

Mustard Seed Learning Center Pre-School Newsletter

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Greetings

Dear MSLC Preschool Families,

The warm weather is finally here!

To be prepared for playing under the sun, here are some tips for protecting your child's delicate skin:

- Put on sunscreen before they come to school
- Bring a light, long-sleeved shirt that they can wear outside
- Bring a hat

This month, we will be celebrating Mother's Day on May 6th, 2016 at 5.15 pm. Your children and their teacher have been busily preparing some wonderful things for you on this day.

Next Month will be Father's Day. Your child will celebrate on Thursday, Jun 16th or Friday, Jun 17th. Stay tuned!

Best regards,

MSLC Office

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Birthdays Celebrations

For future reference, if you would like to celebrate your child's birthday at school, please let your child's teacher know one week in advance.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ May 8th: Mother's Day Celebration
- ◆ May 30th: MSLC Closed - Memorial Day

Letter Sounds of the Week

- ◆ 2nd - 6th: v
- ◆ 9th - 13th: u
- ◆ 16th - 20th: d
- ◆ 23rd - 27th: j
- ◆ 31st - June 3rd: k

Classroom News & Notes

Note to new families: Please bring family photos the first week your child attends school. We will continue to be making family collages and hang them in the classroom to help children ease into the program. These photos will not be returned, so make sure they are copies or duplicates which we can have.

Sharing day is Monday of each week. Children are invited to bring in sharing objects that begin with the letter sound of the week; for example, a stuffed animal pig for the letter "p". Books with the letter of the week in the theme or title are also welcome. Please make sure your child's name is in or on the item so they don't get mixed up or lost.

New Student

We welcomed our new friend, Audrey Huang, to our classroom!

April Review

In April, we learned about what we can throw away and what we can recycle. We enjoyed learning about what we can recycle by sorting items such as plastic, metal, paper, etc.

We had a great time doing our Easter Egg Hunt. We did new jobs: sorting eggs by color, pouring rice and beans, and the magnetic fish game. These jobs helped us build up our concentration, fine motor and hand-eye coordination skills.

May Curriculum

In May, we will learn the following Chinese Characters:

兴趣 Hobbies, 动物园的动物 Zoo Animals, 非洲 Africa

We will also learn the following skills.

- Practical Life: Paper folding, Outside Garden - Plant Care, Cutting
- Sensorial (Reinforcement of left to right patterns): Mystery bag (shapes), language use (comparatives and superlatives - e.g. thicker and thickest)
- Language: Short vowel (a, e, i, o, u)
- Math: Functional Addition Concept
- Geography: Africa
- Science: Parts of the Bird
- Cultural: Mother's Day, Memorial Day



Growing

There are so many things that grow grow grow,
 So many things that grow grow grow,
 There are flowers `n trees `n chimpanzees
 Mice `n rats `n little kitty cats,
 There are monkeys `n parrots peas `n carrots
 Boys and girls all over the world.

"M-O-T-H-E-R" (Poem)

M is for the million things she gives me
 O means only that she's soft to hold
 T for the things she tries to teach me
 H is for her heart of purest gold
 E for her eyes with love light shining
 R means right and right she'll always be.
 Mother I Love Thee.

Mommy, Mommy, I Love You

(Sung to: "You are my Sunshine")

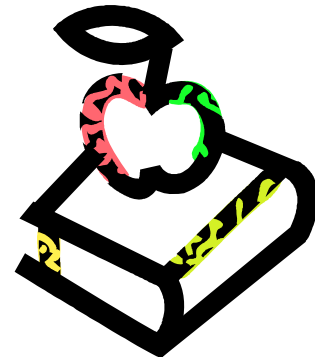
You are my Mommy, my only Mommy,
 You make me happy everyday,
 I'm sure you know mom,
 How much I love you,
 And I wish you a Happy Mother's Day!

Inch by Inch

Inch by inch, row by row
 Gonna make this garden grow
 All it takes is a rake and a hoe
 And a piece of fertile ground
 Inch by inch, row by row
 Someone bless these seeds I sow
 Someone warm them from below
 Till the rains comes tumbling down

Pullin' weeds and pickin' stones,
 Man is made of dreams and bones
 I feel the need to grow my own
 Cause the time is close at hand
 Grain for grain, sun and rain
 I'll find my way in nature's chain
 Tune my body and my brain
 To the music from the land

Plant your rows straight and long,
 Temper them with prayer and song
 Mother earth can make you strong
 If you give her love and care
 An old crow watching hungrily
 From his perch in yonder tree in my garden
 I'm as free as that feathered thief up there.

May Songs to Share

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