

# WILD LILAC PRESCHOOL

## HONORING ALL CHILDREN

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### **Iris House** **July 2009**

#### **Midsummer preschool fun!**

We are having a blast spending extended time in the sunshine and have been truly enjoying these gorgeous summer days! The children have been making art outside (we even have a mural going and a couple of trees with newly blue trunks!), enjoying homemade popsicles made with their own fresh squeezed juice, and lovingly caring for their carrots, lettuce, strawberries, blueberries, brussels sprouts and herbs!

#### **What Have We Been Up To?**

We are still exploring the theme of mapping and the children have taken it in some new directions, using shoe stamps to make “walking trails” across maps and little cars dipped in paint to make driving routes. The children also made their own landscape for a train table! You might have noticed the “word wall” in the playroom. The children are bursting with enthusiasm for words, and have been really experimenting with writing. It is really cool to

see the development of the word wall, so check it out!

#### **Park fieldtrip**

We have two picnic-in-the-park fieldtrips planned for July. We went to Edwards/Sewellcrest Park (on 32<sup>nd</sup> and Market) on Monday, July 6 at 10:30am and we plan to go again on Tuesday July 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30am. If you would like to join in for the picnic, parachute and play adventure, please just let us know so we know how much food to bring!



#### **Art Show Canvases!**

#### **Art Show Success**

Thanks so much to our talented artists and generous parents for participating in our 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. We would like to give a

huge thanks to Sean (Naomi's wonderful partner) for the music and to New Seasons for hosting us!



#### **Sewellcrest Park Picnic!**

#### **Zenger Farm Field Trip**

Our third and last Zenger Farm Field Trip of the year was last month. It was great to see the farmers again and help with the early summer crops. We look forward to heading back to Zenger Farm in late autumn to see how the farm changes throughout the year and to see how the farmers get ready for the cold season.

#### **Little Green Grocer Fieldtrip**

On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be fieldtripping to Little Green Grocer (Liv and Roma's family's grocery store) to see what happens

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to food between the farm and our tables! We will be arriving at the grocery store in time to see a bike delivery of groceries arrive. We will also do some shopping of our own to take back to school and turn into a meal!



**Zenger Farm Fieldtrip!**

### Parent Discussion Nights

We had our first Parent Discussion Night in June. 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 front sign in

table. 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 and Summer Shoes

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! Also, please swap out your winter rain boots for some summer shoes. Crocs (or other waterproof sandal type shoes) are great for summertime play!

### 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!

### Thank You!

We would like to give a very belated (but very important) thank-you to Kell, Evelyn's dad, for starting the teachers a coffee (and cookie!) tab at Chance of Rain. When you walk into the playroom at 4:00pm to chipper teachers, it is often because they have gotten a little caffeine pick-me-up from Chance of Rain. So, thanks so much Kell!



**Naomi and friends looking at bugs!**

### Calendar

**July 6** Sewellcrest Park Picnic 10:30am

**July 21** Sewellcrest Park Picnic time TBA

**August 3** Little Green Grocer Fieldtrip, meeting at Wild Lilac at 8:30

**August 21-** Family Event- End of the Year Party for **Iris House!**, 4:00pm

**August 24-31-** No School- Summer Break

**September 1-4-** No School- Summer Break