



## Upcoming Events

### Fire Station Visits

February 20 through  
February 23

Please see email.

### Wine Tasting/Silent Auction/Desert Auction

February 23, 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
@ TK MaGuire's (Prospector  
Hotel)

Tickets \$35.00

On-site childcare \$5.00 per  
child

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thursday, March 1, 4:30-6:30  
and Friday, March 2, 9:00 a.m. to  
2:30 p.m.

No Preschool attendance on  
Friday, March 2

More details soon

## EGG Cartons Wanted

We need egg cartons. Not  
the lids so much but we'll  
take those too!

THANKS

## Letter from the teachers:

Hello Preschool Families,

It's definitely still winter but the days are getting longer and we've had a long stretch of sunny days to enjoy. The sun returned to a small corner of our playground on February 6th. Something to celebrate even though the wind was howling and temps were in the high teens. As we head into Spring we hope to enjoy some excursions around our city and neighborhood. The fire station and cemetery are favorites along with a bus ride to the Douglas library at some point. If you know a kid-friendly place our students would enjoy visiting, let us know and we'll see what we can arrange. I tend to get restless this time of year but it never fails that no matter where we go and how fascinating it is, our students will ask upon our return, "Now do we get to play in the climbing room?", and boy, are they upset if there's not time for it. I talked about some of the benefits of dramatic play last issue and promised to write a bit about some of the problems in a separate article this time. However, I'm going to have to defer that to the March newsletter. We're always interested in your honest feedback about how it goes for you so don't be shy about letting us know.

We had a great time with our road and car wash set up in the climbing room last month and enjoyed lots of cooking projects, animal visits and giant stories. Ask your child who their favorite giant is: *Abiyoyo*, the giant from *Jack and the Beanstalk*, *The Hungry Giant of the Tundra* or the giant from *Jim and the Giant*. We also planted amaryllis and narcissus bulbs which, while not growing quite as fast as a magic beanstalk, are nevertheless growing at an impressive pace. Valentine making for friends and family also kept us busy in both classes culminating in (literally) sweet celebrations. Upcoming weeks will bring visits to the fire station, erupting salt dough volcanoes, paint mixing, and some stories and activities related to the lunar new year.



In other news, we're delighted to welcome James Dorn, his mom, Eliza and sister Molly to the T/Th class. Ronin Bell, who subbed with us last year is back again to sub in MWF and we're so glad to have both families as part of our community. Welcome James and Ronin.

Thanks for all your contributions,  
Mary, Linda and Hosanna

### Looking Back

Giant Stories  
Vehicle Track/Carwash  
Animal Guests

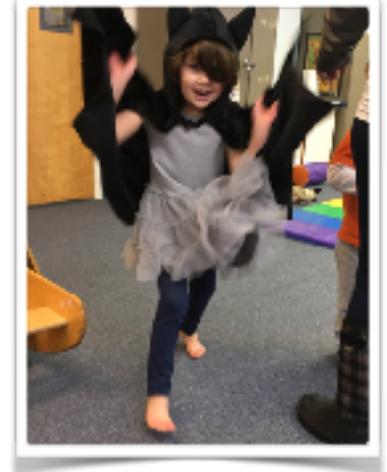
### Looking Forward

Fire Station Visits  
Bus Ride/Library Visits  
Musical Guests

## February Collage

(puppy fun and more)





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***Many thanks this month to:***

This month we're grateful the following folks for enriching our community:

Our hardworking fundraising committee: Selena Hanvold (Elias's mom), Tana O'Leary (Mason's mom), Kristen McNama (Evelyn's mom), Rachel Bishop (Xenali's mom), and Miriah Twitchell (Ava's mom) for all the work they've put in on our Wine Tasting/Silent Auction event.

Linda Torgerson (former JCP Teacher) for sharing her corn snake with the MWF class. Stay tuned for a visit in the T/Th class.

Rachel and Ben Disney (Xenali's parents) for building the great bike ramp and installing the steering wheel on the outside loft climber.

Courtney Wetzstein (friend of Teacher Hosanna) for bringing in her lab puppies to socialize with our classes.

Ana Spado (Matteo's mom) for taking great preschool photos and turning them into awesome posters that our kids pore over.

The Prospector Hotel for their generosity in hosting our Wine Tasting Event.

Krista Jacoby (Audrey and Sophia's mom) for filling in at short notice when Mary was sick. And to Daniel DeSloover (Nora D's dad) and Rachel Disney (Xenali's mom) for also being willing.

Everyone who came to help read at our Valentine's celebrations.

Noelle Dersé (Esmé's mom), Naomi Travis (Liam's mom), Ana Spado (Matteo's mom) and Talea Kellar (Jack's mom) for sharing treats at our V Day celebrations.

All Silent Auction and Dessert Auction donors.