room 2

Room 2 is excited for March and some fun spring time activities. It's been a long winter!! Look for some chalk art kites to brighten our room. We will also be playing with play dough and having some fun with Jell-O!

Singing some new songs and learning the action movements to the songs will be a big learning activity for March. Of course spring walks and enjoying the outdoors will also be on our agenda. We can't wait to be outside!

Happy Spring to All!!

**Miss Tanisha, Miss Cathy and Miss Elizabeth**

### Room 3

We would like to welcome Kate, Andrew and Oliver to our Room! Kaitlyn and Chase have both transitioned to Room 2. They will have a wonderful time exploring their new surroundings. We have been focusing on getting to know all of the precious new babies and spending time loving each child! Please feel free to stop by and visit or call anytime. You are also welcome to order lunch made by Chef Dave. We are eager to make connections with each family. It is a privilege to partner with you in caring for your special little ones!

**Miss Becca, Miss Cari, Miss Margi and Miss Chasney**

### Room 4

We have begun our new project on Music. We painted to music both fast and slow. During circle time, the class explored various instruments and named them. The children will also get a chance to stomp music notes and play an instrument bean bag toss game. After our introduction activities, we will focus on favorite songs and dancing.

We have said good-bye to Reagan, Mason, David and Aiden. Reagan joined Room 5 in January, and Mason and Aiden joined Room 8. We also welcomed Addison and Colby from Room 2 who have recently joined our room.

**Miss Emily and Miss Heather**

### Room 5

Dear Parents,

The month of March brings spring, and hopefully warmer weather. The children have grown and learned so much. We will continue talking about the Dairy food group and we will be experimenting with new recipes. March 17<sup>th</sup> will be Green Day!! Please dress your child in green. We will be making "Magical Leprechaun Shakes." We would like to welcome Braxton to our room!

Have a great month!!

**Miss Elena**

### Room 6

Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled for March 15-19<sup>th</sup>. We will have 10 minute time slots during each afternoon from 1:30-3:00pm. If you would like to have a conference, please feel free to sign-up on the "Parent-Teacher Conference" sheet beside our bulletin board.

We will have a mini-project over the next several weeks about colors, numbers, shapes and name recognition/writing. During this time we will be discussing what our friends want to study next. As soon as we are in agreement, we will let you know.

**Miss Cheryl and Miss Tassia**

### Room 7

It's hard to believe it is already March and winter might finally be over! Our transportation project has continued with trains and boats. We have made a classroom train, decorated sailboats and even tested objects to see if they would sink or float! This month we will continue our transportation project by investigating more about boats and then moving on to air travel. For our culminating event, we will take a pretend airplane ride to a tropical island!!

As always, thank you for your support!!

**Miss Samantha, Miss Jessica and Miss Amanda**

### Room 8

We would like to start off by saying welcome to Miss Jamie. She will be working 9-5:30 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and will be opening on Tuesdays.

We would also like to congratulate Miss Erin and Mr. Mike on the birth of their new baby boy!! She gave birth to him Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We would also like to welcome Aiden to our room. We are still awaiting direction from the kids on what they want learn about for our next project. Miss Jamie and Miss Missy will let you know as we find out. We are going to start doing show and share every other month, so we will send out an April schedule.

**Miss Erin and Miss Jamie**



### March Birthdays

Children		Staff	
Molly C.	3/2	Laura V.	3/12
Mason S.	3/2	Kari M.	3/13
Abigail T.	3/5	Kelsie P.	3/16
Samantha W.	3/5	Laya L.	3/16
Riya V.	3/16		
Nishant V.	3/17		
Jessica R.	3/18		
Jayin B.	3/20		
Logan J.	3/21		
Mason J.	3/21		
Ivan B.	3/28		
Mia M.	3/29		
Ibrahim M.	3/29		
Lindsey M.	3/31		

### Parent Training at Katie's Kids Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

6:30-7:30pm

Language to Literacy - The Bridge to Success

Come and join our facilitator Jen Stork as she focuses on the importance of strong oral language in the preschool years (ages birth to 5) and the relationship between "talking" and "reading."

### Center Events

March. 9<sup>th</sup>

PAC Meeting 5:00-6:00pm

March 11<sup>th</sup>

Relay Meeting 6pm

March 15<sup>th</sup>

Parent Training KK 2 6:30-7:30

March 15-19<sup>th</sup>

Relay Awareness Week

### 10 "Something's" to Say to Children

1. I love you! There is nothing that will make me stop loving you. Nothing you could do or say or think will ever change that.
2. You are amazing! I look at you with wonder! Not just at what you can do, but who you are. There is no one like you. No one!
3. It's all right to cry. People cry for all kinds of reasons: when they are hurt, sad, glad, or worried; when they are angry, afraid, or lonely. Big people cry too. I do.
4. You've made a mistake. That was wrong. People make mistakes. I do. Is it something we can fix? What can we do? It's all over. You can start fresh. I know you are sorry. I forgive you.
5. You did the right thing. That was scary or hard. Even though it wasn't easy, you did it. I am proud of you; you should be too.
6. I'm sorry. Forgive me. I made a mistake.
7. You can change your mind. It's good to decide, but it is also fine to change.
8. What a great idea! You were really thinking! How did you come up with that? Tell me more. Your mind is clever!
9. That was kind. You did something helpful and thoughtful for that person. That must make you feel good inside. Thank you!
10. I can wait. We have time. You don't have to hurry this time.

~Author Unknown~

### **Relay News**

Thank you to all of you for supporting Katie's Kids Kicks Cancer Relay for Life team! The candy bars have been a great success! Look for more out soon. The next meeting will be an informational meeting on Thursday March 11, 2010 at 6-7pm in our gym. This meeting is open to EVERYONE! Come and see what you can do to help support the American Cancer Society to find a cure! We look forward to seeing you there.

Megan Schultz and the Relay for Life Team