

# WILD LILAC PRESCHOOL

## HONORING ALL CHILDREN

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### **Daffodil House** **January 2010 Newsletter**

#### **Welcome Back**

Welcome back to a happy new year! We hope you all had a wonderful winter vacation with your friends and families. The month of December was a very full one for us at The Daffodil House. We spent a good deal of time talking about the holidays, and different ways in which people celebrate or choose not to celebrate. Our very popular circle song "Little Jackie Frost," led us to discussing the cooling, changing weather, and ways in which we can keep our bodies warm when we play outside in the winter time (we decided sometimes the best way is simply to come inside!). Friday afternoons at The Daffodil House were devoted to our Winter Solstice circles - which children, parents and teachers greatly enjoyed. Thanks to Helene for sharing those with us!

#### **What we're going to be doing:**

This month we will be having two pajama days, on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. If your child does not attend on either of these days and would like to wear their pajamas on a different day, that would be great! We will be doing a special baking project on our pajama days.

#### **Babies**

We have also noticed a budding interest in babies among the Daffodil House kids, so we have begun to ask ourselves "What do we know about babies?" Many of the children have younger siblings at home, so this seems to be a very relevant topic for most. We will continue to ask questions and think of ways in which to expand our knowledge. We are also continuing to work in our journals, collect stories in our Daffodil House story book, and fill up our art folders with all kinds of new art projects.



*Elliott Caring for his baby*

#### **Note to parents:**

We would like to start collecting any shoeboxes or tissue boxes you could provide. We're planning to make mailboxes to collect valentines in February. Also, please check your child's

green clothing bag on a regular basis. With so many new people using the toilet, we need to be sure everyone has an ample supply of pants and underwear! Thank you very much!!

#### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

We are preparing for another round of parent/teacher conferences. They will be held on 1/19 and 1/21. Sign-up sheets are out. Times available will be throughout the day Tuesday 1/19, and in the evening on Thursday 1/21. We enjoy having this time to connect with families about the children we spend so much time with. Thank you for participating in these conferences.

#### **Book Club**

On the evening of Tuesday 1/26 we will have our 2<sup>nd</sup> book club meeting. Our last book club meeting was wonderful and we hope to see you at this one! We will be discussing *The Language of Art: Reggio Inspired Studio Practices in Early Childhood Settings* by Ann Pelo. Reading the book is not a requirement for participation. Amelia S., from Iris House, and her parents Carl and Stephanie have generously offered to host our Book Club gathering, please join us

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at 7 pm at their house to discuss the amazing topic of Reggio inspired art experiences.

### **Re-Enrollment**

Please remember re-enrollment forms are due on February 1, 2009. This will hold your child's spot for the 2010-2011 school year. We look forward to spending another wonderful year with your children! If you would like to visit Iris House before re-enrolling, please just call or email Katie and Helene and they will give you a tour!

### **Calendar**

**January 12-13-** Pajama Days!

**January 18-** No School – MLK Jr Day

**January 19-** No School – 2nd Parent-Teacher Conferences, day

**January 21-** 2nd Parent-Teacher Conferences, evenings

**January 26-** Book Club Meeting for all teachers and parents!, 7pm

**February 1-** Re-enrollment forms due for the 2010-2011 school year

**February 12-** Family Event-Daffodil House Valentine's Day Tea, 11:30am