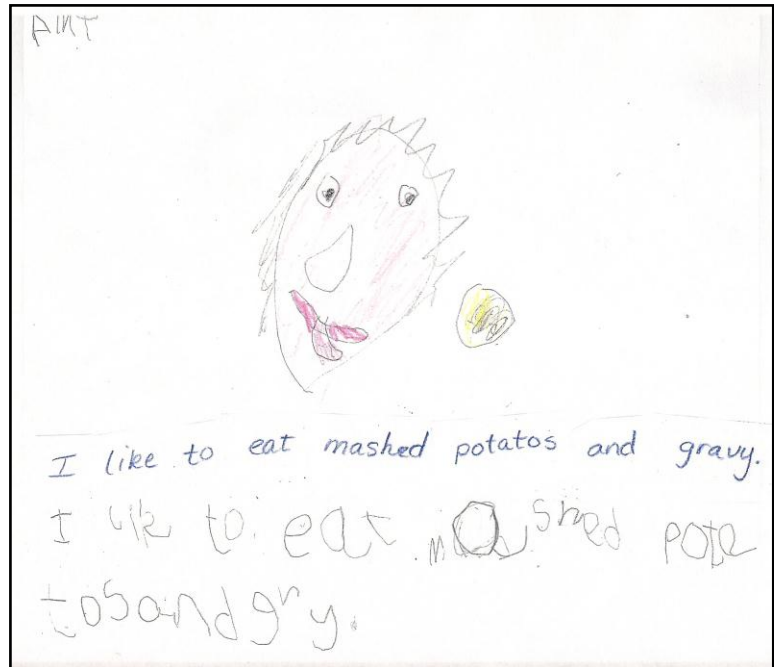


Primary 2 Newsletter

November 30, 2011

Artwork by Amy



Dear Parents,

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. Our Primary division's Pow-Wow was a huge success! The children were so excited to share the songs and sign language they learned with all of you, they could hardly contain themselves. A special thank you to Mrs. Bossa for enriching all of our lives by teaching us sign language. Everyone seemed to enjoy the Feast afterwards. Thank you to the Friends of Country Day and all the volunteers for helping to make the whole event possible. It was a perfect way to start off our Thanksgiving holiday.

The time seems to be flying by and we're already thinking about all the holidays the busy month of December has. We will be discussing celebrations from around the world and invite any of you who have special holiday traditions to come and share them with us at line time. We love to celebrate Peace this time of year, so we will be exploring the idea of peace and how we can be peacemakers everyday. December will be a short month for us as we have only 3 weeks until our winter break.

Our Parent Education Series continues tonight with Montessori Math (primary level). Please consider attending and learn about the wonderful Montessori manipulatives used everyday in the classroom to teach concrete math concepts. Hope to see you there. 7pm tonight in Primary 3.

The 4th annual primary book drive, "**Book for a Friend!**" will be December 8th. We would like to embrace the gift of giving to someone in need by giving a book to a child in foster care. A book is a treasure, especially to a child who doesn't own one. Our children will make bookmarks to go in the books during class. Please buy a book for a friend in need. It will be our share for that day.

Our P2 Winter Party will be December 16th. If you are not driving your child directly to the park, please be at school no later than 9:00am. We plan to leave at 9:15 to meet everyone else at the park. Our party will be at McGough Nature Park, also known as "the turtle park" for its abundant aquatic turtle population. The park is located at 11901 146th Street North off of Walsingham Road. We will be returning to school around noon for **half day dismissal**. Please contact the office for extended care availability.

Please be sure to use the **online permission slip** to sign up for the **P2 Winter party**. Even if you are driving your own child, we are required to have a permission slip. Permission slips are on the *parent homepage* at www.countrydaylargo.com. Diane Smith will be contacting you with information regarding our party and volunteer opportunities. You can email her at dianelsmith@yahoo.com.

Please remember to put names in your jackets and sweaters, and make sure they have one every day. They can leave one in their cubby in case they get cold, call it their 'cubby jacket' so they remember to leave it. It is also a great idea to send in clothes of a warmer variety for your child's box at school in case of spills and accidents.

Children's Line:

Thursday, December 1st - Something beginning with 'h' or 'j'

Thursday, December 8th - "Book for a friend"

Thursday, December 15th - Something about Winter

Thursday, January 5th - Something that begins with "k" or "l"

Remember, the Children's line, otherwise known as our share time, is your child's opportunity to find their voice, and refine their ability to speak to a group. Please discuss with your child why they brought what they did, and what is special about it.

Important Dates:

November 30, Tonight! - Parent Education Series - Montessori Math

December 16th - Winter Party / **Half Day Dismissal***

December 19th - December 30 - Winter Break **No School***

January 2 - classes resume

* **See office for information on camp availability**

Thank you, thank you, thank you.....

Thank you to all our wonderful lunch parents! We really appreciate your support. **Thank you** also to our reading parents, and all the parents who have donated healthy snacks. **Thank you** to Marley and Jeralyn for donating banana's for our food prep work. **Thank you** to Garrett for donating the Clorox wipes to help us keep the germs away!

Thank you to Fane and his family for caring for our classroom Guinea Pig, Smokey over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Thank you's don't seem to be enough for all you parents do to support and encourage us daily. We truly have awesome families this year and appreciate all of you!

*We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and is able to take the time to appreciate the love and family we have in our lives.
We wish you all peace and joy.*

Happy Holidays!

Linda Carter, Deborah Kirkpatrick, and Joan Poppleton

"Supposing I said there was a planet without schools or teachers, where study was unknown, and yet the inhabitants - doing nothing but living and walking about - came to know all things, to carry in their minds the whole of learning; would you not think I was romancing? Well, just this, which seems so fanciful as to be nothing but the invention of a fertile imagination, is a reality. It is the child's way of learning. This is the path he follows. He learns everything without knowing he is learning it, and in doing so he passes little by little from the unconscious to the conscious, treading always in the paths of joy and love."

- Dr. Maria Montessori, MD