



## **Letter from Mrs. Datzyk**

Dear Families,

In just a few weeks we will be meeting for the spring Parent/Teacher conferences. As noted, they will occur during the afternoons of the 6th, 7th, and 8th of April. On these dates all children are to be picked up from the school by noon. Our teachers have only 15 minutes to spend with each of you therefore, takes few minutes at home to plan any topics you wish to discuss with your child's teacher. One more point I would like to express is the fact that these conferences are a time for the parents and teachers to meet your child should not be present during the time of the conferences. Thus enabling us to talk freely and openly about your child.

Thank you to the PoDS for your continued support and interest in the school. I have been to many of the PoDS meetings and would really like to see more of you there! I know I speak for all of the teachers when I thank you for making possible our monthly meetings. During these meetings we relate the news of the PoDS, plan upcoming events, share teaching strategies, air questions and concerns, and offer support to one another on our teaching paths. Thank you, PoDS!

I wish al of you a splendid Spring Holiday! We will all return with a new vitality!

- Ruth N. Datzyk

## **Family Yard Sale**

Datzyk parents and children will hold it's 1st Family Yard sale in the Month of May. The purpose of this yard sale is to bring the families of Datzyk together for a 1/2 day 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 collected after completing your Spring cleaning and what's great is anything that is not sold, we will donate to a chosen charity.

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.

### **Miss Ryan's Classroom**

March is here and gone, which brings spring right around the corner! In the last newsletter, I mentioned that we would be starting new water jobs involving washing of fruits and vegetables. I just want to apologize, but this month has gone by so very quickly and our time in the classroom did as well. We will be introducing the water jobs towards the beginning of April. Miss Ryan did introduce a few new jobs involving pouring salt into a jar using a funnel. We learned to mix 2 spoonfuls of bread crumbs and 2 spoonfuls of water into a wooden bowl using a hand mixer. The children really seem to enjoy using food in their work. We are still practicing our second language with the three-year old classroom and the children are learning Spanish very quickly. Over the next few months, we will be learning a new Spanish song for our spring show. Not only are some flowers beginning to bloom, but so is Miss Ryan's classroom. I would like to welcome to our new bloomers to our Spring patch, Esther and Isabella. Welcome!

Have a safe Spring break!

### **Mrs. Serrecchia's Classroom**

Spring is almost here! All of us are excited about the arrival of warm weather and green grass. We are busy practicing water jobs which include table and dish washing and water pouring. We will be talking about parts of a plant and what plants need to grow. The students will be planting seeds and observing the growth of these plants. As always, the children will continue to practice letter sounds and number recognition.

### **Mrs. Vassallo's Classroom**

As spring closely approaches, we are working like busy bees. The children are working hard and accomplishing new work in the classroom. We are staying focused on the sensorial materials and making great strides in both language and mathematic materials. As the weather gets warmer we will focus on the outdoors a bit more and work on some nature activities. I would like to plant some seeds in the classroom so the children can watch them grow. We have learned quite a bit about the human body and we are still learning new information. We have moved the classroom around and the children seem to be adjusting well to the changes. I have noticed maturity in each of the children and they are developing wonderfully in the academic areas. I look forward to meeting with the parents and showing them their child's development over the past few months.

### **Mrs. Molter's Classroom**

We have learned about mammals and are now learning about reptiles. Soon we will learn about amphibians, birds, and fish. With St. Patrick's Day and Easter approaching everyone has been busy making shamrocks, leprechauns, bunnies, eggs, and chicks. We have practiced songs for both holiday. Our class continues to learn more bones in the body, and more German. Mrs. Tarazi will be teaching us about Easter in Austria, complete with an Easter tree of pussy willows and forsythia. We would like to welcome Ayush Desai who has joined our class in the afternoon.

### **Mrs. Datzyk and Mrs. Turrisi's Classroom**

Dear Parents of the Kindergarten and First Grade class,

We spent more time than planned "in" china—our bags are now packed and we are headed for India. On the 18th of March, Neela's parents will come into our classroom and talk with us about the celebration of *Holi*. We are looking forward to this and as always, we invite **you** to come in and share with us!

If you have something to share but are unable to join us, you may send in written information, books, or photographs that we can share with the class. Or, as Claire and Tara did, bring CDs of traditional music. We played their music nearly everyday and it gave the children another sampling of Chinese culture. THANKS to Claire and Tara!

Your children continue to work very hard. Along with the standard academics of our classroom, they are doing some creative sewing jobs and are dabbling in some still-life painting. It gives us great pleasure to see how these children have grown and to know that, in the Montessori way, we have helped to influence and encourage their growth.

We wish you a rejuvenating Spring Break!

### **Snack Program**

Just a friendly reminder families take turns providing simple, nutritious snacks for their child's class. A list is sent home monthly showing the days that you and your child shall provide snack for the class. Snacks which expose the child to foods of another country or ethnic origin are also welcome. Some snack suggestions are vegetables and fruits cut to finger size, crackers and cheese, bread (carrot, banana, wheat, etc.), fourths of sandwiches (peanut butter, honey, cheese, etc.), cookies or muffins, and cheese cubes. Thank you for putting so much effort in ensuring our students are learning about eating healthy snacks.

To further educate our students, Grayson's mom has volunteered to share with the students some easy to prepare recipes.

## Welcome New Students!

### Miss. Ryan's room

Isabella

Esther

### Mrs. Molter's room

Ayush

## Special Thanks!!!

### To the Parents of Datzyk:

Thank you for sending me the beautiful flowers for my birthday.

Mrs. Datzyk

## Coming Events

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

05 Apr: Teacher meeting (volunteers needed)

06-08 Apr: Parent/Teacher conferences (noon dismissal)

TBD May: Family Yard Sale

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

**May: Teacher meeting (volunteers needed)**

30 May: No school—Memorial Day

## Parents of Datzyk School (PoDS) Update

As mentioned in the February newsletter, PoDS is focusing our efforts around strengthening communication between the Datzyk staff and Datzyk parents. During the PoDS February meeting we hosted a Teacher/Parent forum and Mrs. Datzyk and Mrs. Turrisi answered many of the parents questions and shared with us what a typical day is like in their classroom. We planned an activity for the Teachers of Datzyk for National Teacher Week in early May and began discussions on how we will partner with John to help ensure a great Spring Picnic in June. Olivia and Analise's mom received many requests to proceed with creating a year book, therefore she will proceed in putting together a team of parents to assist. *If you are interested in dedicating a couple of hours during the months of April and May to help create our year book*, please contact Christy Vaccari at [christyvaccari@msn.com](mailto:christyvaccari@msn.com) or send a note to school with your child addressed to Olivia or Analise.

## 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
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- Box Tops for Education: Datzyk gets cash semiannually; 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