

SPRING NEWSLETTER

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MCN RIVER SCHOOL FUNDRAISER May 16th Garage Sale at Nyack Center!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Date: Sunday, May 16th

Time: 11:00am - 5:00pm

Place: Nyack Center (during the Nyack Street Fair)

This is going to be our biggest fundraiser for the year! We need as much help as possible from all of our families. Start by cleaning out your homes and garages for items to sell.

Families have two options for donating to the Garage Sale:

1. You can donate all of your items, new or used, to the school for us to sell.

2. You can purchase a table from the school (\$30), sell your own items and keep your profit!

We now need your help in the most important area: VOLUNTEERS! In order for this fundraiser to be a success, we need lots of help. We are looking for:

Pricers and Taggers
Transportation Crew
Set-Up Crew
Sellers
Clean-up Crew

Please contact Nancy Serpico from the Parent Teacher Organization at (845) 667-0872 to sign up to help!

Thank you!!

UPP Classroom News

Believe it or not, the school year is almost over. We celebrated 100 days of school by coloring 100 shoes that enter our class including the teachers'. The last months have been busy, with Groundhog Day, President's Day, Valentine's Day and the Chinese New Year. The children presented a colorful dragon dance to celebrate the New Year (gung hai fat choi). To welcome spring, the children painted snowdrops and daffodils.

Practical Life:

Utensils like spoons have been replaced with chopsticks to further challenge the children. Napkin-folding has been introduced to develop independence, along with fine motor coordination.

Sensorial:

New shapes have been introduced: rhombus, parallelogram, ellipse, and a quatrefoil. The children have mastered their patterning skills with the shapes introduced so far.

Science:

Solar System. We will be visiting the planetarium (see "Dates to Remember").

Language:

The children are working with activities to improve their letter/sound recognition. Name tracing activities are helping them learn to write their names. Consonant blends: sh, ch, br, gr etc are being introduced with sand paper letters. We will continue working with the 'at', 'et', 'ot', 'it', and 'ut' families. Sight words will be introduced as well.

Math:

We will continue working with activities to develop our one to one correspondence. Bank game: Children will exchange 10 cents for a dime and 25 cents for a quarter. This activity is an extension of the exchange game, i.e. 10 unit beads for 1 ten bar.

Upcoming Activities:

- Flower - parts of a plant
- Butterfly - metamorphosis
- Worms - parts of a worm

DPP Classroom News

After a tough winter, Spring is here! We've taken a walk through the neighborhood seeing the beautiful flowers and trees beginning to bud. Before long, it will be time for our butterfly cultures to arrive.

In the meantime, we look forward to our May trip to the Hudson River Museum planetarium. It will be exciting to experience the solar system we've been studying in class.

Ask us what we've learned about the food pyramid! We had delicious Irish Soda Bread, made by Azeb right here in school.

Before you know it, some of us will be off to Kindergarten and we are ready!



DATES TO REMEMBER

OPEN MUSIC FOR BEGINNINGS CLASSES: Thursday, April 15th

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR FACULTY SEMINARS: Friday, April 23rd

UPP PM & RIVER SCHOOL FIELD TRIP - HUDSON RIVER MUSEUM PLANETARIUM: Friday, April 30th

DPP - LET YOUR CHILD BE YOUR TEACHER
(Details to follow):
Tuesday, May 4th

UPP AM & PM - LET YOUR CHILD BE YOUR TEACHER
(Details to follow):
Friday, May 7th

UPP AM & DPP FIELD TRIP - HUDSON RIVER MUSEUM PLANETARIUM: Friday, May 14th, 9am

GARAGE SALE FUNDRAISER: Sunday, May 16th, 10am-4pm

