



Katie's Kids News & Events



April 2010

***“You can dream, create, design and build
the most wonderful place in the world...
but it requires people to make the dream a reality.”
~Walt Disney***

When reading a quote like this, it really gives a sense of what building relationships is all about. Here at Katie’s Kids, building relationships is a huge part of our mission. It is very important for us to create a lasting bond with the children, families, and staff who have become apart of our Katie’s Kids family. As these relationships continue to grow, we would like to take this opportunity to have you complete the attached parent survey. We value your honest input, so we can take a look at the areas that may need further growth, as well as to celebrate the areas of accomplishment. Once you have completed the survey, you may put it in the box located at the front. Thank you for being apart of our dream and letting us make that dream a reality, through the growing relationships we are building with you and your children everyday.

Mo, Katie and Tammy



Classroom Tidbits...

Room 1

As you have noticed Spring is in sight!! As the weather starts to get nicer, we will be adventuring outside a lot more. We will be taking our planned activities for the project outside, weather permitting. Our classroom has been focusing on the daily routine. Our outlook is positive and we look forward to getting back into our project focusing on Emergency and Construction! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to talk to one of us.

Miss Megan, Miss Lindsay, and Miss Laura

Room 2

The month of April finds Room 2 going on a mini-spring vacation. We will have “fun in the sun” in our room! Playing with beach balls, creating sand art, making fruit salad (and eating it), listening to tropical music, and of course playing in the pool will be some of our fun activities. We will be having our inside water day on April 6th. If you would like to send a swimsuit, for your child that day, please do so. Hats and sunglasses would also be fun items to bring as well. April showers will also bring cute ducks art to our room. The children will be practicing their fine motor skills as they create their own duck. Duck songs and books will complete this fun unit. We will also be enjoying the sights and sounds of spring as we enjoy our outdoor time!

Miss Tanisha, Miss Cathy and Miss Elizabeth

Room 3

We are excited to have Izabella join our room. Riya recently moved up to room 2. Prajeeth is visiting India and will return in May. We are getting adjusted to the room arrangement changes we made. It is a wonderful chance to take advantage of the natural light from the windows. We can also enjoy the sights and sounds of nature with the warmer weather and open windows! Please notice the colorful fish paintings decorating our wall. This was a fun project for the babies. Take a moment to view the bulletin board in the hallway with pictures of tummy time and crawling. Ms. Chasney is currently on bed rest. We are hoping for a healthy baby soon!!

Miss Becca, Miss Cari, and Miss Margi

Room 4

Our music project continues on...The songs this month include “ABC’s”, “B-I-N-G-O”, “Who Took the Cookie From the Cookie Jar?”, and “Happy Birthday”. We have had a great time exploring letters, our names, matching colors, and of course tasty treats. There was also a special surprise. Mr. Lee (Ms. Mo’s husband) visited our room and played his harmonica. He even brought a harmonica for each of the children to take home and practice. This was enjoyed by everyone!!! Let us know if you have any questions!!

Miss Emily and Miss Heather



Room 5

March has flown right by! We have been experimenting, learning, and creating with the dairy food group. April will be a busy month, starting with the week of the young child. Then there will be lots of special activities with our next food group – eggs, meat, beans and fish. Please check our new “Wish List” to help with some of them. (Please let me know if you do not want to include fish or any seafood in your child’s meals).

We would like to welcome our new friends: Aalayah, and Nihal to our room. We also wish the best of luck to Grace, who is moving to St. Louis.

Miss Elena

Room 6

We are going to start our new project on Monday, April 5th. The project will be about “SPRING”. We plan on making our project web and then expanding our activities around what the children already know about spring. Once we have covered the basics, we will then elaborate our web by exploring new concepts and ideas about our project.

We will also be spending more time outside in the upcoming days working and gathering information for our “Spring” project.

We wish Happy Birthday to Kenall on April 7, Addie on April 13, and Takara on April 27.

Miss Cheryl and Miss Tassia

Room 7

We are so glad the weather is warming up! Our transportation project went great and our “trip” to Hawaii was wonderful. The children loved spending time doing our final transportation activities. Our next project will be about books. We will talk about authors, illustrators, and how books are made. We will also have a time for each child to bring and discuss their favorite book. This project will be a great opportunity to practice letter recognition, promote phonic awareness and let the children engage in storytelling.

In the next week, we will be sending all winter attire home, so be sure to check your cubbies.

Miss Samantha, and Miss Jessica

Room 8

Hi Families! We are starting a new project on cupcakes. We took a vote last week to see what the children were interested in and cupcakes won the vote!! This is going to be a fun project that can go in many directions.

It’s been a fun couple of days in our classroom. A few boys pretended to be scientists with chalk and funnels. Then we have a group of our girls who love to color and play with the polly pockets. We are really enjoying the group of children in our classroom, and we are planning on having a class picnic at the end of May for our kids and families to kick-off K-Club.

More information will get out soon!! Enjoy the warm weather!!

Miss Missy and Miss Lori



April Birthdays

Children

Aly E. 4/1
 Kendell L. 4/7
 Karina D. 4/11
 Addie H. 4/13
 Aarinn V. 4/18
 Takara B. 4/22
 Abbie C. 4/24
 Nikki M. 4/25
 Ethan S. 4/28

Staff

Mo 4/3
 Katie 4/6
 Katie B. 4/25
 Megan P. 4/28

Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher appreciation week is fast approaching and the Parents from PAC would like to start planning the event now!

Teacher appreciation is the week of May 2nd - 8th.

Anyone who is interested in helping to plan or that would like to volunteer please attend our Teacher Appreciation/PAC Meeting on April 13th.

Relay News

How can you get involved with Katie's Kids Kicks Cancer for Life team?

1. Walk at Relay for Life 2010 on June 25-26 (12pm-12pm) at Normal Community West. A sign up sheet will be posted closer to time.
2. Help with fundraisers by donating items, sell items, and offer new ideas for new fundraisers.
3. Attend monthly meetings to meet fellow members and talk about what is coming up.
4. Make monetary donations. Cash or checks made out to the American Cancer Society

Center Events

APRIL

April 13th
 Teacher Appreciation/PAC Meeting
 6:00-7:00pm

April 15th
 Relay Meeting

April 21st
 Parent Workshop on
 Positive Discipline 6-8pm

It's sunscreen time!!!

Please fill out and return the sunscreen form that went home last week. We want to make sure every child is protected from the sun now that spring has arrived and summer is on its way!!