



Monona Grove Nursery School Newsletter

February 2016

Children are apt to live up to what you believe of them.-Lady Bird Johnson

Happy February to all of our families!
We are looking forward to our Valentine's Celebrations!

YUM! Spring Butter Braid Sale!

It's time to get ready for our spring butter braid sale! This is perfect timing for Easter or Spring Break guests! Remember butter braids are wonderful to have in the freezer for any special occasion! The Sale begins on February 15 and runs through February 29. Pickup will begin on March 9th. Any questions about Butter Braids please contact our fundraising coordinator Sara Jorgensen (Sarasuepeterson@yahoo.com)



Thank you to our Board VP Jessica Kennedy for setting up our January Parent meeting Speakers. Fabulous! We would love to hear any suggestions or feedback you have about the parent meetings. Remember, if you were unable to attend either meeting, please sign up for an extra helping parent duty or an extra coop duty on Sign Up Genius.

\$\$ Willy Street Coop Cards are on sale in the office in the denominations for \$20, \$50 and \$100. Stop in and support our school!



Another big Thank you goes out to Susan Neeley (Lila and Lena) of Move and Groove Dance Company for her willingness to throw us a Dance Party Fundraiser this past weekend. She organized and put on the whole thing! And thank you to Jesse Engelkins (Evie) for the donation of the bouncy house.



Appreciation Sunday! In appreciation of the longstanding partnership between Monona Grove Nursery School and Lake Edge United Church of Christ, the preschool will host Appreciation Sunday on February 14th. This is a time for church members to visit the preschool and Toddler Time classrooms, meet the board and the staff of the preschool, and enjoy special treats for coffee hour provided by Monona Grove Nursery School. Preschool parents are welcome to visit for church services and see what goes on in the rest of the building!

Meet the board member of the month:

Hi my name is Donna Campanelli. I am the Purchaser and I get to go shopping for supplies for our teachers.

This is my first year on the Board and I really enjoy it. It is great way to get involved in the school and know how it works to keep it all running smoothly and a way to meet the teachers and other parents.

My husband (Chad) and I have two girls, Izzy (3) and Rae (1) both in Toddler time and we are enjoying every minute. On our spare time (which isn't much) my husband and I are members at the Madison Curling club in the winter and in the summer we enjoy being on Lake Monona boating and fishing with family and friends.

I look forward spending a lot time at Monona Grove Nursery School and hope to meet more and more parents each week.

Thanks to everybody for making Monona Grove Nursery School a great place.



Spring Fling Fundraiser

Please join us for a fun family fundraiser on Saturday, April 2nd. Our annual Spring Fling will be held in Fellowship Hall from 9:00-11:00 am. The morning's events include a pancake breakfast, great shopping at our silent auction and wonderful entertainment by David Landau!

The silent auction is a HUGE fundraiser for the Nursery School. We encourage your family to participate by helping us secure donations for the silent auction. Here are a few ideas to get you thinking of how you can help:

- Do you have a special talent that you could donate?*
- Can you offer handyman work, sewing, landscape design, etc?*
- Do you work for a business that would be able to donate a product, service or gift certificate?*
- Are you a consultant for an at home business? Could you donate a gift certificate or product sample basket?*

These are only a few ideas, be creative, think of what your family is interested in and help us make this a successful and fun fundraising event.

Continue to watch for more details!

Have questions? Want to volunteer to help? Please contact Jamie (Jamieren@gmail.com)

or Sara (sarasuepeterson@yahoo.com)

MMSD UPDATE:

We recently learned of a change to the MMSD policy about entrance into kindergarten. Rather than try to explain it, here is the exact words from the School Board Decision about the age you need to be to enter kindergarten. It does not affect the 4K age requirement.

Five-Year-Old Kindergarten Entrance Age

- 1. A child who becomes five years of age after September 1st in the year s/he seeks admission to five-year-old kindergarten, may enroll in five-year-old kindergarten if:
 - a. The child has successfully completed a four-year-old kindergarten program or its equivalent OR*
 - b. The child has been admitted to five-year-old kindergarten in another public school district prior to moving into the Madison Metropolitan School District.**
- 2. A child who becomes five years of age between September 1 and October 15 and who does not meet either of the requirements set forth in Sections 1(a) or 1(b), above, may enroll in kindergarten upon parental request.*
- 3. A parent/legal guardian shall submit a request for early entrance into five-year-old kindergarten to the SUPERINTENDENT or his/her designee on or before the August 1 preceding the school year for which early entrance is requested. Requests submitted after August 1 will not be considered for the upcoming school year.*
- 4. A child seeking early entrance pursuant to Section 2, above, shall be offered the opportunity to be assessed for kindergarten preparedness using a standardized psychoeducational assessment. The results of such an assessment may be used by parents and staff to inform a decision regarding early entrance but, in no circumstances, may be used to prohibit or deny early entrance.*

5. *The SUPERINTENDENT or his/her designee has the final authority for deciding whether or not the child is to be admitted to kindergarten*

Helpful Hints from the Teachers:

- ✓ Have you changed jobs, phone numbers, cell numbers, or any other important contact information? Please keep your teachers updated.
- ✓ Remember to dress kids warmly and prepared for the playground. We prefer no scarves at preschool.
- ✓ Please use the rug runners in the hall to wipe your feet on as you enter the building on snowy days. Tim works hard to keep the floors looking nice.
- ✓ Please keep glass doors shut, we need to keep the cold air out of the building.
- ✓ We are in need to large ice cream buckets with lids if you have any around your house!

Is your Calendar Marked?

SPRING BREAK! March 19-March 28th- School resumes on Tuesday, March 29

Spring Fling! Saturday, April 2nd- 9-11 am

Saturday at School:

Dolphins-Saturday, February 6 9-10am

Starfish- Saturday, February 20 9-10am

Manatee-Saturday, February 20 10:30-11:30am

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY APRIL 8th Professional Development Day

Spring Field Trips: (ALL KIDS CAN BRING A PARENT)

Aldo Leopold Nature Center:

- *Starfish and Dolphins- Wednesday, May 18th*
- *Penguins, Manatees and Seahorses- Thursday, May 19th*

Sassy Cow Creamery:

- *Starfish- Wednesday, June 1st*
- *Manatees and Seahorses- Thursday, June 2nd*
- *Dolphins and Penguins- Friday, June 3rd.*

Fun Recipes!

Silly Putty

2- Cups white glue (approx.)

1- Cup of liquid starch (approx.)

Drops of food coloring

Add glue to starch. Knead. If it is stringing add more glue, if it is sticky add more starch. Store the silly putty in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

Play Dough

2 tsp. Cream of tartar 1-cup water

1-cup flour 1TBS.oil

½ cup salt food coloring

Put cream of tartar, flour and salt in pan on stove. Add water oil and coloring. Mix well. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until dough forms a ball. Cool and kneed. Store the play dough in an air tight container in refrigerator.



Chocolate Scented

Play Dough

1-¼ cups flour

½ cup cocoa powder

½ cup salt

½ tablespoon cream of tartar

1-½ tablespoons cooking oil

1 cup boiling water

Mix the dry ingredients. Add the oil & boiling water. Stir quickly, mixing well. When cool, mix with your hands. Store the play dough in an airtight container. If the play dough becomes too dry, mix in small amounts of water.

Bubbles

2-cups Joy dish detergent

6 cups water

¾ cup corn syrup

Mix and let stand for 4 hours.

