

Unity School

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PROGRAM DIRECTORS

What a fantastic school year it has been so far! We love hearing the singing and giggles coming from all the classrooms. The children have been working and playing so hard, it is such a treat watching them grow and learn each day!

We had a great friendship celebration on February 12th & 13th. It's fun to have a day each year to dedicate to love and kindness. The creative cards and notes being shared between children were so sweet. The Ladybug class celebrated by making popcorn, wearing costumes, and Polly made balloon animals. The Butterflies made special blueberry muffins, and the Otters baked homemade cinnamon rolls for their celebration.

We want to thank all the families and friends who helped support our Papa's Pizza fundraiser. It's always nice to see families and staff coming together to support our school. We will be using the \$508.00 we raised to make repairs to our classrooms and grounds.

The Otter class has had a couple of fun field trips on the last two no school days. One of the days they hiked on the Ridgeline Trail, and on the other no school day, they went swimming at the River Road Parks and Rec Pool. Be on the lookout for more fun activities and adventures planned for the Otter class during Spring Break, March 23-27.

We are starting to look ahead and plan for future events, one of which is our annual Unity summer campout for our Otter classroom. We have set the campout for Wed. Aug. 12th-14th. I know that families will be looking at making summer plans soon, so mark your calendars now for this fun and exciting 3 day, 2 night adventure for your Otter child! Many more details will be posted as we get closer to summer; please feel free to ask Jessica or Susanne for information.

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Also, We are filling up quickly for the fall, so if you know any families who are looking to start care with us, please encourage them to come in soon to register and get on our waiting list so they will have a spot in the fall.



Just a reminder: don't forget to 'Spring forward' an hour on Sunday, March 8th.

Happy Spring,
Susanne & Chris

PANDA CLASS

Panda Families,

Wow, our class has really grown this last month! We have several new kids to welcome: Darren, Carter, Levi, Silas and our other Karter has returned! This makes for a full class, so please try to stick to your schedules, as we will not be able to accommodate make-up days anymore. Also, please remember to call if your child is sick, to let us know they are not coming so we can make adjustments with staff if needed.

Last month we explored "Art". We used many different materials like markers, paints, glue, stamps, colored pencils, dot markers etc. we also worked on letters. Identifying the 1st letter of our names, we read many ABC books and Chicka Chicka Boom Boom. The kids even led the ABC song several times during the day.

We will be doing spring conferences next month. We will put a sign up sheet on our door when it gets closer. We look forward to talking with you about your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to bring them to us at that time or sooner if you feel like there is something that needs to be discussed. We are always available for discussion about your child.

Thanks,
Cherri & Celia



CATERPILLAR CLASS

Hello Caterpillar families,

We would like to start off by thanking everyone who joined us at Papa's Pizza for our fundraiser! It is because of everyone's support that Unity is a strong community.

We had a fun filled month with our field trip to the National Academy of Gymnastics and celebrating Friendship Day. Children loved sharing their cards and notes with their friends and creating crafts for their loved ones. Thank you to all the parents that were able to join us for those events!

During February, we explored topics of interest that ranged from outer space to folk tales. We had a lot of fun making rocket ships and creating constellations; we built some castles and we even wrote



and illustrated our own stories! In March we will continue focusing on the alphabet and look forward to learning the letters I, J, K, and L.

We will be hosting a food drive for families in need during the entire month of March. There will be a collection box in the front hallway underneath the parent mailboxes. If you would like to contribute, bring some non-perishable food items like canned food. This is a great opportunity to help children learn about

giving back to their community. We would also like to ask Parents to save us any empty water bottle with the lid for an art project we would like to do.

Just a few reminders:

- * We have limited storage space so please provide children with blankets and stuffed animals that are small enough to fit in their cubbies.
- * Nap blankets should be taken home and washed every Friday.
- * Don't forget to take children's art home! The art file is located in the cubby room below the parent information board.

Wishing you a wonderful March,
Tara, Jessica, Mandolin, and Casey

LADYBUG CLASS

Hi Ladybug families,

Wow! We can't believe it's already March! Spring is coming and with it comes more rain, some sunshine and hopefully the end of flu season.



Thank you for continuing to take home nap stuff and coats for washing each week. Remember that the art file also fills up with your children's hard work which needs to be taken home.

Keep an eye on your mailboxes and Parent boards for upcoming field trips, conferences, and exciting new events.

Love your Ladybug teachers
Dorothy, Michelle and Mandolin

BUTTERFLY CLASS

Hello there and Happy Spring!

We sure have had some beautiful weather! Spring is right around the corner and we can't wait! With the weather getting nicer, we want to remind you to please make sure your children have a full set of weather appropriate and correct sized clothing in their cubbies. The mornings and late afternoons are still chilly, so we ask that you continue to bring their warm coats, gloves and hats! Thank you!

This month is the Butterflies turn for asking our families to help out with weekend Pet Care. The calendar is hanging to the left of our door, right above the art file! If you and your child would like to come take care of the Unity pets on a weekend day, please sign up on the calendar! You can even do more than one if you would like to! It's fun for your children to come to school on a non-school day to help out with the animals, plus, every month, one lucky family who helps out will be picked to get \$10 off of their months tuition! Yay!!!! Who doesn't like a discount? Thank you in advance for doing a kind and generous act for the animals of Unity School! We know they all appreciate you and so do WE! Thank you to Katie, (Norah's mama) for helping us out on our field trip to NAAG! The kids had a



GREAT time and really enjoyed their instructor Mr. G. He was wonderful with the children and it was so nice to have a class instead of having the children run wild, doing their own thing! We were very impressed!



Welcome to our two new students Sela and Eden, and their families; we are so happy you have joined our wonderful Butterfly class!

We hope that you and your families are having a lovely year so far! The Butterflies have been, that's for sure! We love the time we are here with your children, and are amazed every day at how fast they are growing and how much they are learning! It's such a treat to spend our days with them! Thank you so much for sharing your greatest gifts with us! Have a wonderful and safe month!

Hugs and Smiles,

Pammie and Cassie

OTTER PUPS & OTTER CLASS

Dear Otter and Otter-pup families,

Yay, spring is just about here! What a wonderful February we had with all of the sunny weather! It sure does make the kiddos and the teachers happy when we can let them get their energy out by being outside!

We had a great time for our friendship party! The Otter-pups helped make cinnamon rolls from scratch and helped decorate the tables to make a sweet friendship snack for the Otters. They also got to exchange cards and they had a lot of fun with that!

The Otters and pups also had a great time on our swimming field trip! They're also helping garden teacher Dawn with weeding in the garden, making creative projects out of



'odds and ends' and endlessly working on being good friends and building a strong community. I love seeing how all of them are constantly trying to better themselves to be the best person that they can be. What a wonderful group!

This month we will be going on a special community service field trip to plant trees at Whiteaker Creek Campground, which is about an hour drive west of here. Mason's dad, Chris will be leading this trip. He works for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). We look forward to having the kids helping the community!

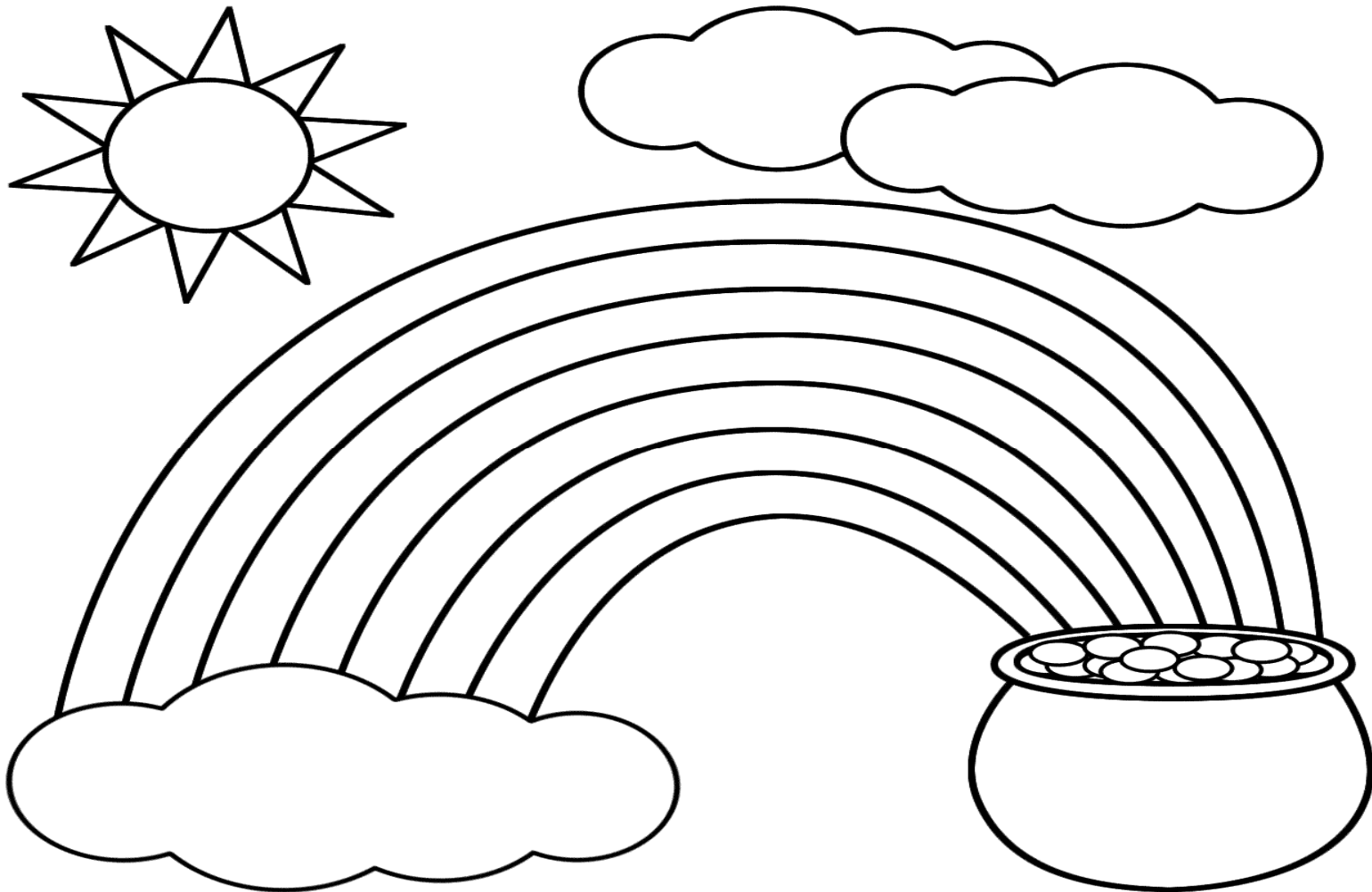
Spring break is also coming up, we are planning a gymnastics field trip, a trip to the Springfield Public Library for a presentation from the Oregon Coast Aquarium and also another community service opportunity at Grassroots Garden. You will get a flier soon with more detailed information about those trips.

The Otter-pups have been amazing with their reading skills! They really feed off of each others knowledge and desire to learn by wanting to be the best reader or at least just as good as their peers! It's great. We've got a really smart group!

Thanks for keeping us updated with your child's schedule changes! Please let us know of any questions or concerns you may have!!

Sincerely, Teachers Jessica and Sarah

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	3	4	5 Tuition Due	6
9	10	11	12	13 No School Otters Field Trip
16 Overuse Fees Due	17  St. Patty's Day	18	19	20
23 Spring Break	24 Break	25 Schedule changes Due	26 Spring Break	27 Break
30	31			