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each child's mailbox on May 23rd. Here are the dates and activities for the final two weeks of after school:

Tues	5/31	Bubble Day
Wed	6/1	Scooters and Skates
Thurs	6/2	Remote Control Day
Mon	6/6	Kids' Choice
Tues	6/7	Water Day
Wed	6/8	Movie Day (after school ends at 4:00)

Toddler 1s Sarah/Meryl/Jessie

As the year begins its final approach toward summer, we have been busy working on partner play and participation. The class practiced cooperating with each other by playing catch and Ring-Around-the-Rosy. In the next few weeks, we'll be taking a "tour" of Jamie's class. This week will focus around the bird that is perched on our classroom broom. We will be making our own bird to add to the classroom art wall. We are in need of paper egg cartons if you have one to donate. We will also continue to have water play on Friday.

Toddler 2s Jamie/Lyndsy

Last week we focused on the letters C and D. We discovered many things start with the letter C, including two of the toddlers in our class... Conrad and Carter! When we moved on to the letter D we went through our names again and realized no one in class has a name beginning with D. After some brainstorming about D words one of the toddlers announced, "Well, D is for daddy, Jamie." Amazing! We practiced writing the letter A right on the tables with markers and used pattern cards to match

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Awards/Graduation

Classroom awards ceremonies and graduation will be held on the last day of school, June 8th. The schedule for each classroom is as follows:

Toddler 1s	9:15
Toddler 2s	9:15
Preschool 2.5/3s	10:30
Preschool 3s	10:45
Preschool 4s	11:00
PreK	11:00
K-1	1:00
1st/2nd	1:30
3rd/4th	1:45

Graduation is at 2:30 in the multipurpose room and all families are invited to attend.

End of the Year Party

The last day of school is Wednesday, June 8th. From 4 to 7 p.m. will be our annual End of the Year Party. Pot luck sign-up sheets will be posted soon. For more details, see our

website: <http://www.awakeningseedsschool.org/event-flyers/end-of-the-year-family-party/>

Another Baby Seed

Congratulations to big sister Hailey Brown (Preschool 3s) and her parents Janis and Ryan for the addition of baby Liam Riley, born Friday, April 22nd.

Staffing Update

Danielle Dueppen will be the Preschool 2.5/3s lead teacher for the 2011-2012 school year. She will be available to talk with parents in the classroom on Wednesday, May 18th from 3 to 4 p.m.

After School News

The after school kids have been working really hard on making a piñata to celebrate the end of the school year. We will be breaking open the piñata on May 24th, which will start off our two-week end of the school year celebration. A flyer with more information will be placed in

shape and color magnets. Keep a lookout for some letter animals that might pop up on our outside hallway mural.

Preschool 2.5s/3s Stephanie/Emily

This week Julia brought in a bag of ladybugs for our class. We released about 2,000 ladybugs into our garden. The kids were covered in ladybugs! They were delighted. Later we kept finding them in the classroom, too. Mia, from Emily Murphy's class, came in as a guest speaker. She has a ladybug habitat at her house and it turns out she knows a lot about ladybugs. We were excited to see a few cocoons left over. We finished our dragonflies and added them to our bug books. We study ants and bees this week.

Preschool 3s Kevin/Katie

Ahoy, Mateys! Last week we sailed pirate ships, counted gold nuggets, and followed clues that led us to treasure buried in the sand under a spot marked with an "X". This week, we hoist the sails; pirate ship art will help us learn the parts of a boat. Pirate Bingo will enrich our number recognition and lots of effort will go into our alphabet wall art. Jennie and Melissa will be in our room on Monday to help work on a special project with the students. I'm sending out thoughts of good health so Jennie could take another shot at a class photo on Wednesday.

Preschool 4s Deb/Billie

In the Pre 4s class, the Amazon study is wrapping up with the last of our rain forest presentations. Alex shared what he learned about the golden lion tamarin, one of the smallest monkeys in the rain forest. Noah, lover of vampires AND bats, presented information on the vampire bat that drinks the blood of small animals to survive (yikes!). Drawings of anacondas, walking sticks and scarlet macaws illustrate a rain forest related number book as children practice writing numerals from 1-5. In addition to making tarantulas (some the size of dinner plates), students are labeling our classroom rain forest in anticipation of our Amazon Open House on May 23 and 24th.

PreK Emily/Danielle

How tall, how old, and how wide were all questions we asked about saguaros this week, as students learned facts about this desert staple. Students estimated the ages for three saguaros that were painted and decorated with painted toothpicks by PreK kids. We were shocked to discover that a two-inch tall saguaro was already 10 years old, and that most saguaros don't grow arms before their 50th birthday. Desert books and art will take over the week, but we will take a break Monday to celebrate India with chapatis and flower art. We look forward to this deviation with a visit from Asha, who will also provide photos and music for us to enjoy.

K-1 Kerri/Michelle

Time is ticking away at the remaining days in the school year. We have reading assessments and mini books to complete in the weeks ahead. Homework will continue for one more full week in May. Please check your library shelves at home for any Awakening Seed books that you may have borrowed or had for homework practice this year. We'll complete math fact packets and word problems and put finishing touches on our animal posters this week. The posters will be used as the thematic background for individual addition board games made in class. We have many little projects to finish before we get ready for summer. It has been a busy year in our K-1 class.

1st/2nd Grades Becky/Dina

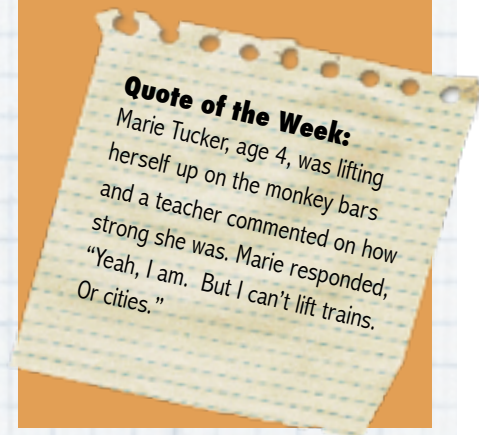
While a single visit to a nursing home is a valuable experience for children and will brighten the day for older adults, an ongoing visitation program is most effective. An ongoing series of visits allows the understanding and trust to develop. Our last visit to Westchester Care Center is Friday, May 20th. We feel sadness about ending our monthly visits but joy in our hearts when we remember the songs that we sang, the art projects we did and the smiles we brought to the residents' faces. We are thankful to all the parents who drove us there.

Mark Your Calendar

Teacher Work Days
Thurs/Fri, May 26th/27th
no school

Memorial Day
Monday, May 30th
no school

Awards/Graduation
End of the Year Party
Last Day of School
Wednesday, June 8th



3rd/4th Grades Aimee/Kaylee

Students chatted nervously, filled with anticipation. Care had been taken to complete projects at home, sometimes a finishing touch was added at the last minute. The multi was meticulously arranged; each child had their place with just what they needed to display their work. Projects included dioramas, posters, puppet shows, board games, book cubes, and more. It was evident through their presentations that the children gleaned a lot from the literature studies. One visitor observed students easily making the transition from talking about their project with an adult to a three year old, changing their language and sophistication level for each visitor.