



MAY 2015

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PROGRAM DIRECTORS

How about this weather! Welcome to the joys of spring and summer in Oregon. With one more month left until summer we are noticing longer days outside, warmer temperatures and enjoying more outside activities.

Earth Day was as fun as always, we had bug hunts in the garden, fun projects with recyclable items, sensory tubs, and Earth day Bingo. The bunnies got lots of hugs while visiting the Otter class & Beautiful plants from our Unity garden and Carol's garden found some new homes during our plant sale, thanks for supporting our fundraiser!

Conferences for each class are going on, so please make sure you sign up and get a chance to chat with the teachers in your child's class. If you missed your conference and would like to reschedule, please see Susanne or Chris in the office.

Teacher Appreciation week is coming up the first week of May. We are blessed with such wonderful and amazing teachers here at Unity and want them to know what a great job they do. During May 4th-8th, please feel free to surprise your child's teacher with a nice card, treat, or a big thank you! This is a great time to let them know how much you appreciate their hard work.

Mothers and grandmothers are invited to join us for a Mother's Day luncheon on Friday May 8th. Please be on the look out for details and a sign up sheet, as we get closer to that time.

Just a reminder that Unity School will be closed Monday May 25th for Memorial Day.

Thanks,
Susanne & Chris

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PANDA CLASS

Hi Panda families,

It's been great to see the sun this past month! We also have enjoyed doing more in the garden. The kids have been digging in the dirt garden beds preparing them for planting.

We finished off shapes at the beginning of April and then moved on to colors. We have read the book "Mouse Paint" which talks about the 3 primary colors and then mixes them to get 3 more colors. We did a lot of color mixing activities including painting, spray bottle art, using eyedroppers, ball painting and coloring with markers on flubber. We have been singing songs about the color of our clothes and identifying colors everywhere in our world.

We had a great time on our fieldtrip to the Library. The sensory story time is very age appropriate and interactive, our kids loved it.

Earth day was fun, we got to explore other classrooms and play with many different activities, like a bug hunt in the garden, earth collages, and painting with recycled materials, earth stickers and cloud dough with bugs.

It was great to connect with everyone who came to conferences - thank you for coming! If you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to talk to us.

Happy Spring,
Cherri & Celia

CATERPILLAR CLASS

Hello Caterpillar Families,

Just a friendly reminder: Our Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up this month! They will be held May 11th through May 15th. Please check the parent information board for a sign up sheet.



What an exciting and busy month April was! Our focus on life science continued to grow and develop as the weeks went by. We investigated different animal habitats for critters like night crawlers and snails. The children had a great time collecting different natural materials and learning where different types of animals live. A very special thanks to Melanie who brought in hundreds of ladybugs! The children had a chance to release them in our garden and we learned about how they eat aphids and can help keep the plants healthy!

We also had our field trip to the Science factory, and it was a blast! The Caterpillars had the opportunity to explore many different hands-on experiences that has expanded our interest in

science. We launched rocket ships, explored how heavy an apple would be on different planets, and we even investigated why astronauts wear spacesuits. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us!

Important Dates!

- May 11th- 15th: Parent/Teacher Conferences. Please keep an eye out on the parent information board for a sign up sheet. If these times do not work for your schedule please check with Tara or Jessica.

Happy May!

Tara, Jessica, and Casey

LADYBUG CLASS

Happy May from the Ladybugs!

We are so excited that spring is here and the flowers are in bloom. Spring also means "Conference time", and Ladybug conferences are May 4th - 8th, so watch for the sign up sheet to pick the time that would best fit your needs.

Ladybugs are also going to be taking a field trip to the Science Factory on May 15th! Please look in your mailboxes for more info,

and remember parents are more than welcome to join in on the fun.

Please remember to stock your child's cubby with "Warm-Weather" clothes and light jackets. And, if everyone takes home their child's nap stuff every week for washing, we can help cut down on the amount of germs the class is being exposed to.

Thanks your Ladybug team

BUTTERFLY CLASS

Wow! This year is almost over! We have had so much fun learning, playing and creating wonderful friendships.

One of the social skills we have been working on all year and have pretty much mastered is how to deal with anger, frustration and conflict. The three tools we use are 1) use our words in a calm manner, 2) walk away and if those don't work, 3) ask a teacher to help! These tools work beautifully in our classroom as well as on the playground! ;)

The Butterfly Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for the week of May 18th thru the 22nd. Please be sure to sign up for an end of the year conference. The sign up sheet is right outside our door.



Please mark these important dates on your calendars:

- ✓ Thursday, May 21st — field trip to "Public Works" with the Otter Pups (9:00-11:00)
- ✓ Monday, May 18th -Friday, May 22nd — Parent/Teacher conferences (times vary per day)
- ✓ Monday, May 25th — Memorial Day (Unity School Closed)
- ✓ Tuesday, May 26th — Pammie off for her Birthday!
- ✓ Thursday, May 28th - Monday June 1st — Cassie off for Vacation!
- ✓ Friday, June 5th — Butterfly Parent play Night (6:30 pm - 8:00 pm)

*** More detailed information to follow

We hope you all have a wonderful month!

Hugs & smiles,
Pammie & Cassie



OTTER PUPS & OTTERS

This school year has been going by so quickly. It's hard to believe we are already into May and thinking about summer.

Our Otter Pup class has been having a lot of fun this year. They have impressed us with their growth and continued desire to learn. They are excelling in their reading abilities, and during our daily quiet reading and puzzle time it is they who read to us. They are eager to grab a Bob Book and read one story after another, or grab a chapter book and read completely through their imagination, which is quite impressive!

Our Otters never cease to amaze us with their creativity and imagination. They will take a simple apple box and turn it into an apartment, complete with a beanbag chair, swing and ladders, for their stuffed animals.

We have a great group of kids this year between the Otter Pups and Otters, bringing a lot of laughs, adventure and emotions into each day.

Thank you for allowing us the time with them,
Jessica & Sarah

OFFICE MANAGER

Hi Everyone,

I just wanted to write a quick thank you for all of the donations of recyclable items for NextStep, and for all of the purchases that were made during our plant sale. If you didn't make it to the first one don't worry, we will be having another one May 18-22 with a lot more beautiful plants and some herbs too. Which means, we are still accepting donated plants.

Have a wonderful month,
Virginia

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