

Miss Kelly's

NEWS

Summer's Coming!

May 2010

Directress' Message

Greetings Everyone!

It's been two months since our last newsletter and a lot has happened. We never rest here at Miss Kelly's. We had a birthday party at Emery's house. We had a brunch and clothing exchange at the daycare. We said goodbye to Chunyu and Demi. We added Miss Angie to our team, and Miss Catherine has joined us as a substitute. We've said goodbye to Ella, who has moved on to Orchard House. We've improved our front deck, thank you Dave. And thank you J Bash and Warren for donating and installing rubber matting for our front steps. (The children thank you too.) Thanks also to Patrick for making us a perfect bookshelf, and to Blue for adjusting our placemats. Thanks also to Jay's mom for contributions of sidewalk chalk and bubbles, and thanks Quimby for the puzzles and books you donated in April. We've re-potted some plants, and we see some of our bulbs coming out in the front yard. We've also built a labyrinth in our front yard, thank you Tom and Tara! And we're making plans to fix up the backyard space to make use of it this summer if possible. The kids have also started practicing using a walking rope and we hope to bring some of them to the park more often.

What can I say about your children? They are grooving. Everyday I see them cooperating with each other, doing more on their own, trying new stuff. They are becoming more and more interested in their role in the classroom. They are helping each other out more, and resolving more conflicts independently. I see them laughing and talking, brushing each other's hair, telling stories to each other, getting into conversations with each other, guiding and helping each other, reading to each other and enjoying yoga. Favorite books continue to be Clifford and Anatole, and in the last few weeks they have been seeing Robert Doisneau's artwork, to which one of the children commented "Oo, there's a gentleman drinking wine!" We notice that everyone is developing quite a sense of humor which is truly fun for everyone.

As your children grow I continue to adapt the classroom to their needs and to meet the new challenges that I know they are hoping to get. In this way I hope to keep this group of children interested while they are here. I am always thinking about what we can add to the classroom, and what new perspectives we can bring forth for your wonderful kids to enjoy and grow by.

Sincerely,

Miss Kelly

May REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- May is the month of FLOWERS!
- Holidays. Please note we are CLOSED MAY 24th, JUNE 24th and JULY 1st.
- New Teachers. **Angie Scandale** completed the AMI Montessori Assistant training last summer in Toronto and has a music degree from the University of Victoria where she studied voice performance. Her experience includes four years with children 0-12 in child minding and music ed. She was also a day-camp leader in Victoria. **Catherine Katz** has volunteered in daycares and raised her own two children. She is fascinated by Montessori and looks forward to every opportunity to subbing at Miss Kelly's to be with your children and learn more about it.
- Birthdays. In April it was **XAVIER'S** birthday - he turned **THREE!** There are no birthdays in May, but on June 2 **TOM** will turn **2** and on June 18 **NORAH** will also turn **2!**
- Workshops. In April we had a **First-Aid Workshop** for all teachers (Ashley, Tara, Angie, Jenn, and Catherine participated, Miss Kelly and Mr Tom did theirs last year). Jonathan Halpert is now listed on our resources page and is prepared to conduct a one-hour workshop for parents if enough parents sign up.
- Clothing. As always, please make sure we have appropriate outer wear. Spring is a **WET** and **MUDDY** season, so keep the spare clothing supply well-stocked. Boots and a rain slicker are a must.
- Key Points. Please remember, when dropping off your child simply say **a quick heartfelt goodbye** and let our caregivers help with coats and boots. And do let us know ahead if you plan on dropping by the daycare at an unexpected time slot.
- Lost and Found. Missing anything? Children are always putting things in different cubbies, so ask us and we'll gladly do a search. That said, we suggest keeping your more valuable items at home as sometimes things do go missing.
- Colds. Colds happen, but if your child has a fever, or is truly unwell, please consider keeping her home for a day.
- Announcements. If you have anything you wish to announce in our newsletter let us know. We can also send out notices to all parents, so any announcements at any time can be forwarded to Miss Kelly for review.

