



## Monte Tavor Newsletter

We would like to thank everyone for being supportive of the program during the lengthy illnesses period. We appreciate you keeping your child home until better. It is unfortunate, but a reality that due to their younger immune system, it happens more frequently among younger children and they are affected a lot more than the older. Our ultimate goal is to protect the majority and this time we were able to keep safe and symptom free 70% of our school community for not getting infected w/ HFM or re-infected with pink eye. We hope that next time we are able to maintain symptom free 80-90% of our community.

Our program is the meeting point to such illnesses because we share time and space together throughout the days and week to week. It is so important and we do appreciate when you inform us that your child had a symptom such as a fever, unusual vowel movement (s), rare spots, rash etc. This really helps us all figure out why a symptom may be occurring and we can have a closer observation and monitor your child. The program tries to protect everyone from getting sick as soon as we are aware, but unfortunately most of the time is not being possible because we are NOT being informed of the children's symptoms that are happening at home during the night time or over the weekend.

We also would like to point out that if we had NOT sent home or turned around children right from the start and as soon as we found out of HFM, we could have been forced to close the entire program as it is seen in many centers when there is a major outbreak. This is exactly what we were trying to avoid, so less parents loss time from work and teachers and the rest of families helped us all accomplish this. We all appreciate all your effort.

We suggest that we practice more hand washing especially after leaving a public place and if your child contracts an illness it is not in the end anyone's fault. It just happens to be that way. We hope for your understanding and cooperation when this happens. We should all be conscious that it could happen to anyone when we leave our homes and are out in public places. Gracias! And let's keep our children safe and healthy!!!

### Toddlers and Preschoolers Activities

March besides being a challenging month with all end of winter could bring us; we had a lot great activities and exciting events. Starting with Our Science Projects and Learning's on Animals Habitats.

Children have been assigned to two concepts of habitats among the toddlers and preschool groups. Starting with Farm Animals and African Savannah; Dessert and Ponds; Incepts and Ocean; And Corral Reef and Tropical Forest.

Children and their teachers have found natural materials to compose 3D Art Exhibits showing their painted, sculpted, drawn, or crafted animals and their living habitats!

Children among the toddlers and preschools groups had the opportunity to read and learn about their two chosen animals in each of the concepts. They will continue to explore and read more among the rest of the habitats until the end of May.

You are welcome to pick a book from the Library to reinforce their learning on the any of the topics. Children have been learning a whole range of scientific knowledge and exciting vocabulary on the themes.

The Young Toddlers to Older Preschoolers had the possibility of having a Dressed up Party with every outfit they could possibly find or put together from our Dress up Bins. They also celebrated Saint Patrick's Day and Spring Time and the celebration seems to still continue each week! Hurray!!!

Piedmont Pediatrics Dentistry came for their annual visit and children were delighted to talk about where they go for their teeth. It was a great presentation on how to eat healthy foods and how to brush our teeth! Teachers continued with teaching more about what is seen at a dentist office and what is expected. Children learned about dental instruments such as the explorer!

## Young to Older Infants

Spring is here and children are already enjoying the nice and fresher season. The outdoors daily is filled with a lot of activities and busy projects for the young, Mobile and older Infants.

Young infants are busy with bins to empty out, an array of colorful toys to play within the outdoor deck in the first area. They enjoy story time and music & movements along with their baby band! They are so friendly and are always smiling to anyone who comes up to them.

Mobile Infants are starting to walk and some are almost running! They soon will become our Older Infant Group, Amazingly! They are certainly enjoying more the outdoors now that they are no longer needed to be taken to places! Especially learning to climb on, going in the little houses, rocking or swinging. Teachers are excited to report their growth and physical achievements.

Older Infants are finger painting or making play dough, dancing along tunes of music or finding / observing incepts. Now, friendships are starting to develop as they look for their classmates to play with and are happy to find each other. This group will soon be turning two years and slowly are starting to graduate as they soon will become our young toddler group. Felicidades!

All these advances is what has been observed over the last few weeks, as these groups of children have been exploring the outdoors like they have never been there or seen them before. They have truly become busy spring bees! And they are sprouting like seeds this season as they all are growing so rapidly and we just can't keep up with them!

We would like to welcome Janav and his parents Jhumpa and Anand to the young infant group.

We would like to welcome Rani also joining the young infants. Rani is Kai's younger sister and their parents Sabine and Dee have been former parents, since Kai was a young infant.

Welcome!!!

## Spring 2014 Calendar

### March 2014

- 3/4 and 3/5 Dress up Party!
- 3/17 Happy Saint Patrick's Day
- 3/20 Happy Spring Time!!
- 3/25 Dr. Reynaldo Negron DDS from Piedmont Pediatric Dentistry visit

### April 2014

- 4/12 Animal Science Fair with Little Explorer's Petting Zoo and Art Expo @10:00 am (Pot Luck) Join us!!
- 4/15 Easter Egg Hunt and Face Painting
- 4/22 Earth Day! Donate to Monte Tavor a plant or a tree on this day or after break.
- 4/16-4/18 CLOSED for Spring Break (1<sup>st</sup> long weekend)
- May 16 Toddler Musical Show @4:00 pm
- May 26 CLOSED for Memorial Day
- May 29-30 CLOSED (2<sup>nd</sup> long weekend)

### Reminders for Events

We would love to celebrate mother Earth on 4/22 as a community and we are going to need your help! to offer and give back to mother earth by donating green plants, flowers or seeds to start our Spring/Summer gardening sessions. Children will start learning about how seeds sprout and become plants. Plants and flowers will be used to decorate our gardens, so children can help care for them!! Any planters or pots will also be welcomed. Bring them the week of 4/14-4/18. Thank you!!!

## **Thank You Families!**

Thank You for allowing us to be part of your child's life and discovery years and thank you for the continued support of our programs.