



# Newsletter

*KJ Academy - March/April 2011*

## Spring Time

Spring is finally here again! We will be going for walks to the park and playing outside in both rain and shine. Since this is the rainy season, please make sure your child has the proper rain-coat, rain pants, rain boots, etc. along with spare clothing. Many of the children are getting wet and having nothing to change into. Some of the children then have to borrow clothes and rain gear that tend to not get returned. Please make sure your child has extra and the proper clothes they require for all types of weather. You can find rain pants at locations such as 'Please Mum' (Oakridge), 'Children's Place' (Richmond Centre), or Mountain Equipment Co-op MEC (West Broadway).

## Clothes Donation

The children tend to run out of clothes to wear and usually will borrow other children's clothing. To prevent this, if families have spare clothes that their children have grown out of and don't wear anymore, we would greatly accept and appreciate any donations.



Benjamin, Hunter and Zoe listen to the water as it comes down the gutter pipe

## Happy Returns

Ms Katie's last day with us will be March 1, 2011. She has been a wonderful part of the team the last 2 weeks! We will miss her dearly and hope to see her again soon!

Ms Fannie will be returning March 2, 2011 from completing her practicum! We have missed her greatly. Let's welcome her back with open arms!

## Kindergarten Club

Kindergarten Club has been a great success since it has restarted! The children are very excited to learn and have taken an active involvement in the activities. They have enjoyed meeting new friends such as Abby Alligator, Bubbles Bear and Christopher Cat.

In March, we will be learning about letters E, F, & G.

Please remember to bring pictures of the letter that we will be learning that week for our alphabet scrapbook. The children have been very excited to look through it. It's been helping them to memorize and make the connection between the letter and the picture.

Please also make sure that your child gets some time to draw in their journals and tell you what its about. The jour-



## New Faces

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the **Sonia** and her family! They will be starting with us this March.

In April, we will be happy to welcome **Leo** and his family.

We are so pleased to add you all to our KJA family!



## Parent/ Teacher Meetings

Now that Report Cards have been distributed to all the families we're aware that some of you would like to set up meetings to discuss the Report Cards and progress of your child. A sign up sheet will be posted with time slots that you can sign up for.

The meetings will be on the following days,  
Monday, March 7, 2011 and  
Tuesday, March 8, 2011.



## Pyjama/Movie Day



We haven't had pyjama day in a long time and what better fun then getting to watch movies in your PJ's!

Mark your calendars for March 25, 2011 as it will be pyjama/ movie day!



During the little rascal circle, Vincent helps Ms Aniko pour the oil to make a lava lamp.

## Early Closure

A friendly notice to all families that on Friday, April 1, 2011 Kiddy Junction will close at 3pm for Curriculum Development Day. Curriculum Development days will take place once every few months. This allows the staff to work together and take part in important meetings as well as taking time for lesson planning.



## Supervisor

Soon, Ms Aniko will be taking over the supervisor role at Kiddy Junction Academy-Marpole Daycare location.

Ms Melissa and Mr Shaun will be forced to spend less time involved in this facility due to expansion, though they will still be involved as much as possible.

Over the next few months Ms Aniko will be undergoing supervisor training so we appreciate and thank you for your understanding and patience during this time.

Any and all comments, questions and concerns should be directed to Ms Aniko, and she will be sure to inform Ms Melissa and Mr Shaun (Directors) if she feels they need to intervene.

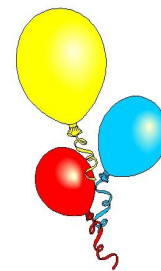
Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns during this transition.



Xin Yan is working on a sorting activity by separating the colors into different groups

## Happy Birthday!

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to Dilan who will be turning 3 on March 5, 2011!



The children work together as a team to put together a dinosaur skeleton.

## Mailboxes

Please remember to empty your child's mailboxes every day. We send home things like Scholastic Book Orders, as well as IMPORTANT NOTICES, and newsletters, and report cards! Thanks for your cooperation!



## Children's Festival

Just a friendly reminder to families, we will be attending the children's festival again this year! Last year we went to see the Charlotte Diamond Concert which was a big success, this year we will be attending Music with Marine. We will be going on Monday, May 30th, 2011. We will need some parent volunteers again, so please let us know if you would be available. We greatly appreciate all of your help in making fieldtrips such a big success! We will have a sign-up sheet available early May. If you decide to join us as a parent volunteer, you will be expected to aid the teachers during the trip. You will be given specific instructions on the day of to help you out. We appreciate all of the time and effort that parents put forth to help make field trips like these a reality for us! Stay tuned for more information closer to the date of the field trip!

## Drop-Off & Pick-Up

Thank you for everyone's cooperation regarding drop off and pick up. We have seen a great improvement! Please continue to drop your child off in the classroom, and remind other guardians to do the same. It is in the best interest of the children and their well-being.

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The children take part in an experiment with Ms Fannie where they learn about density. The children watch as the oil floats on top of the water but soon begins to sink as salt is added to it.

## Name Calling

It has come to our attention that some children have been name calling and not just potty words. We have been talking with the children during group circle why name calling is not ok, that it hurts other peoples feelings and makes others feel sad. We encourage families to take some time out of their day (maybe before nap) to talk with your children at home, and as a family discuss the consequences of name calling. Even if it may seem funny at the time and they are trying to be silly, words can really hurt.

You might want to also discuss with your child that if children are calling them names then to tell the child to stop and how it makes them feel. If the child continues to do it then get a teacher to help.

Let's work together as a team to address this issue.



Derri and Benjamin find a little hole in the ground where they get comfy cozy



Hunter and Brady sharing a laugh at the park

## Kiddy Chefs

Kiddy Chefs was a great success last month. The children really enjoyed baking cupcakes for Valentine's Day. They all worked together by taking turns measuring, pouring and mixing the ingredients. It was a great activity that also helped in developing their fine motor skills.

For the month of March, since we will be celebrating St. Patrick's day, we will be making mashed potato's with bacon bits and sour cream. Please mark your calendars for March 17, 2011.



## Latest Documentation

We have come to an end with our dinosaur investigations. The children learned about the many different types of dinosaurs and why they were all different in shape and sizes. We will soon be updating our panels on the walls and you will all be able to see what the children have learned and activities they took part in while rediscovering these creatures of the past.



Recently, some of the children showed an interest in bugs and planting flowers. Ms. Katie picked up on this as she had noticed that many of the children were digging through the garden, looking through dirt and under rocks for bugs. The children were also asking when we could start planting flowers in the garden. It seems like our newest investigations will reflect gardening and spring time. Watch for panels that will be updated as more activities and discoveries take place. Also keep a look out for the latest artwork on the walls.



## Star of the Month

Kieran is our Star of the Month! He has been doing such a great job using his words to express his feelings. He has also been a great role model to some of the younger children. Keep up the good work Kieran! Don't forget to bring in your poster!



## Earthquake Kits

Just a notice to parents, we will be looking through the Earthquake kits in March to check and see if we have everyone's and if they are up to date. If you have not brought in an earthquake kit for your child then please do so **as soon as possible**.

We will be returning earthquake kits if items in them are out of date or are missing.

## Parent Participation

We would like to start something new at Kiddy Junction Academy, where we would like parents to take part in and have an active involvement with their child and the other children at the center.

- We have our recycling program currently that is turning out to be successful. Thank you to all the families who have taken their time and volunteered
- On our fieldtrips, we are thankful to the parents who come to volunteer and help out. We are encouraging more guardians to take an active part in the children's experience by coming along with us to make it a more enjoyable experience for them.
- We would like to start up a parent participation day. We ask that you volunteer a few hours out of your day to spend some time with the children and take an active part in their day. This will happen once a month, there will be a sign up sheet posted shortly, please stay tuned.



Edward and Helen put the paper in the paper mache mix to cover up the dinosaur eggs.

# March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Ms. Katie's last Day!	2 Ms. Fannie is back!	3	4 Walk to the park	5
6	7 Parent/Teacher Meetings	8 Parent/Teacher Meetings	9 Walk to the Park	10 Music Class	11 Walk to the Park	12
13	14	15 Walk to the Park	16	17  St Patricks Day! Kiddy Chefs	18 Walk to the Park	19
20	21 Walk to the park	22	23 Walk to the Park	24 Music Class	25 Pajama/Movie Day!	26
27	28	29	30	31	1  Curriculum Day, Early Closure: 3pm	



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