

WILD LILAC PRESCHOOL

HONORING ALL CHILDREN

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Iris House **August 2009**

This Month: Finishing Our Year Together

We have certainly enjoyed a lively and fun year together at Iris House. This month, we will be reflecting on this past year together by creating memory books and talking about the changes the fall will bring.

Some of our dear Wild Lilac friends will be going on to kindergarten in the fall (we can hardly believe it!).

Within the next few weeks before they transition, we will be hosting a “kindergarten panel” of older siblings who will tell us what to expect from the transition into bigger school settings.

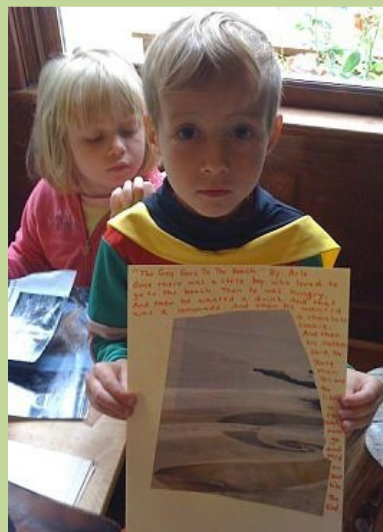
What Have We Been Up To?

In July, we spent a lot of time outside, trying to stay cool in this crazy heat wave. We took two fieldtrips to the park in July and were happy to have Sten and his dad Erik join us for one, and Evelyn, her mom Jennifer and her baby brother Elloitt for the other! The hot, hot weather inspired lots of outdoor water play and even the construction of a “swamp fan” on that terrible 107 degree day! The children

filled a bucket with ice and put a box fan behind it to see if they could make a home-made air conditioning unit. Cool!

Stories provoked by magazine photos!

If you walk into the playroom it quickly becomes clear that the children have been working hard on their stories and storytelling. Over the past few weeks the children have found their own images in magazines to tell stories about. If you have not read them yet, check them out—they are awesome!



Arlo and his story

Little Green Grocer Fieldtrip

We took an awesome fieldtrip to little green grocer on Monday, August 3rd. We

arrived in time to see the bicycle delivery arrive. The delivery guy (Franklin) opened up the insulated cooler and let us help unload the groceries. We got to tour the walk in refrigerator to see where groceries are stored. We even picked out some fruit to eat for our snack at the adjacent Tanner Springs Park. It was an all around, superb fieldtrip and we are so grateful to Scott, Nancy, Liv and Roma for extending their family’s grocery store to us as an opportunity to learn and have fun!



Making Stories

Fire Station Fieldtrip

Evelyn really wanted to visit a fire station so her wonderful mom Jennifer asked what we thought. Of course we thought “fun!” and we are excited to go visit Portland Fire Department Station #9 (39th Ave. between Hawthorne and Harrison) Friday August 14th at 10:00am. If you and your child would like to join us,

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you are welcome as usual,
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Mammoth Sunflowers

Check out the children's sunflower circle in the backyard if you get a chance. The sunflowers the children lovingly planted inside last April, put into the ground in a circle shape last May, and have watched carefully through the summer, are unbelievable and all beginning to bloom just now!



Ada and Evelyn Hangin' in Our Sunflower House!



Amelia Elsa and Amelia S. In Front of Our Mural!

End of the Year Picnic

We will be saying goodbye to 2008-2009 school year with a potluck picnic at Sewellcrest Park on Friday, August 21st at 4pm. The children will receive their end-of-the-year CDs and story books they have worked so hard on, and will get a chance to share their memory books with parents and friends, and we will get to all connect before the break.

Back to School Picnic- Iris House

For returning families, please join us for our opening potluck playdate on Saturday, September 5 at 5:00 pm at Sewellcrest Park (Market and SE 32nd Ave). This will give all of the children and parents a chance to meet new and returning Iris House families and to hang with the Iris House teachers! Bring your family and join us to connect with returning families and welcome new families to our community!

Calendar

August 21st- 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
September 7- Back to
School