



King's Kids Happenings

Rummage Sale Fundraiser

Our largest fundraiser is our May Rummage Sale when we ask you to donate any items you do not use or need any longer to us and we sell them to raise money for King's Kids Preschool. We have, in the past, had our earnings matched by Thrivent, they are no longer matching funds so we will not receive that any more. The funds raised are used to buy new equipment, supplies, or pay for staff training.

We hold our sale in the Fellowship Hall of Atonement Lutheran Church and we will begin accepting donations on April 13th. We accept donations of furniture, sports equipment, clothes, books, jewelry, videos, kitchen and household items.

We will start setting up for the sale on May 10th & 11th. The sale will take

place on the 12th & 13th of May and on the 14th of May any items leftover are donated to a local charitable organization.

We will need your help by setting up, selling and packing up, to make this a successful sale. A sign-up sheet will be posted as the sale nears. Thank you for supporting our fundraisers!



Registrations are still being accepted for the 2010-2011 school year! We still have openings so spread the word!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

We hope you have all been made aware of our Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences coming up. They will take place March 1st, 2nd and 4th. The sign-up sheets are posted on the Parent Information Board and you can also call 651-633-2240 ext. 11 to set up a time for your conference.

There will not be child care available so please make other arrangements. The conferences are 15 minutes long and if you are unable to make your scheduled conference a phone call would be appreciated.

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During March we will be talking about:

- ☺ Wild animals
- ☺ Circus
- ☺ Turtles
- ☺ The Five Senses
- ☺ St. Patrick's Day
- ☺ Kites

Dates to Remember:

March 1, 2 & 3 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
There will be classes these days

March 15-19-NO SCHOOL
SPRING BREAK



If you have a child between the ages of 3 1/2 and 4 or a child who will be attending kindergarten in the fall, you will want to schedule a free Early Childhood Screening appointment at Pike Lake Education Center in New Brighton. Early Childhood Screening is a quick and simple check of how your child is doing. During the screening well-qualified Mounds View school district staff will check your child's vision, hearing, growth, and immunization records. Thinking, communication and language, large and small muscle and social/emotional development skills will be assessed. Screening is required before kindergarten and identifies possible health or learning concerns so that children can get help before starting kindergarten. Call the Early Childhood Screen-

ing voicemail number at 651-621-7420 today. Leave your name and phone number and the screening scheduler will get back to you within a couple of days. They are scheduling visit a few weeks out.

**Our Annual Rummage Sale
Fundraiser for King's Kids
Preschool will take place on
May 12th and 13th!**

How To Help Your Children Learn To Read and Write

Provide enough rest, good food, and a relaxing atmosphere in order to send your children off to school ready to learn.

Spend time with each child every day.

Have children match buttons, beans, blocks or toys by colors, shapes, sizes; this kind of categorizing is an important thinking skill.

Sort groceries by categories (canned goods, vegetables, fruits, etc).

Have children find the letters of their name in the newspaper, in magazines, or on signs to help them learn the alphabet as well as the spelling of their name.

Have children match the same pictures in decks of cards; visual discrimination is important in learning to read.

Have children match objects beginning with the same sounds; auditory discrimination is also important in learning to read.

Display children's work in a prominent place to make them feel good about themselves.

Praise children for good work.

Parents are their children's first and most influential teachers.

*Young Children * May 1990*

Odds & Ends

Cooked Play dough Recipe

1 cup water

1 cup flour

1/2 cups salt

1 tsp cream of tartar

1 T oil

Food coloring

Mix everything together in a pan and cook over medium

heat until it gets to a play dough consistency and pulls away from the sides. Knead until cool. Store in an airtight container.

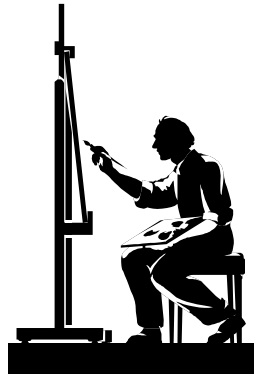
**Play is the "work" of children.
Play is how children learn.**

**When a child loses interest or
is not enjoying the activity,
learning stops.**

March is Children's Art Month!

Ten Finger Tips-Encouraging Creativity through Visual Arts

- * Introduce children to art at an early age, and at home. Allow toddlers to experiment with crayons, chalk, soft play dough, finger paints and watercolors.
- * Don't worry about having to "teach" art. You can inspire creativity by simply providing opportunities, materials and on-going encouragement.
- * Suggest open-ended projects that get children thinking. Replace "we're going to make a bus out of this milk carton" with "what do you think we can make with this milk carton?"
- * Refrain from offering children a lot of advice. Art is about experimenting and making choices, so let your child do just that!
- * Make comments that show you are really looking at your child's art work and his or her involvement in it. Being specific makes your



Keep them creating!

- encouragement more meaningful.
- * Give art materials for birthday and holiday gifts. Basic and fun supplies-including paints, markers, sketchbooks, glue, tape, felt, feathers, pom-poms and pipe cleaners-will encourage imagination.
- * Point out art all around you: the pattern in a wrought iron fence, the colors and shapes in an advertisement, the design of a building. Encourage children to tell you what they see.
- * Share books that feature imaginative children involved with art: *Harold and the Purple Crayon* series by Crockett Johnson, *Jillian Jiggs* by Phoebe Gilman, *The Art Lesson* by Tommie De Paola, and others.
- * Nurture your own creativity. Take time to draw paint, play and create-even if you haven't done so for a very long time. Children will be inspired by your efforts.

Keep at it! If your family values creativity, chances are your child will as well.

Rhymes and Finger plays

Paddy O. McLeprechaun

Paddy O. McLeprechaun was a funny man.
Paddy O. McLeprechaun lived in an old tin can.
Paddy O. McLeprechaun ate nothing but green candy.
Paddy O. McLeprechaun thought life was really dandy.
Paddy O. McLeprechaun then got a stomach ache.
Paddy O. McLeprechaun drank a shamrock shake.
Paddy O. McLeprechaun is well and very old.
Paddy O. McLeprechaun just loves his pot of gold!

I'm A Little Leprechaun

(I'm A Little Teapot)

I'm a little Leprechaun, can you see?
I'm as tiny as can be.
I only come around once a year,
When St. Patrick's Day is near!

My Turtle

This is my turtle, (make fist, extend thumb)
He lives in a shell. (hide thumb in fist)
He likes his home very well.
He poke his head out when he wants to eat.
(extend thumb)
And pulls it back in when he wants to sleep.
(hide thumb in fist)