



March 2016

# THE DCP BEE

## Are You Enrolled?

Spots are quickly filling up for the 2016-2017 school year! If you have not yet secured your child's spot, please do so ASAP, as enrollment is now open to the community. If you have a friend, family member or neighbor with a child who might benefit from our programs, please encourage them to inquire about a tour to learn more about our school!

## 2016-2017 Schedule Change

As you think about enrollment for next year, please note that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Tuesday/Thursday afternoon sessions will be subject to a slight time change. The session will begin at 11:45 and will end at 2:15. This is a 15-minute change from our current schedule of 12:00-2:30. All morning classes will not be affected by this change, and the change does not go into effect until September 2016.

## A Note from the Teachers

The preschool class has been busy! Over the past month, we have focused on learning about the weather, which we continue to practice during our daily calendar time. The children have worked with learning their addresses, and we have introduced many lowercase letters. Sight words have also been a focus this month and the children are making great progress in being able to identify these words in our classroom. We celebrated Valentine's Day and Groundhog Day and discussed the meanings behind each of these holidays. We enjoyed guest reader and former DCP student Bailey Cooper, who came to share a story with the Friday class. We also are focusing on space and planets, so if you have any fun materials to share with the class, please feel free to do so. The children are continuing to enjoy our class hermit crabs and we have taken advantage of the bursts of warm weather as often as possible by spending time in the play yard.

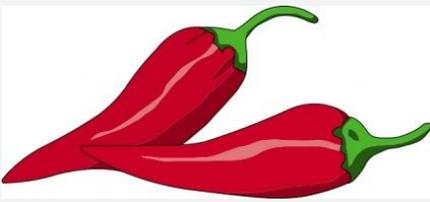


--Anna Marie and Jennifer

## Montessori at Home

Celebrate the month of March and the coming of spring by engaging in some fun color and rainbow themed activities! Practice color mixing by using a medicine dropper and water colored with food dye in small cups or bowls. Allow your child to thread Fruit Loops or colored beads onto string or pipe cleaners to make rainbows. Have your child cut pictures from magazines to create a collage of one color, a few colors, or all the colors of the rainbow!





## Chili Cookoff Thank You's

Thank you to the many people who had the 2016 Chili Cookoff a success! We had a great turnout and were able to raise \$2,034 toward our 2015-2016 fundraising goals. Our minimum fundraising goal for the cookoff was \$1,800 and our stretch goal was \$2,000, so this is great news for our school community! It took many hands and much planning to make the event a success. Special thanks go to Mandie Willis and the fundraising committee and Dan Stultz and his band, who put on a great show. Congratulations to Joe Doty who took home the prize for Best Overall chili! Thank you to all who attended--the community spirit of DCP is what continues to make our school such a great place to be!

## Join Us: Moms' Night Out

**Please join us for a Mom's Night Out! Thursday April 7, from 7-9pm we will be hosting a painting party with Canvas Creations For You at the Women's City Club on Franklin Street. Cost is \$20 per person and includes everything we need to make a fun painting. This event is BYOB. Contact me, Tara, with any questions or check out the Facebook event for more information. Please RSVP to Tara at [Tara.Salsman@gmail.com](mailto:Tara.Salsman@gmail.com) or on the Facebook event.**



## DCP Songs at Home

Parents, Here are the words to some of the songs in your child's classroom. If you have the gift of playing a musical instrument, please consider taking some time to share with your child's class this spring. Thank you!

*"...There should be music in the child's environment, just as there does exist in the child's environment spoken speech. In the social environment the child should be considered and music should be provided."*

- Maria Montessori

### I Take My Little Hands (Toddler Time)

I take my little hands and go clap, clap, clap.  
(3 times)

Clap, clap all day long!

I take my little feet and go stomp, stomp, stomp. (3 times)

Stomp, stomp all day long!

I take my little nose and go wiggle, wiggle, wiggle. (3 times)

Wiggle, wiggle all day long!

I take my little ears and go wiggle, wiggle, wiggle. (3 times)

Wiggle, wiggle all day long!

I take my little hands and wave bye, bye, bye. (3 times)

Bye, bye till next time!

### Clap, Clap, Clap Your Hands (Toddler Time)

(to tune of Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Clap, clap, clap your hands.

Clap them 1, 2, 3!

The more you clap, the more you count,

All the way to 3!



## Songs at Home, cont.

### Hula Hop (Preschool)

Here's to Alana and the way she does hula hop.  
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Hula hop, hop, hop!

### Open Shut Them (Preschool)

Open, shut them,  
Open, shut them,  
Give your hands a clap, clap, clap.  
Open, shut them,  
Open, shut them,  
Put them in your lap, lap, lap.  
Creep them, crawl them,  
Creep them, crawl them,  
Right up to your chin, chin, chin.  
Open wide your little mouth  
But do not let them in.  
Flutter, flutter, flutter, flutter  
To your shoulders fly.  
Then like little birdies let them go up to the sky.  
Falling, falling, falling, falling  
Almost to the ground.  
Quickly pick them up again and turn them round  
and round.  
Faster, faster, faster, faster,  
Slower, slower, slower, slower,  
Stop.

## Mark Your Calendar!

**The next GMM is scheduled for Thursday, March 17th. Please remember that all families are required to have one adult in attendance, even if you have previously attended a GMM!**