

In our winter garden
Seeds live warm below
Flowers are dreaming, dreaming, dreaming
Of the Spring to show...

Dear Parents,

March 5, 2006

What a fascinating time of year to be with your children! I've often noticed how children move into another level of comfort, and thus flexibility now. There aren't the holiday interruptions. Not that they are a bad thing, but they really can discombobulate rhythm and routine. They have lived with each other and us for months. They've negotiated, they've compromised, they've created vast encompassing scenarios. Comfort leading to flexibility. During clean up time, one could almost just stand there and watch how these children take charge. Almost.

Though parent conferences aren't over yet, I want to express my gratitude for you loving, conscientious folks and for allowing us to be a part of your child's life. Our Wed. staff workday will certainly address some of the insights we've received.

Birthdays: What a week coming up!!

Tue. March 7th...Daniel's 3rd. He has already been 3 for some time, but Michelle and Menachem want to celebrate his Jewish calendar date. His siblings and grandparents will be joining us and he'll move further into Hebrew life with his first hair cut that will be done at Prairie Flower and the reading of the Jewish alphabet and tasting some honey after each letter to indicate the sweetness that comes with learning.

Thurs. 9th...Liam's 5th. He usually isn't here on a Thurs. but being able to do a birthday on the actual date is very special. Brenda will lead us in the planting of his "birthday tree" that the children will help decorate with spinners. Sounds like a potential new Prairie Flower tradition to me!

The story has been an African tale in which a good attitude, some kindness, and a whole lot of magic bring the characters through their trials. The children role played it last week and this week they will perform it as a circular puppet play: the children sit in a circle around the prepared story path and escort the puppet characters back and forth and around as the story is being narrated.

Our circle time is gradually bringing in more anticipation of Spring, for flowers and bulbs, for various animals and for the children:

"At last my children wake up, too
And laugh and laugh and laugh...Yoo Hoo!"

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Enjoy your Spring Break next week and we'll see you with bells on our toes (that actually sounds uncomfortable) on the 20th.

Warmly, Delphine