

THE MIGHTY OAK NEWSLETTER

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''Mighty Oaks from Little Acorns grow''

LITTLE ACORNS FAMILY PICNIC

Come join us for all the fun. Little Acorns annual family picnic is Friday, June 10th from 6PM to 8PM. We will have a moon bounce for the children and lots of great food. This is a great social event and a wonderful opportunity to hang out with your child's teachers and get to know all those parents you have been wanting to make play dates with. Little Acorns will provide the main dish. We are asking the parents to provide some yummy side dishes and desserts. Keep in mind that the side dishes should be family size, we are feeding many families. Please look for our sign up sheet in the upcoming weeks. We hope to see you all there for a night of great fun.

CHUCK E CHEESE

Thank you for coming out and enjoying a night of fun with our staff and families. We had a wonderful turn out. Most of the staff made it out and really enjoyed the time to be with the kids in a new environment. We were almost the only people in the whole place, which made it like a private party!! It was great to see everyone having such a wonderful time! We raised \$113, which we put towards our new shed for outside. Thanks again for coming out and having so much fun!!

ARE YOU READY FOR SUMMER

It is that time of year again! It is very important that the children come to school with both sun-screen already applied on them and a sunhat to wear outside during play. We will reapply the sunscreen on your child in the afternoon. Please bring us a bottle of sunscreen with your child's name on it and fill out a medication order form if you have not done so. You can download a medication form for our website. www.littleacornselc.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 24	Zoo Trip
May 30	CENTER CLOSED – Memorial Day
June 3	Oak Tree Graduation
June 10	Annual Family Picnic
June 16	MCPS Last Day of School
July 4	CENTER CLOSED – Independence Day

be joining the infant class and we can't wait to meet her. Liam, Samantha, and Alix are the "Big Kids" now. They really enjoy reading books, singing songs and occasionally finger painting and practicing scribbles with a crayon. Emily is catching right up with them. She will be crawling in no time. She loves to chatter and she stays very busy reaching for the toys that she wants to play with. It is so amazing how quickly they change and grow! We look forward to spending lots of time outdoors and even visiting the Sprouts. Please make sure you have sunscreen and appropriate clothing for your child. Sun hats are also a good idea.

The babies look forward to having a fun filled summer with lots of fun activities!

-Mrs. Rahman, Stephanie & Amber



Abby supported Cystic Fibrosis!!



SPROUTS GROUP NEWS

The Sprouts said Good-bye to Sam and Zachary, they are now Seedlings! They adjusted very well and have a blast over there and we still get to see them outside on the playground, which is very exciting! We welcomed two new friends, George and Charlotte H. to the Sprouts class, who have also adjusted well and are enjoying our class. George loves playing with legos and going outside. He enjoys clapping and listening to stories at circle time. Charlotte H enjoys puppets and blocks. She also loves clapping with her friends and listening to the songs we sing at circle time. Lauren loves making sand castles in the sandbox then knocking them down. She is the counting queen, she counts to 13! She loves participating at circle time, singing, clapping, counting, and shape/color flashcards. Charlotte R. enjoys going outside and playing in the



LITTLEST ACORNS NEWS

We have had so much happening in the infant class! Charlotte has graduated to the Sprouts class. We were so sad to watch her go but she is having a great time and often comes over to say "hi" through the gate. We welcomed Alec to our class and he has been making us smile since day one. We are looking forward to Juliet's arrival any day now. She too will

sandbox. She also enjoys the Tomato house outside, she goes inside and just starts clapping (so cute). Noah loves every ball we have! He throws and kicks them, runs after them, and even throws them in our basketball hoop. He likes to ride the riding toys up and down the sidewalk in our play area. Daniel loves singing, he always asks to sing more songs at circle time. He loves filling the bucket with sand, then dumping it out. He is our dancer. He has a ribbon in one hand and an instrument in the other and just dances away! He enjoys puppet play and making the sounds of the animal puppets. All of the Sprouts LOVE dancing to La Bamba, as well as, reading books and art projects.

*Remember it's getting warmer outside, please check the extra clothes bins to make sure your child has appropriate clothing. And remember to make sure to label everything clothes, as well as everything in your child's lunch with name and date.

--Katie, Norma, & Jannelle



Seth practicing his letters!



SEEDLING GROUP NEWS

Spring is finally here and we are taking advantage of the great temperatures and the beautiful days. The children love to go outside and run around to find their favorite tricycle or car. Another favorite activity is the sandbox. They love to scoop and pour the sand. I am sure you have had some come home in their shoes. This month we are working on learning the letters Y,X,Z, the numbers 19, 20, the shape octagon and the color purple. We talk and review all of this at circle time using open ended questions making circle time a fun way to learn using songs, rhymes and games. Of course the best part is getting a stamp on their hands after circle time is over. Art work has been an exciting activity in the mornings and the children have been able to express their fine motor skills on activities such as gluing, painting with brushes and their fingers, and coloring using stamps. We welcomed Sam and Zachary into our classroom a few weeks ago and they have adjusted very well to our routines, friends and teachers. With the weather getting warmer please remember to take any winter clothes and restock your child's cubby with lighter clothes, sunhats and remember to bring in some sunscreen. Thanks again for your continuous support and we hope to see you all for our annual zoo trip.

--Erica, Lalla, BJ and Tamisha



SAPLING GROUP NEWS

We are so pleased it has finally warmed up and we can enjoy the sunshine. Everyday in preschool is a day full of learning and fun. We have been learning about various kinds of insects and birds. This time of year is a great time to learn and explore how the sun helps our nature. We also look forward to taking lots of nature walks to explore the many things that we see like the trees, insects, blossoming flowers and butterflies. In May we will learn about animals. This is perfect because it will flow right into our annual zoo trip on May 24th. We are very excited and hope to see all of you there. The children always look forward to visiting the zoo. Please remember with the weather warming up to apply sunscreen in the morning and bring us some to reapply in the afternoon with a medication form giving us permission. Thanks!

-- Arifa, Michelle & Marie Therese



OAK TREE GROUP NEWS

We've had a great start to spring and we will have a very busy end to it! We want to thank all of those who have helped the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. With your generous donations we were able to raise over \$600.00!! Great Job parents and Oak Trees!! We also want to thank you for your orders with Scholastic Books. With every order you place our class gets a free book. With every dollar you spend we earn bonus points we can use towards the classroom. We have ordered new toys and games for the children and we still have bonus points left. In the upcoming months we have our zoo trip, the family picnic and most important is our Kindergarten Graduation. We will start practicing and preparing the graduates in may so stock up on those tissues and get your cameras ready. Yes they are growing up. The garden club started back up this week and the children couldn't be more thrilled. They have already been up to their elbows in dirt, worms and roly polly bugs and they love them.

A few reminders: We have been having a few families arriving late in the mornings and those children miss out on snack and social time in the morning. As the children prepare for school they need to get in a good routine. Please help them to have time to settle into class and arrive no later than 9:15AM.

Don't forget to apply sunscreen every morning and bring us a bottle for school and a medication form with it.

Finally please make sure your child's extra change of clothes is appropriate for the season and has adjusted to their growing bodies.

-Nicole, Haoua and Jialing



MIGHTY OAKS GROUP NEWS

The Mighty Oaks have been getting outside as much as possible when the weather allows us. We hope spring comes and stays with us SOON so we can go outside every afternoon! We hope everyone enjoyed their spring break. As the school year starts winding down the kids have been gearing

up for their end of year events. As usual we will have our end of the year car wash. We will be raising funds for our class end of the year celebration which will be on the last day of attendance here at Little Acorns on June 16th. Please look for the signs and bring your car a bit early for pick up so we can wash it while you wait. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

-Nicole, Ericka & Britteny

