

The CHAPS Early Childhood Center

May 2012 Newsletter



Yellow Room News

During the month of April we had a lot of fun learning about different animals. We talked about farm animals, zoo animals and pets we can have in our home. The children had a great time making pig noses, finger print cows, paper plate elephants, tissue paper lions, fish bowls and dog collars! We also had a blast kicking off the Red Sox Season with our special hot dog lunch. We have also been working on writing capital letters and recognizing lower case letters too.

April showers bring May flowers, and we are very excited to transition into a new month with our Yellow Room Friends. This month we look forward to learning about gardening! We will be learning how plants grow and the parts of a seed. The children will be growing their own bean plants, making windsocks, bugs in a rug and ant hill art. We will continue to practice writing capital and lowercase letters as well as practice making patterns.

*Miss Rachel, Miss Caitlyn,
Miss Alyssa and Mr. Carlos*



Red Room News

In the month of April, the Red Room learned about forest and pond animals, how to take care of pets and how the weather effects our environment. Many of our art activities were making animals such as a turtle, owl, duck and bird. We also had fun turning our sand table into a classroom pond and playing group games such as Duck, Duck, Goose and Lilly Pad Hop. Some special days we celebrated included Red Sox Spirit Day for their home opening day and Earth Day where we went on a nature walk and collected trash from around our school. The children were all proud to do their part to keep our neighborhood clean.

In May, we will be talking about Planting and Gardening. We will be working with the four elements needed for plants to grow- soil, seeds, water and sun. We will compare how different plants and flowers grow. We will also be continuing to review our numbers and letters of the alphabet. The special events we are looking forward to include the Art Show and Red Room Preschool Prom.

*Mrs. Gallagher, Ms. Gledhill,
Ms. Cesario and Miss Aliyah*



Green Room News

During April, our kindergarteners were busy learning about animals: their body covering, ways of moving, sounds, how their babies are born and their usefulness to humans. The groups we studied were mammals, amphibians and reptiles. We compared and contrasted each group.

The children have been working very hard on their journals and yearbooks. They have been practicing spelling the color words, number words, days of the week and months of the year. They are very proud of their accomplishments!

During May, the children will learn about magnets, rocks, seeds, and gardening. We will learn what is necessary for seeds to sprout and grow.

Our parent-teacher conference slips will be going home this month.

*Mrs. Correia, Mrs. Chamberlain,
Miss Brittany and Miss Raquel*



A Note From Mrs. Harold

Our Summer Program Registration is now taking place. We have some wonderful camp programs going on here at the CHAPS Early Childhood Center this summer, so check them out! You can print the Summer Registration Forms and Brochure on the Early Childhood Center Web Page.

We will be celebrating Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week this month. These special days remind us all to reflect on how lucky we are to have such wonderful and dedicated teachers educating and taking care of our children.

Please remember to keep your child home if they are sick, they must be fever free (without fever reducing medication), vomit and diarrhea free for 24 hours before returning to school. If you are unsure of our Health Care Policy, please refer to your Parent Handbook on the Early Childhood Center Webpage.

Thank you to all the families that have made curriculum, food, juice and craft donations to our school this past month.

Of course we could not forget our Moms...
Happy Mother's Day from all of us!

*Regards!
Mrs. Harold*



Parent Reminders

*Please Do Not Leave Your Car Running Or Leave Children Inside The Car While You Are Dropping Off Your Child!

*Tuition Is Due Every Monday For Our Weekly Paying Families. Tuition Is Due On The First Of The Month For Our Monthly Paying Families.

*Take Advantage Of Scholastic Books. They Are Sent Home Every Month!

*Don't Forget To Sign In And Sign Out Every day!

* Please Give Medication To A Teacher For Proper Storage And Paperwork.

*We Will Impose A \$1.00 Per Minute Late Fee For Pick-ups After your Registered Time.

*Please Send In Utensils With Your Child's Snacks/Lunch, As We Do Not Supply Them.

*Please Remember Only 2 Heat-up Lunches Each Week.

*If Any Contact Information Has Changed Since Filling Out Your Child's Paperwork, Please Stop By The Office To Update Your Information.

*If You Are Having Someone Pick Up Your Child That Teachers Have Not Met, Please Make Sure They Bring A Picture I.D.

*Please Have At Least 1 Complete Set Of Extra Clothing Here At School For Your Child.

*Please Label Your Child's Items.

*Please Make Sure The Front Door Is Closed Shut Behind You.

Purple Room News

TODDLER 1 CLASS

Throughout the month of April the children have explored many different types of animals. From how they look and feel to where they may live and what they eat. We investigated the characteristics of animals through dress-up and the sounds that animals make by using our voices. All the colors that we discovered during the year was reviewed with paper, paint and eye spy games.

While April has brought in some beautiful sunny days, it has also brought very little rain. Sun and rain are two very important parts of May's curriculum, Planting and Gardening. What could be more perfect for our toddler friends, a curriculum that involves water and dirt! During the month we will be planting our own mini garden pots. The children will gain the knowledge of what their plants need to grow into a healthy and strong seedling. We will explore plants as flowers, vegetables and even grass. While we observe our plants growing we will discover many other uses for flowers and vegetables, by using them in our art work. Our most important day of May will be on May 10th. We will be paying tribute to all of our wonderful and devoted Mothers, with a Mother's Day Lemonade!

Mrs. Fernandes, Miss Keri, Mrs. Correia, and Miss Bruna



TODDLER 2 CLASS

Lions, Tigers and Bears were some of the animals we talked about in the month of April. We also learned about the pets that we all have at home. Traveling back in time we met and learned all about Dinosaurs! We had a lot of fun stomping around the room in our dino feet and Mrs. H. even turned us into life size dinosaurs! We have also started practicing counting to 20 as a group.

In May, we will be learning about gardens and how they grow. We will be planting seeds and making beautiful garden inspired projects. Some of our favorite insects will be explored, like the ladybug and ant. Our color this month is pink. The shape is oval and our number is 9.

Miss Kristen, Mrs. H, Miss Brittany, Miss Kayla and Miss Shalyn

FOOD DRIVE FOR THE HUDSON FOOD PANTRY

The Hudson Food Panty is in need of OUR help. For a Community Service Project the CHAPS Early Childhood Center will now be collecting non-perishable items on a regular basis throughout the school year.



Items we will be collecting that are in most need:
Hygiene Products (Shampoo, Soap, Toothpaste), Canned Goods And Paper Products.

*Other Non-Perishable Items Will Be Accepted As Well!

If your family is able to contribute this generous project, please send your items with your child to school. We appreciate anything you can do to help out OUR community!



Important Dates

**Tuesdays*

Spanish With Mrs. M
Yellow Room & Red Room Classes

**Wednesday, May 2*

Purple, Yellow and Red Room
Art Shows
Yellow Room: 6:15 PM
Purple Room: 6:30 PM
Red Room: 7:00 PM

**Monday, May 7- Friday, May 11*

Teacher Appreciation Week

**Thursday, May 10*

Toddler 1
Ladies Lemonade

**Friday, May 11*

Scholastic Book
Orders Due

**Friday, May 11*

Red Room
Preschool Prom

**Wednesday, May 23*

Hubert Kindergarten CLOSED
CHAPS Kindergarten Extended
Day Open

**Monday, May 28*

Memorial Day
CHAPS CLOSED



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



The CHAPS Early Childhood Center is collecting Box Tops. All Box Tops can be dropped in the "Box Top Mailbox" located in the lobby.
Happy Clipping!