

WHISPERING FARMS NEWS

Teacher Appreciation Week!!

The week of May 4th is Teacher Appreciation week. Our teachers do so many wonderful things and work hard everyday to teach and nurture the children. If you would like to do something for your child's teacher please coordinate with the front desk. Our teachers LOVE baked goodies and a special heart felt thank you. Let your teachers know you care!

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School Closed

Monday, May 25th Whispering Farms Montessori will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

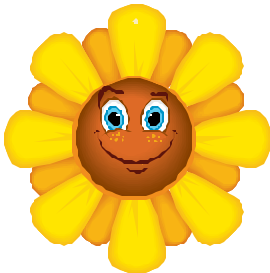
Parent/ Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held on Thursday, May 7th. This is a time to speak to your child's teacher about the progress made over the year. There will be a sign up sheet at the front desk. There will be no class held that day.

Important Dates:

- 05/07 School Closed:
Parent/Teacher conferences.
- 05/08 Muffins for Moms
5/4-5/8 Teacher
Appreciation Week
- 05/25 School Closed
Memorial Day
- 05/29 End of Year
Party!

Summer Program



This summer will be filled with many fun and exciting programs. Some programs are provided by the school while others are Parent sponsored. The

school will be hosting a visit from the Fun Bus, Petting Zoo, Story Tellers, and Splash Days.

There are also some summer camps available for parents to enroll their children in. This includes KinderTots- Space camp in June as well as a Gymnastics camp and Art camp. Please see the front desk to sign up to the extracurricular camps.

Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep Ms. Kasey(P2 Afternoon teacher) and her family in your thoughts. She was involved in a very bad car accident 2 weeks ago and is slowly recovering at the hospital. We miss her a lot and hope she gets better soon!



Muffins for Mom

On Monday, May 11th all Moms are welcome to come and share a muffin breakfast with their child. Breakfast will begin at 8 A.M in the classrooms. Please RSVP at the front

Spanish Survey

We would love to get your feedback to see if the children are using the new vocabulary that they are using in class. Thank you.

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The Importance of Gross Motor Skills

Playing with your child is as important, if not more important than reading with them. Make sure your child has plenty of time to run around, climb, play and even do some work, such as gardening or helping with other chores out doors. Besides the physical benefits of being outdoors, for the purpose of physical activity, other valuable learning opportunities may also arise as your children encounter objects in nature or other subjects that captivate their attention. Not only does your child get to share quality time with you but it works on their Gross Motor Control, which refers to the movement of the large muscles of the body.

A baby starts developing gross motor control from birth, beginning with the control of their head and torso, continuing until they have mastered sitting, crawling, standing and eventually walking, running, jumping and the range of activities that an adult can do. Children learn new motor skills by practicing until a particular skill is mastered.

- Gross motor skills include:
- Balance- the ability to maintain equilibrium
- Body Awareness- for improved posture and control
- Laterality- awareness of the left and right sides of the body
- Major muscle co-ordination
- Spatial Orientation- Awareness of the body position in space and in relation to other objects or people.



Without reasonable gross motor skills, children often struggle with the Fine Motor Skills that are required for formal school work. That is why it is so important for children to develop better control of the arms, and legs before they can begin to develop fine motor skills, such as feeding themselves or grasping a pencil to color or write.

So you see, " Playtime" is most definitely directly connected to your child's success in school. It's not all play , they are in fact working very hard to attain skills which will help them in their future.

The following are suggestions of activities you can do with your child to develop gross motor skills. They are aimed at 3-5 year olds, but since this a wide range, you should be able to adapt them according to your child's proficiency.

1. Play with a large ball. Encourage your child to kick the ball, using one foot and then the other. Then throw and catch it too.
2. Encourage your child to ride a bike
3. Play " Simon says"
4. To teach spatial relations. Ask her to stand in front of a chair, behind a chair, next to a chair, on top of the chair and crouch under the chair.
5. To develop her sense of laterality, let your child kneel on the floor, then instruct her in turn to lift her left hand, lift her right leg etc.
6. Tell your child that she must be your shadow and mimic all your actions as you walk around and perform simple actions
7. Learn action songs and perform the actions as you sing them.
8. Ask your child to imitate the movement of different animals: waddle like a duck, hop like rabbit etc.
9. Encourage her to balance first on one leg, then on the other for as long as possible.
10. Ask your child to gallop like a horse.

May 2009 Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Ham & Cheese Apple Slices Potato Chips
4 Steak fingers Mashed Potato Corn Pudding	5 Mac' n' Cheese Apple Sauce Mixed Veggies	6 Cheese & Beef Ravioli Pears Peas	7 Frank & Beans Potato Mixed Fruit	8 Turkey & Cheese Peaches Chips
11 Mini Corndogs Applesauce Mixed Veggies	12 Chicken Wrap Mixed Fruit Carrots	13 Chicken Nuggets Carrot Sticks w/ Ranch Grapes	14 Spaghetti Salad w./ Ranch Peaches	15 Grilled Cheese Mandarin Oranges Potato chips
18 Personal Pizza Mixed Fruit Corn	19 Steak fingers Mashed Potato Corn Pudding	20 Quesadilla Mandarin Oranges Peas	21 Burgers Diced Peaches Green Beans	22 Ham & Cheese Apple Slices Potato Chips
25	26 Chicken Nuggets Diced Pears Green Beans	27 Mac' n' Cheese Apple Sauce Mixed Veggies	28 Mini Corndogs Applesauce Mixed Veggies	29 Grilled Cheese Diced Peaches Mixed Veggies

May Birthdays!!!

5/05 Ms. Patricia

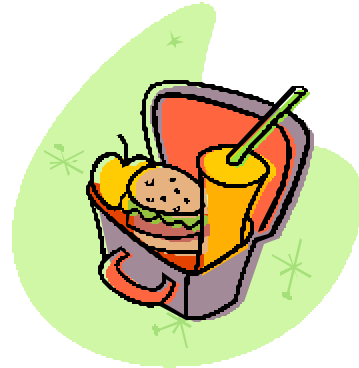
5/21 Legend

5/28 Benjamin



Lunch Reminder

Our catered lunches are a easy and nutritious option for your family. If you choose to provide your own lunch please make sure to send it with a cold pack. Also please do not send any frozen



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Whispering Farms Montessori Academy is Prosper's first (and only) Montessori school. It was founded in January 2003. Lead Teachers in the Primary and Transition program are Montessori Certified. All teachers are CPR and First Aid Certified. We have a dedicated staff and are proud to have a low turnover in teachers.

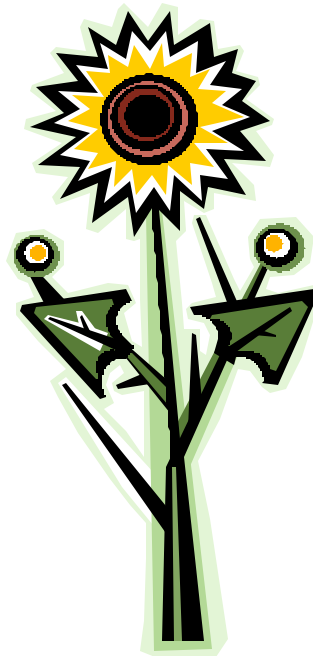
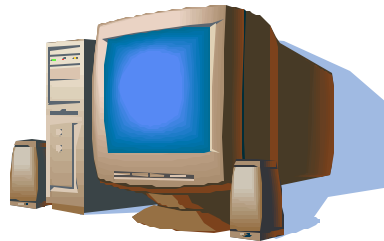
Our Goal is to provide a creative environment where each child will excel and learn at their own pace.

We would really appreciate it if parents could place a review about our school on any search engines like Google, Yahoo, etc..

Photo Album



Computer Time!!!



Oh What Will Our Garden Grow!