

WILD LILAC PRESCHOOL

HONORING ALL CHILDREN

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Daffodil House July 2009

Midsummer preschool fun

We are having a fantastic time in the sunshine and have been truly enjoying these gorgeous summer days! The children have been making art outside, playing in their awesome play boat and “hot dog stand”, enjoying homemade popsicles made with fresh squeezed juice, and lovingly caring for (and tasting) their herbs, strawberries, blueberries, and edible flowers!

What Have We Been Up To?

The Daffodils are extremely enthusiastic about their new grocery store. Stop by their very own “Strawberry McTooty’s” for all your produce and grocery needs! The children have been busy making grocery lists, going shopping, and re-stocking the shelves at old Strawberry’s. The children have also kept busy experimenting with some new art materials and enjoying some serious good weather water play!

Grocery Store fieldtrips

The Daffodils interest in the grocery world has inspired us to take them on a walking fieldtrip to Safeway (on 28th and Hawthorne). The children will be choosing a recipe and creating a shopping list, then Helene, Katie, Helen and Amber will walk the children to Safeway and we will buy the ingredients and make ourselves a meal! We are going to do this fieldtrip on both **July 15** and **July 30th** so most children will be able to participate. You will see permission slips for the fieldtrips out a few days before the actual day, so please find yours and sign it when you see them out on the cubbies! If you child does not come to school on either of the dates, please email Helene and Katie if you would like to join us! Additionally, if you are not comfortable with your child going on a walking fieldtrip with us, you will need to keep him or her home these days or please feel free to come along!

Art Show Success

Thanks so much to our talented artists and generous parents for

participating in our 3rd annual Wild Lilac Art Show! We raised \$750 for our Financial Aid Fund to promote diversity here at Wild Lilac. The canvases were gorgeous this year (as they are each year) and our Art Show was really fun. Huge thanks to Sean (Iris House teacher Naomi’s wonderful partner) for the music and to New Seasons for hosting us!



Art Show Canvases!

Clothes swap

A Daffodil House parent suggested a children’s clothes swap. Is anyone interested in organizing such an event? Let us know, you would be welcome to use the preschool space some evening!

Toilet Transition

Lots of friends are transitioning from diapers to using the toilet right now. To help Amber and Helen support your

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children in having successful experiences with the toilet at school, please let Amber and Helen know in the morning if your child is wearing underpants or pull ups and please have cubbies stocked with plenty of extra clothes!

Learning to use the toilet at school is trickier than using the toilet at home for many children. There are lots of distractions at school, and we can best support children in the transition if we can remind them to try to use the toilet. If we do not know that your child is wearing undies and your child is not used to wearing them at school, it is hard for us to set your child up for success! Help us help you and your kiddo!

Parent Discussion Nights

We had our first Parent Discussion Night in June. The topic was orientation for the coming fall and we discussed child development, the developmental play stages, power-themed play and problem solving with children. We also went over Wild Lilac's policy

on inclusion of children with special needs.

If you were not able to come but you are interested in materials about these topics, please check the top of the cubbies. We put out extra copies of all our handouts for those who are interested. If anything is confusing or needs clarifying, please let us know- we love to talk about development! We will be having more Parent Discussion Nights during 2009-2010, and are very open to suggestions about topics folks would like to explore with us!

Sunscreen

Please remember to put sun screen on your child every morning before coming to school. We will reapply sunscreen (using unscented California Baby natural screen) throughout the morning!

Labeling

Please remember to label your children's clothing! Anything we do not recognize and that is not labeled we put into the lost and found. Please check there if you are missing anything!

Calendar

Friday, July 3- No school- Teacher

Planning Day

Wednesday, July 15

Safeway fieldtrip, departing from Daffodil House at 9:15am

Thursday, July 30

Safeway fieldtrip, departing from Daffodil House at 9:15am

August 21- Family Event- End of the Year Party for Daffodil House 11:30am

August 24-31- No School- Summer Break

September 1-4- No School- Summer Break