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Jumping Jack Journal

Newsletter of the Fullerton Community Nursery School

Director Miss Sally's Message

Hard to believe it is only 3 months 'til we break for summer! These months will be packed with fun! It started 2 weeks ago when the kids started to play on the new play structure in the 3 yr. old yard. It has been so fun to watch them try to cross the monkey bars. And just today, a few boys in Group I were pretending it was a ship! Thank you to all who contributed to this improvement! Next, we continue raising funds for the 4 yr. old yard!

Thank You!

Many thanks this month go to:

- Clare Stedman for getting registration for next year up and going!
- Monique Flores and her committee for Family Fun Day planning
- Jasmine Hydaryacil and her committee for getting raffle prizes for our FFD raffle!
- All the wonderful parents who brought in breakfast casseroles for the Daddy & Me Breakfast!
- All the extra walkers to the post office field trips!
- All those who gave us our fabulous valentine treats!
- Kristal Melendez and Ninh-Kieu Lee for helping out with OCCPPNS duties.
- Kristal Melendez for continuing to fill in as president.

Registration

Registration for 2020/21- It's happening NOW- This week begins new student enrollment for new families. First come, first served. If you haven't signed up yet, there is still time! If you have any questions about which class your child should register for, please ask your

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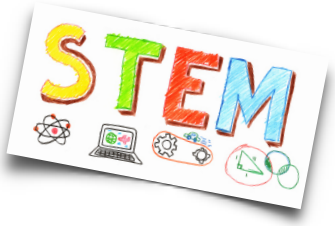
teacher or me. We will be happy to help you figure it out!

If you know of anyone who may want to join our school for next year, be sure to invite them to come by for a tour!

See's Candy Fundraiser

We will be doing another See's Candy fundraiser for Easter. Easter is later than usual in April, so not exactly sure when that will get started- but watch for the flyer in your child's cubby.

STEM Sign-up



The last session of STEM is from March 4- May 13. It's 10 weeks- $120. Sign-ups will be this Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 9 am. Please have your cash or check ready to guarantee your spot. It's first come, first served! Remember, kids need to be eligible to go to Kindergarten next year to be in the STEM class.

Spanish Sign-up

Micky has Spanish sign-ups coming up also. Check with her, please!

Toddler Class

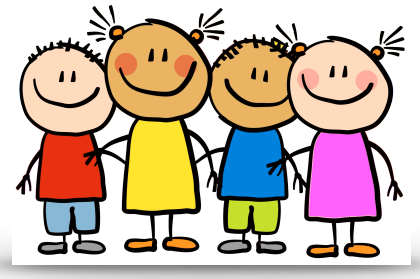
The toddler class has a final sign-up for a 9-week session beginning March 11.
Kid's need to be 18 mos. old to participate with a parent. Check with the office for a sign-up form.

Scrip Coordinator

We were so sorry to lose Hana Lynch in Group I when her mom, Jessica, got a full time job. We are also sorry to lose Jessica as our scrip coordinator. Jessica balanced the box, made the deposit at the bank and ordered new scrip every week. If you like number puzzles, this just might be your job! Ask me about it! Please……

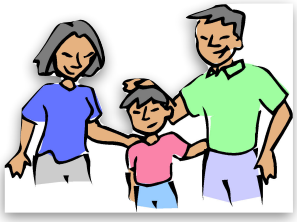
Hello FCNS Parents!

This year is flying by! With all the fun stuff we have scheduled, I wanted to take this time to re-establish why I love the Co-op experience at FCNS!



- At FCNS, Children and parents become part of a community of people who are in a similar stage in life. Friendships formed during these years can last a lifetime for both parent and child. I have made some wonderful friendships that I want to continue after the FCNS days are complete.

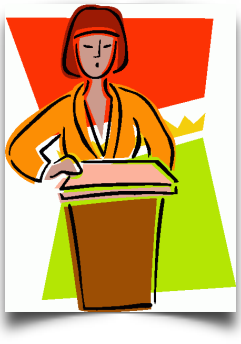
- Parents have a unique opportunity to observe and interact with their child and his/her classmates while assisting in the classroom. I love working in the classroom and watching how the children play, resolve problems, and plan adventures with their friends.



- Parents learn useful parenting tools while assisting in the classroom. Before FCNS my oldest son was constantly told "Good Job" for everything. Coming to this school and learning about the alternatives to praise has made me a better parent. Asking questions instead of just saying "Good Job" has also opened up many conversations with my boys.

- Tuition at a co-op is typically lower than other types of schools.

Let's make sure to keep our Co-op SPIRIT up through the end of the school year. If you are on a committee, please make sure that you are calling/emailing your chairperson back. If you are scheduled for a housekeeping shift or maintenance shift, please make sure you show up on time and with a good attitude. Parents help make this school an amazing experience for our kids!



Since we are on the topic of embracing the Co-op SPIRIT, we are still looking for someone to take over the President position, and the Scrip position. If you are interested in either please speak with your teacher.

Sincerely,

Kristal Melendez
Felix's mom

Hello FCNS families,

Registration for 2020-2021 is this week! Current families can start registering Monday, February 24th, alumni families on Thursday, February 27th, and new families on Monday, March 2nd.

If you have a child who will be eligible for school in a few years, stop by the office and let us know. We will fill out a form to remind us to reach out to you when the future registration time comes!

We have some enrollment changes to Group 1, we said goodbye to Hana Lynch and will be saying goodbye to Isaac Shao at the end of this month. *Jovial* has been updated online. We have two or three spots available in Group 1, and one spot available in Group 3; Groups 2 and 4 are full.

If you are in Group 3 and would like to enroll in Group 1 as well (come to school Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday), please let me or the office know. Ask your group rep for details!

Thank you,

Clare Steedman

Julia Pana's mom, Group 4

Maintenance

Dear FCNS Families,

Thank you to the following families for completing their maintenance duty in February:

Bui, Saltzman, Bermudez, Ferrier, Blandford, Maguire, Gutierrez, & Lee.

A few reminders…

If you switch days with someone, please let me know! Remember that missing your maintenance day is a $150 fine. Also, if you notice something is broken or needs fixing, please just let the front office know or text me! It would be much appreciated! Finally if it is raining the day of your maintenance, then your shift is cancelled and won't be rescheduled. You will still get credit for completing, so lucky you! Keep a look out for messages from your foreman who will decide if your shift will be cancelled or not!

Below is the schedule for the next two Maintenance Days –

Saturday, March 7th at 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Petropulos (Grp 2), Cruz (Grp 3), Schubert (Grp 3), Kim (Grp 4)

Saturday, March 21st at 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Stricker (Grp 4), Buker (Grp 2), McCann (Grp 2), Benson (Grp 3)

If you forgot your scheduled day or need to be scheduled, please check the hallway sheets or contact me and I'll get everything in order!

Thank you,

Grace Rungsarangnont, Ellie/Grp 2

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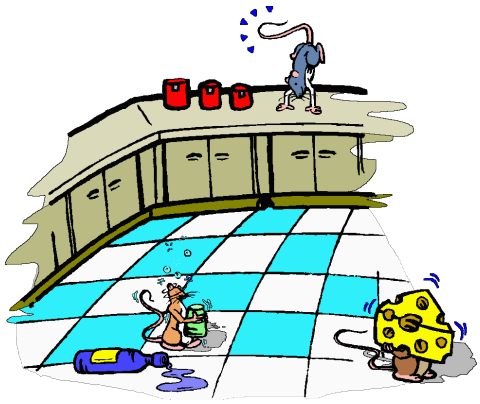
Housekeeping



Hi everyone!

Thanks for all you do to keep the school clean and ready for our kiddos!

Thank you to the following families for completing housekeeping in February!

Washington, Cabrera, Maguire, Joyce, Martinez, Simpson, Shao, and Colligan

Coming up next month on March 13th we have the following families signed up:

Balcazar, Galvan, Schubert, Reta, Anderson, Stricker and Phan

I have one spot open in March if you haven't signed up or are willing to help with another shift!

For April, I have the following:

McCollum, Murashige, Kyle, McCann, Rosenberg, O'Bryan, O'Brien and Bui

Please contact me with questions!

Lindsay Caulford

Mia's Mom, group 2

714-213-9102

Miss Micky, Groups 1 & 3

I hope you enjoyed your Valentine's Day. We had a great adventure walking to the Post Office. Group one had a great turnout of adults and no one really complained. Group three used a rope, so that we would stay together and be noticed when crossing street. We did well - just a few shoes stepped on, but most held on to the rope all the way. We made it back all together. Thank you everyone.

Thank you for all the love you gave me. So sweet all my Valentine's.

We will be talking about community helpers throughout the coming weeks, so if you want to talk about your jobs with the kids, please let me know.

Our playground is in. We are exploring it, working on hanging and dropping, figuring out how high we are, seeing if we can cross the bars. We can use rope, and practice balancing too. Please help us use our new structure safely. Ask miss Micky how. Thank you.

March is marching into outer space. We will be exploring the solar system. If you would like to make a snack to go with the theme, let me know.

We will be having evaluation workshops, so please check the calendar to see if you are working in another class.

We said good bye to our friends Hana and Isaak in group one, and we say hello to our friend Ruby in group three.

Right before we go on our spring break, we will start our farm unit, learning about farm life. When we return, we will go on our second field trip, this one to Tanaka Farms. We will enjoy trying farm foods and picking and eating strawberries, MMMM!!. This is one of my favorite trips!

Happy Spring

Love,
Miss Micky

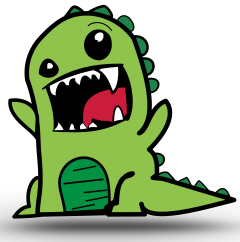
Miss Kelly, Group 2

Greetings group 2 families!

Thank you for the most heartfelt valentines! What sweet cards and gifts you shared with me. I really enjoyed the thoughtfulness the kids put into their valentines and loved watching them pass them out! Thank you to the Bui family for adding the extra touch to our Valentine's Day celebration by supplying all the decorations, snacks, and special cookies. Thank you to Lindsay Caulford for being an extra hand that day!

I loved our field trip to the post office! It's truly one of my favorites! The kids are beyond cute as they step up on the big chair and buy their stamp! I hope all of your Valentines made it to your mailbox safely! I also really appreciate the extra hands that helped our field trip run smoothly! Thank you again for keeping our kids safe.

Thank you to Madison's mama for our own class slime. The kids are loving it and often spend most of the morning at the sensory table playing with it. Such a great class gift!



We are going to finish February with dinosaurs! Thankfully, we have our very own dinosaur expert - Morrigan! She has a wealth of knowledge on the topic and so I'm going to follow her lead and let her teach the kids about our prehistoric friends!! We are going to go for a dinosaur bone dig, crack open dinosaur eggs, and try to see if we can all fit into a Tyrannosaurus Rex's mouth! It's sure to be a roarin' time!!

Lastly, a lot of parents have asked me how they can help in the class with students that are having trouble sitting, being frustrated or aggressive. My answer is … be present, model staying calm, take a deep breath and pull that child in closer. Remind our children their job is to be safe. Behavior is communication and most of the time our children don't know how to handle a situation, so they need our guidance. We are in this together! I'm seeing a lot of improvement in this arena!!

It's hard to believe that we are at the home stretch here with school, and our kids are growing up so fast!

As always, wishing you well!

Miss Kelly

Miss Sally, Group 4

You are to be congratulated! Every single one of you signed up for a conference, and then everyone showed up! Thank you! Hopefully it was worth your time- who doesn't like talking about their kid??

Thanks so much for the cards and pictures from the kids after my mom died. It was very sweet. Joanna was so sweet- she came in that first day after and said sadly, "Did you know your mom died?" The place I most want to be when I feel sad is with the kids. They make me laugh and feel joy, even when things are crazy after school! One of my mom's many gifts to me was to pass away peacefully and conveniently on a Friday afternoon of a three-day weekend. She was the best, and I will miss her- but I was so lucky to have had a close relationship with her for 65 years!

Thanks to the extra parents who helped us walk to the post office. I hope all your Valentines have arrived! It's a good time to teach your child their address, if you haven't already done so!

Thanks so much for all the delicious treats for Valentine's Day. The kids sure loved handing out all those great valentines to their friends. Some of the kids are trying to read name-tags so it might be fun to let them try to read the signatures on their valentines. They were pretty excited to read the little heart book we made also. It's very empowering to start getting that reading connection!

We are almost finished talking about dinosaurs and trying to learn those difficult names! We have made Dinosaurland (a mini replica of what the world might have looked like in the time of the dinosaurs) and hunted for bones. We have graphed our favorite dinosaurs and will be hunting for eggs, cracking them open to see what kind of baby dinosaur we get. We will make up our own dinosaurs and give them some form of defense. Lastly, the kids can write their own dinosaur story if they want.

We will be writing more stories as we move on to talking about space, aliens, and planets, and then pets. If you would like to bring in your child's friendly pet on March 5 or 6, sign up on the sheet on the class window. Don't worry if you don't have a pet, because we always mention all the reasons families don't have pets as well! You can send in pictures, if your

pet doesn't travel well. You can come in at the beginning or end of school with your pet. Some pets could stay all morning- rabbit, tortoise, gecko, etc.

Saint Patrick's day is on Tuesday this year, so we won't be able to set a trap, but we will talk about the tradition! We will also talk about rainbows. If any snack parent on March 11-12 wants to make green eggs and ham with the class, that's fun, too! Friday the 13th is our evaluation workshop.

The week of March 18-20 we will start talking about seeds and plants. After spring break, we will begin our spring units on insects, frogs, etc. Lots of science going on! We will visit Tanaka Farms for strawberry picking on that first week back from Spring break- Friday, April 5.

Miss Sally