

Blue Room News
April 2010

Hi Families,

Well, now that Spring Break is over, the end of the school year is right around the corner. And with conferences AFTER Spring Break this year, it's going to go by even faster than it usually does.

In the Classroom:

This month we have a library set up in our dramatic play center. The kids made library sticks to use and next week they will get their very own Blue Room Library Card to check out books with! I told the class that even though real libraries let you keep the book for 2-3 weeks, they can keep a book checked out of our Blue Room Library for 1-2 nights before we will need them returned (we just don't have the stock that real libraries have ☺). To supplement our Library Area, we will also be making book marks and our own story books using the last 15 minutes of each day.

Conferences:

Conferences are Thursday, April 15th, Wednesday, April 21st and Tuesday, April 27th. There will be no class on these days. Thank you all who were able to sign up for conferences. If you have not yet signed up and the times left do not work with your schedule, please let me know. We can arrange another time! It's during these Spring Conferences when more developmental information is given about your child. I am working diligently on recording where your child is sitting as far as kindergarten-readiness skills go, and also motor development, social/emotional development, and self-help skills.

Auction:

The action is this weekend!!! I know you've been getting a lot of information regarding the auction in your mail slots, but I just want to give you one last plea to please go!!! It's a lot of fun, an excellent opportunity to get out of the house, and you get to socialize with fellow-Judson parents! Plus, you get some great deals! I hope to see you there!

Discovery Night:

April 22nd is Discovery Night at Judson: a night when your child invites a special grown-up to come to Judson and experience all different kinds of activities. We will be focusing this year's Discovery Night on Earth Day activities. We will be reducing waste by re-using and recycling! In the Blue Room we will be creating a new bead sculpture (re-doing the one you see hanging above the stairs now), making musical shakers, and having a book swap! Bring a book (or two, or three...) to swap with another book that your child can take home and keep! Of course, the other two classrooms will be having fun activities as well and there are fun things planned for the fellowship hall, too. It's a fun night for your child to show off their school and make some fun new creations as well!

Next Month:

May Dates to Note:

Wednesday, May 5th: Field Trip to Dodge Farm. Watch your mail for permission slips!

Wednesday, May 19: Last Day of School. End of the Day school-wide music program and ice cream social to celebrate the last day!

Classroom Needs:

\$5 gift cards to Office Max (our Dinosaur books will be costing us about \$5/book. I'd like to be able to make enough where everyone gets one. If not, I'll just make enough where everyone can get a turn to take it home in the last few weeks of school)

Plain white printer paper (to help us make our books this month)

Plastic Easter Eggs (To use for our Discovery Night! Don't buy new, just feel free to donate ones that you may have laying around your house).

Access to 2"-5" rounded stones for painting. If you can/want to donate them, that would be great! But right now, I'm just having trouble finding them to buy!

Rice, plastic beads, tiny stones... anything we can put in our shakers to make noise. Please, nothing store bought. We're re-using!!! Well, except the rice. That can be store bought if you want 😊.

Gently used books to help get our book swap started

White carnation flowers

Acrylic Paints

Tongue Depressors or jumbo craft sticks

Small Stickers

Planting soil

Grass Seed

Old Magazines, Newspaper, Catalogues.

A volunteer who knows how to make paper and is willing to do it with the kids.

Have a GREAT day!!!

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