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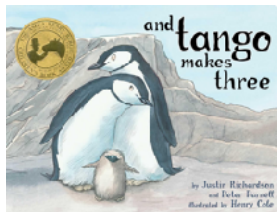
March 13: Staff Meeting. No aftercare. Remember this staff meeting is a week later than usual.

March 24–28: Spring Break

Our FEIN: 84-0797756 Please remember to keep your tuition slips; we don't do any year-end tax prep.

TOVAH'S TITLES!

We are excited to start a new section in our newsletter: Tovah's Titles! Tovah will be suggesting books for our young students, starting this month with: **and tango makes three** by Peter Parnell & Justin Richardson and **the dot** by Peter H. Reynolds. **and tango makes three** is the true story is about a penguin egg that gets abandoned at the New York Central Zoo. Two partnerless penguins save the egg and nurture it to birth, forming a family. **the dot** is about a little girl, Vashti, who believes she cannot draw. Her art teacher inspires her. A beautifully simple heartfelt book for all ages to enjoy. (It makes me crazy not to capitalize the titles but this is how they're presented on the book covers so who am I to judge!) Thank you Tovah - these suggestions sound wonderful!



SUMMER SHIRTS

This summer we'll be adding a great new item for our campers; a long-sleeved MMS rash guard swim shirt which our campers will wear on swim days. In years past, when we went to the YMCA, we usually had the swim area to ourselves. At the Louisville Rec Center there were often other groups of children, and once our campers took off their bright yellow camp tees and jumped in the splash park, they looked like all the other kids! This was especially challenging for new staff members. The new swim shirts will give us a way of being able to quickly identify our students when they're at the pool; these shirts, unlike our bright yellow camp tees, won't come off!

REMINDERS

Teacher Phone Line 303 449 4445: leave any info that your child's teacher needs to know. Messages on the office line don't get delivered to teachers if I'm not there.

Lost & Found: the **Big Clean-Out** is coming! All things not claimed or labeled will be donated during spring break. So, please make sure to check the box especially the week before our break. Friday March 21 will be the final day and then everything goes (unless it's labeled).

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

For those of you who didn't conference in January, each class has a sign-up sheet available now so you can sign-up for a conference time with your child's teacher.

CLASS NEWS

From Linda: We'll wrap up our transportation unit just in time for St Patrick's Day and spring break. Now that we've learned about so many great ways to travel, we'll be embarking on a journey around the world. Over the next seven weeks the children will explore the seven continents. Stay tuned for ways to participate!

From Angelarose: We're studying Africa. There is a sprinkling of magic spread around the classroom. St Patrick's, Earth Day and gardening activities will be introduced. If you have anything to share to enhance our units of study please let me know. Another round of thank yous!! Everyone, for all the laundry help! We still have a few more slots if you'd like to help.

OUR AWESOME SUBS!

Since the pandemic many "industries" have been struggling to find good staff; early childhood is no exception. But, we've been rebuilding our sub list and are fortunate to have several great subs we can call.. It is a pleasure to introduce our subs to you!



Sara Parkinson is an accomplished musician, specializing in piano, and her two sons attended Mapleton Montessori School!



Mitra Adams is a retired Montessori Director who founded and directed her school Bitsy Montessori for many years.



Chris Shinn is a professional photographer, by trade; he comes to us through the ECSC (Early Childhood Service Corps).



Joanne Sullivan was introduced to us by Beatrix. Joanne has two young children and subs in the public schools, and now in our school!