

Serra Preschool Newsletter March, 2014



a cooperative preschool in South Orange County
where children and parents learn and love together

Upcoming Dates

- April 3- conferences, 2day
- April 4- conferences, 3day
- April 7-11- spring break
- April 15- class pictures, 2day
- April 16- class pictures, 3day
- April 21- no school
- April 22- Earth Day Fair, 9 am
- April 23- GM, 6 pm

Kids' Birthdays

- Anna Guild turned 5 on 3/5
- Shiloh Klein turned 5 on 3/20
- Lila Inman turns 5 on 4/9
- Hank Thash turns 4 on 4/16



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In-Home Field Trip Earth Day Fair!

Tuesday, April 22. 9am-12pm

Please check the sign-up sheet to see how you can contribute!

Besides working at stations, we also need families to sign up to bring the following items:

- chocolate pudding
- gummy worms
- clear cups
- Crisco
- birdseed
- grass seed
- metal cans
- Quart size Ziploc baggies

Our Board



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Admission: bring your empty plastic bottles and cans

Donation: We are asking for a \$5 anonymous donation per family. You can put it in the Preisler family folder or bring it to Earth Day. Any amount will also be appreciated. Check your couch for loose change: it all adds up!

Snack: Bring your own!

Book Walk: Bring a used book, take home a used book. Bring 5 used books, take home 5 used books, etc.

Ways & Means: Auction

If you have not filled in your businesses that you are contacting for our auction, please do so ASAP.

Turn donations into Ami's folder at school, put them in the basket that is placed on Patty's desk, or drop them off at Ami's house. If you leave it at school, it would be great if you could send Ami a text or an email to let her know so she can drop by and pick it up that day.

When you turn in your donation please attach the Donation Form to it.

On the Evite, feel free to add alumni or anybody else that you think might be interested in attending our fun event.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please direct them to Ami at ami@walstrom.net.



Director's Message

Why Does My Child Tell Tall Tales?

The other day a parent came to me feeling a bit bewildered over the stories her child was telling her. She knew they were not true and was wondering if she should talk to her child about lying. If only I had a dollar for every time a parent asked me that question. I remember one time when I was telling a story to the children and asked the kids this question. Who has a pet? Almost all the kids raised their hands yelling "I do, I do, I do". I knew that most of the kids who said they had a pet did not have a pet. Many of the children described the kinds of pets they had, what the pets ate, the pets names etc...Were they lying? I do not think so. They all wanted to be a part of the discussion and creating "pretend" pets made that happen.

The act of lying doesn't usually exist for young children. Lying requires that children be able to distinguish between right and wrong and real and pretend. Cognitively that doesn't happen until around nine to 12 years of age.

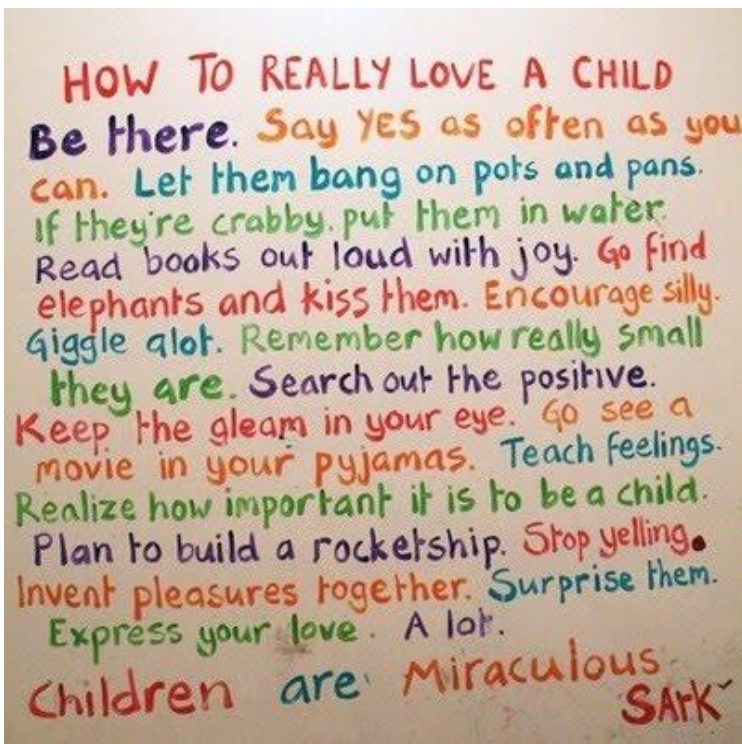
Many young children invent stories that prevent them from receiving certain consequences. Adults who ask a child, "Did you hit him?", frequently would get a response of, "No", even if the child did. Avoid asking a child a question that you already know the answer to. They will create a story that best fits their needs.

Here are some words that support the differences between "Real" and "Pretend"

- Use the words real and pretend when describing their play. (example, "It's fun to pretend to cook soup.")
- Provide lots of opportunity for pretend play.
- Provide real tools for children to use. (hammers, screw drivers, plungers, dishes pots and pans)
- Make statements about real vs pretend behaviors. ("I drive my car home.", "I am pretending to drive a car in this chair.")
- Ask children questions that imply real and pretend responses. ("Was that a real story or a pretend story?")



President's Message



Found this poem and I wanted to share it! It's a good little reminder to keep around on those days that you feel like your kiddos are not so miraculous!!

Enjoy!

Cindy



ANNOUNCEMENT

The next theme for our Dramatic Play area will be a PHOTO BOOTH!

If anyone has an old working digital camera laying around that we could use, please let Patty know. Anything else you have that might be an interesting prop or accessory would be appreciated as well.

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