

CHILDREN'S HOUSE CHATTER

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SPRING BREAK Classes will be out for Spring Break March 23 - 27. We will remain open for child care only. Sign-up sheets will be posted shortly.

SAFETY ISSUES Despite our earnest requests that parents not leave their cars, running/unattended with a child inside, whilst picking up another child from school, and despite what happened last month when a car was taken from the driveway, we are absolutely amazed to learn that some parents **continue this unsafe habit!!!!** Please be aware that DHS has made frequent visits to our playground to observe how traffic runs at pick-up time. **It is a child endangerment felony if you leave your child unattended in your car, if even for a few minutes, whether the car is running or not; whether the car is locked or not. We cannot allow this unsafe behavior by parents on our school grounds.**

DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR UNATTENDED WITH A CHILD INSIDE. DO NOT EVER ENTER THIS SCHOOL BUILDING LEAVING A CHILD IN YOUR CAR.

DOWNSTAIRS CLASS This week the children are beginning their study of the letter "t". Please bring a small (palm-sized or smaller) object which begins with the letter "t" to donate to our lesson. Today we peeled and cut bananas! The children were very proud of their handiwork!

Parents, I will be out for minor surgery at some point within the next week. Miss Corri or Ms. Caroline will be in to substitute - Ms. Amy.

OUTSIDE CLASS Thanks to all the parents who brought things for our Valentines celebration. The children had a great time. We would also like to thank Katherine Reed for bringing the cookies and helping out while the children decorated cookies. ****PARENTS - please remember to check your child's folder daily. The folders are becoming quite full. Many parents have asked if it is okay for their child to bring a book. This is fine, as long as you or your child write his/her name in the front. We will put the book(s) in your child's folder or behind the folders, for you to pick up. Thank you.**

JUNIOR ELEMENTARY CLASS Ms. Sheila has been absent due to a fever & infection. She is hoping to return to work on Thursday or Friday. In the meantime, Ms. Jasmine is working with the Juniors.

DOWNSTAIRS TODDLER CLASS Parents, please be sure to label all articles of clothing belonging to your child. Although we are all **SUPERWOMEN**, in this class, it is sometimes difficult even for us to remember what jacket etc. belongs to which child. **Sometimes** a young child finds it difficult to identify his/her own jacket or sweater or socks etc. Please help us by labeling everything! Also, please do not leave any unnecessary toys, blankets, jackets etc. in your child's cubby. There is only room for a spare-clothing bag and one jacket.

"The first duty of an education is to stir up life, but leave it free to develop".

Maria Montessori