




## Monona Grove Nursery School Newsletter March 2015

### Back By Popular Demand... Butterbraids!!!

Be sure to get your butterbraids ordered!! These are perfect to have on hand for Spring Break and the Easter holiday. Order sheets **MUST** to be turned in no later than **March 13<sup>th</sup>** so that we can ensure delivery before Spring Break! Please have checks written out to you (mom or dad) and when all orders have been collected and write one check to MGNS for the total amount in sales. *Please only include ONE check per student.*  
*Pick-up date will be on March 25.*



**Fall 2015 Toddler Time Applications are now available! Sign up now for this very popular program!** 



#### School Gardens Update:

Cory Neely and Joe Check built three beautiful garden boxes which will be placed outside the playground area as soon as snow has melted. We will then fill the boxes with garden soil and compost and begin planting. If anyone has bags of garden soil and/ or compost they would like to donate, please contact Alison Downey at [boardpresident@mgns.org](mailto:boardpresident@mgns.org).

#### MGNS Scholarships Available

Lake Edge United Church of Christ is seeking candidates for scholarships that are being offered to MGNS for the 2015-2016 school year. The criteria for awarding the scholarships include:

- Financial need
- The need of the child for a nursery school experience.
- The ability of the family to participate in the cooperative nature of the school as outlined in the handbook.

Applications are available through your nursery school teacher. Please try to apply by the end of March.

#### Our favorite books:



For those of us living and breathing the world of early childhood, the resources are endless. As a staff, we compiled a list of our all time favorite picture books-Here are our thoughts:

**Marcia:** Fish is Fish by Leo Leoni, Unfortunately by Remy Charlip, Mo Willems pigeon books - My newest favorite is: Pigeon Needs a Bath!

**Jodi:** Bark George! By Jules Feiffer, There's a Bird on Your Head!- Mo Willems, The Little Engine That Could - Watty Piper

**Cori:** Roar of a Snore by Marsha Diane Arnold, Pout Pout Fish by Deborah Diesen, Honey Bunny Funny Bunny by Marilyn Sadler

**Sherri:** Odd Velvet by Mary Whitcomb, 10 Little Rubber Ducks by Eric Carle

**Patrice:** Snuggle Puppy! (A Love Song) by Sandra Boynton, The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn, The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

**Stephanie:** Huggapotamus by Steve Metzger, I love you Stinky Face by Lisa McCord, Swimmy by Leo Lionni.

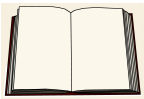
**Dawn:** Stuck by Oliver Jeffers, Little Pea by Amy Krouse Rosenthal, Bark George by Jules Feiffer

**Sue:** Puff Puff Chugga Chugga by Christopher Wormell, Madlenka by Peter Sis, Goodnight Gorilla by Peggy Rathman

**Juli:** I love you Stinky Face by Lisa McCord, Good Night Moon by Margaret Wise Brown, Big Al by Andrew Clements.

## **BOOK ORDERS!**

This month we are trying something new! We are not sending home the paper forms- the book orders are available for your perusal online only. To order: <http://orders.scholastic.com/GL3TW>. Questions? Contact Juli at [Juli@mgns.org](mailto:Juli@mgns.org). Book orders are due on March 17 so we have enough time to get the books to you before our spring break.



MGNS Parenting Book Club-

Under the leadership of Mike Christopherson, we are again getting together to read and share in a parenting book group. This time we are reading "How to Talk so Kids will Listen and Listen so Kids will Talk- a classic! Please join us! If you are interested, we are meeting here at school on March 26<sup>th</sup> to review the first  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the book. If you would like to join the group, please email Mike at [mchristo@uwalumni.com](mailto:mchristo@uwalumni.com)



Sharing information with you: Bullying is a hot topic in parenting/education circles. Here is a post about the use of the word. (Thanks Stephanie!)

<http://www.stopbullying.gov/blog/2013/10/23/why-we-don%E2%2580%2599t-use-word-%E2%2580%259Cbully%E2%2580%259D-label-kids>

## *Is your Calendar Marked?*

♡ *Spring Break- Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>-Monday April 6<sup>th</sup>. Return to School on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>*

♡ *Spring Fling-Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 am. (see below)*

♡ *Field Trips to the Aldo Leopold Nature Center:*

*May 12-Starfish and Dolphins*

*May 12-Manatees and Seahorses*

*May 15-Penguins*

*Join us on the trip- all parents are welcome!*

♡ *Field Trips to Hinchleys Farm :*

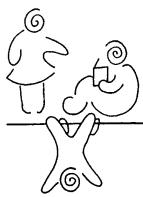
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♡ *Year end Picnics at Monona Dream Park:*

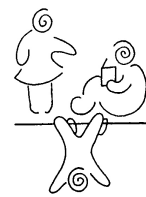
*June 5th- Penguins*

*June 10th-Starfish*

*June 11th- Seahorses, Manatees, Dolphins*



Please join us in supporting  
Monona Grove Nursery School's  
**2015 Spring Fling**



# **Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction Fundraiser**

**9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at MGNS  
\$6 adults/\$3 children (ages 2 and under free)**

Bring the entire family for breakfast, live family entertainment by local musician David Landau, and a one-of-a-kind 'shopping' experience as you browse our fun selection of gift certificates and unique items donated by our families and local businesses. Bid on a little or a lot - you'll find some great deals and support your child's school.

For the 6th year in a row, MGNS will run an online auction at [www.32auctions.com](http://www.32auctions.com) before our event. It is a great way to shop and bid on items ahead of time, as well as allowing participation from a wider audience than just those friends and family able to attend Spring Fling. More details to follow!

If you have any questions or need a donation letter for a business please contact our board fundraising committee:

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