

Letter from Mrs. Datzyk

Dear Families,

A sunny Hello to you all!

We are all enjoying the warm spring weather! Here at school, it is making us think ahead to the Spring Picnic, which will be held on the school's playground in the early evening of Wednesday, June 8th. For the picnic, each family is asked to bring one covered dish and one dessert to be shared by all. Respecting those who have food allergies or those who do not eat meat, please include either a recipe card or a list of ingredients with your dishes. On June 8th, all of the children will be dismissed from school at 12 noon.

Speaking of the Spring Picnic, the children are already preparing for their part of the evening...the Spring Program. In the near future you will receive word from your child's teacher on any special clothing and/or props they may need for their part of the show.

I believe that we have had a rewarding year here at Datzyk Montessori School. From what I have gathered from you parents and from the teachers and from what I have witnessed here in the classrooms, I can confidently say that all of the children have grown in their knowledge and love of learning. The teachers reported the conferences as being successful—I trust that you benefited from them by gathering more information to better understand your child's accomplishments.

We are all looking forward to the special event that the PoDS have arranged for April 26th. Representatives from the Poole Wildlife Sanctuary will visit our classrooms to tell us about and show us various native animals. I am certain all of the children will enjoy this brief program. Thank you again, PoDS!

- Ruth N. Datzyk

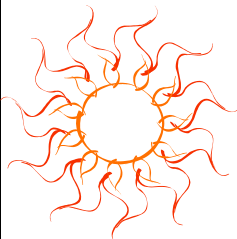


Datzyk's Summer Session

The summer session registration forms were sent home in your child's folder. If you are interested in attending the summer session, **please return the form by Friday, April 29th**. If Datzyk does not receive enough interest by April 29th, the summer session will not be offered.

We are offering a 6 week program of which you can choose your week. We will study insects, plants, birds and even dress up like a clown to celebrate P.T. Barnum's birthday. We will let the children's imagination roam as we travel back to the mesozoic era to study dinosaurs. Your child may attend either half day (9-12) or full day (9-3).

Tuition must be paid and Parental Consent Form given on the first day of each week. Full day students must bring a packed lunch.



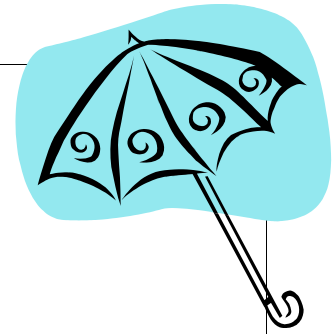
Miss Ryan's Classroom

April showers bring May flowers. My class knows that spring is in the air, we love being out in the fresh air. I've been discussing the change in the weather, trees, flowers and how we dress. We took a walk around the school looking at the trees changing and seeing the new flowers blossom. The children learned how to pot their own flower by planting a seed in some soil. We can't wait to watch them grow!

At the end of this month we started our vegetable and fruit washing, it's a real success! The class really enjoyed the wildlife sanctuary that came to visit us with their special friends. We learned many new facts.

I would like to remind parents to **please apply sunscreen to your child before leaving for school in the morning.** We are outside twice a day!

Happy Spring!



Mrs. Serrecchia & Mrs. Vassallo's Classroom



The month of April has seemed to fly by. We have been keeping busy in the 3-year old room. We have been focusing on the new season, spring. We have been talking about what changes take place during the spring season and our art work has been focusing on some of the insects we see this time of year. We have been talking about how seeds grow and what plants need to flourish. Each child planted seeds and they are eagerly awaiting them to sprout.

We are working hard on our letter sounds and other language activities. The children are making great strides towards the ultimate goals of reading and writing. The children are continually amazing us with their abilities with the sensorial material, and they continue to enjoy the practice life areas.

As the warm weather approaches, **please update your child's change of clothing to suit the weather.**

We will have a special presentation this month about wildlife. We are looking forward to that.

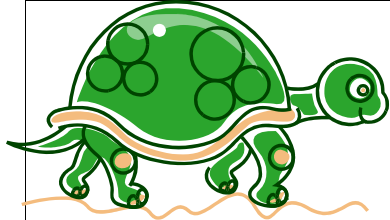
We have also been practicing our special song for the Spring Show!

2005 National Teacher Day (a National Education Association message)

May 3 is National Teacher Day, a day for honoring teachers and recognizing the lasting contributions they make to our lives. While it does take a lot of people to make a school succeed, this day focuses on the teachers who work to make public schools great places for students to succeed in life.

PoDS would like to honor the Teachers of Datzyk...EACH DAY YOU MAKE A LASTING IMPRESSION ON OUR CHILDREN.





Mrs. Molter's Classroom

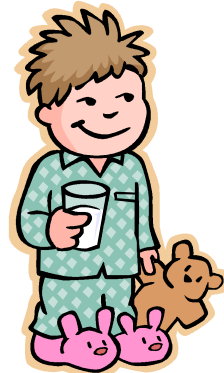
Mrs. Molter's class has talked about Canada and Mexico. We have also continued to learn about reptiles. We have been planting seeds and learning about plants. Soon we will start learning about birds. After that, we will work with amphibians and fish. On April 26th, Poole Wildlife will be presenting a program about animals. It should be interesting! As always, we are practicing our German. Wait until you hear us at the Spring Show!

Mrs. Datzyk and Mrs. Turrisi's Classroom

The kindergarten and first-grade class is enjoying le Printemps (the spring), les fleurs, le soleil, la pelouse! We notice a touch of the fever has gotten to them. Each morning they ask, "When are we going out for some fresh air?" Then, once we are outside, they ask, "May we eat outside today?" Needless to say, we have been taking advantage of the warm afternoons (and the fact that bees have not yet appeared) by enjoying a few lunches in the open air!

Pajama Day will be held on the 29th of April, the last Friday of the month. The first week of May will be designated our Game Week. We feel the best way to accomplish this will be to have a small number of children bring games to school each day—we're even thinking about setting up game tables outdoors from our classroom! Once a schedule is made, it will be sent home to you. One more game-related topic before we close...Thank you to Max for the ever so popular checker game he gave to us!

Enjoy this sunny weather! If you ever have the opportunity, please come in to visit our bustling class.



Datzyk Family Yard Sale—May 7th

Datzyk parents and children will hold their 1st Family Yard sale **Saturday, May 7th, 2005** (rain date May 14th) **in the Datzyk school parking lot from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** The purpose of this yard sale is to raise funds for our 2005—2006 school year to position ourselves to offer special programs and activities to the students. The yard sale is the perfect place to bring items you collect after completing your Spring cleaning and what's great is anything that is not sold, we will donate to Goodwill.

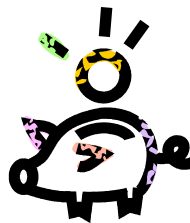
We are looking for parent volunteers to donate approximately 2.5 hours prior to the yard sale, during the yard sale and/or after the yard sale. The event will be coordinated by Gina Thomas-Clifton and anyone interested in joining the team to ensure a successful and fun event, please call her at 484-695-6539.

Details will be sent home in your child's folder the week of April 18th.



Easy Ways to Help Datzyk

When you shop at the stores below, give these account numbers & Datzyk gets rewards.



- Superfresh Account: 444441027—Datzyk gets cash quarterly
- Office Depot: 5% School Id: 70084861—Datzyk gets store credit
- Box Tops for Education: Datzyk gets cash twice a year. Don't forget to cut the Box Tops for Education icons off General Mills products and put them in the box in your child's classroom. Each top could be worth 10 cents!
- SchoolPop.com Account: 0171602

Special Thanks!



- Max for the checker game
- Parents who have volunteered during the monthly teacher meetings

Coming Events

02 May: PoDS Meeting—7-8 p.m. in Mrs. Molter's room

04 May: Teacher meeting (volunteers needed)

04 May: National Teacher Appreciation Day

07 May: Family Yard Sale—9am to 2pm

30 May: No school—Memorial Day

06 June: PoDS Meeting—7-8 p.m. in Mrs. Molter's room

June: Teacher meeting (volunteers needed)

08 June: Spring Picnic; 12noon dismissal; return at 5pm

17 June: Last day of school



Parents of Datzyk School (PoDS) Update

Hello parents! Can you believe the school year is winding down so quickly?! PoDS continues to be energized. Thanks to all of you who helped with fundraising! Because of your efforts and upon request of the teachers, PoDS will sponsor the Pool Wildlife Sanctuary's Animal Presentation on the morning of April 26th. Please ask your children about it that afternoon. On May 4th, PoDS will provide lunch for the teachers as part of National Teacher Appreciation Day. We are fortunate to have such wonderful teachers instruct our children! On May 14th, we will be holding a Datzyk Yard Sale; read more details in the longer article on this topic in the newsletter. We are looking for volunteers to staff the sale and are accepting donations (clothes, toys, etc.). We hope to see you there.

Our next PoDS meeting will be on Monday, 02 May from 7-8pm in Mrs. Molter's room. The April meeting was great because Mrs. Molter talked to current parents and parents of prospective students (like those in Mrs. Serrechia's and Mrs. Vassallo's classes) about her class, a typical day, etc. The dialogue was very interactive. At the May meeting, Mrs. Serrechia and Mrs. Vassallo will talk about their classrooms. All parents are invited to attend, especially those with children in these classrooms as well as those with children in Miss Ryan's classroom.