

# BLUE CLASS NEWSLETTER

It...is a land that the Lord your God personally cares for!  
Deuteronomy II 11:11-12

## Important Dates – May 2010

Wednesday, May 12 – Last Day of School

Thursday, May 13 – End of Year All Family Picnic, 11:00 – 1:00

## Parent Day

Together with you, on April the 29<sup>th</sup> we successfully launched a new Blue Class tradition – the Creation Exploration Parent Day! Without your help on the big day, manning the various activities, all of our planning and preparation would have fallen flat. It would have been impossible for three teachers to do all that you did that day. You might say that you were the leavening in our cake mix. Thank you, thank you!! We saw LOTS of smiles and a few magical moments. It is our hope that we were able to open your child's eyes a little more to the many magical wonders of God's grand design – our earth. And along with that, created a few more fun memories for each of them.

## God's Creation

As we have followed the “daily” creation story as it is laid out in the Bible, we have had a lot of fun and the time has gone quickly. We began by reading the Creation story from our classroom bible and hearing the story, The Seven Days of Creation. With light and dark being the key elements on Day 1, we used flashlights to find letters, numbers, shapes and colors in our classroom, made beautiful rainbow pictures, and practiced counting and number recognition with class beads on the light table. For Day 2 we made a list of things we do with water and things we see in the sky. We made simple kites and flew them on the first sunny day and Mrs. Markel came in to share Sink and Float experiments with us. For Day 3 we did a plant experiment that involved planting two cups with seeds. The second cup has a thin layer of plaster on top. We are now waiting for the seeds to send up tiny plants. We have already shared our predictions but must wait...wait...wait to see what happens when the new plants meet the plaster. We also made a worm farm. It is fun to see how the worms move through the dirt, eating their weight in soil and vegetation as they go. For Day 4 we found words that rhymed with the words sun, moon and star. Read the story Sun Up, Sun Down and learned how night and day is created. These are just some of the activities and stories that have been shared. There is more fun in store as we progress through days 5 and 6, where we will have some fun with animals. For Day 7, “and then God rested”, we will be on summer break, which we think will be very appropriate. As you can see, our present unit has lent itself to lots of science. George Tokieda, a science teacher at Brearley School in New York City and a curriculum developer said, “Science shows children the interconnections of life and teaches them that the things they observe are not just haphazard events.” You might say that our world is God's version of Disney Land, full of wonderful discoveries, delights and unbelievable creativity, only on a MUCH grander scale in every way. We have enjoyed presenting this unbelievable gift of His to your children in an age appropriate way. Unfortunately, time is only allowing us to scratch the surface of possibilities.

## Blue Class May Birthdays

### Morning Class

Julia Mayers (5/27) – Monday, May 3  
Emery Caire (6/6) – Tuesday, May 4  
Kylar Haarhuis (6/18) – Tuesday, May 4  
Camden Freeman (7/8) – Monday, May 10  
Olivia Ray (7/8) – Monday, May 10  
Ryland O’Hanlon (7/31) – Monday, May 10

### Afternoon Class

Ava Requet (6/13) – Wednesday, May 5  
David Manning (6/23) – Thursday, May 6

### Our Prayer for May

Thank you for the world so sweet.  
Thank you for the food we eat.  
Thank you for the birds that sing.  
Thank you, God, for everything.  
Amen

### What A Great Time We Have Had!!!

It is hard to believe that this is the last newsletter for this year. We have had a GREAT TIME working and playing with your children as we did our best to help them to be better prepared for that day when they begin kindergarten. Through all of this, your children have become our children, too. We have seen each and every one of them grow in so many ways and it has been our privilege and delight to have this time with them. Thank you for sharing them with us. And thank you for your support – to your child, to our class, and to our school. It means so much! A great deal of what we have done has been made possible through your support. We wish you all a WONDERFUL summer!!!!

Mrs. Wurtz, Mrs. Rigdon and Mrs. Kupfer

“How do you celebrate the everyday moments? Learn from children, puppies and other experts.”

—Harvey L. Rich, M.D.O.