

Winter goodbye, winter goodbye
You may no longer stay
Springtime is on it's way
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Dear Parents,

March 31, 2006

The month of April is The Month of the Child and Brenda Theoret and Marcia Wefel-Rima are putting up displays at the library and at Wheatsfield. Take you child by and they will recognize many things.

Circle time is budding with songs and movement of the wonders of early Springtime. The children receive the polarities and contrasts of the contractions of the bulbs into expansion out of their beds...the reverence of releasing the Flower Queen from the hard brown earth to the joyful exuberance of the birds' arrival.

Welcome home, welcome home,
From your journey to the sky
Let us dance together
Tell your tale about the moon

For the past two weeks, Darla has been telling a Tlingit Native American story full of marvelous images and deeds. It has captured their imaginations so much we will put the annual Spring Hare story on hold for another week. Then that story will shift the mood into a tale of 7 rabbits who each attempt to deliver an egg to the school where the many children live. Each child will find at least one bunny who's temperament h/she can identify with.

The children have been oogling and goggling over the arrival of 5 (or so) baby gerbils. At some point they'll need homes. Hint, hint.

Containers for Spring Gardens

We'll start the Spring Gardens next week, April 3rd and 4th. Please send a container or basket with soil in it. They can be any size. The children will be watering and tending this little wheat grass garden and placing animals and ponds in it.

Spring Egg Hunt

On Friday April 14th we will be searching for what the True Spring Hare has left around in the Arboretum. To enable us in pulling this off we need 3 things from you:

1. If your child usually doesn't come on Friday, let us know if h/she is coming and arrive at 10:45.
2. Bring some dyed eggs by the Thursday prior so we can count them all to know how many each child will be allowed to place into her/his basket. Also we'll need to hide them early Friday morning before school starts.
3. Bring a basket for your child to use for the hunt.
Any volunteers to go with us that day?

Take a slow walk with your child each day on the same route and see the changes!

Warmly, Delphine