



Palmetto Press

April 2005

April Events

Haircuts

Wed. April 6 1:00 - 5:00 pm
Tues. April 12 1:00 - 5:00 pm
Wed. April 20 1:00 - 5:00 pm
Tues. April 26 1:00 - 5:00 pm
Cost is \$15.00 for a full haircut; \$6.00 for a bang trim. Sign up at the front desk.

Monday, April 4 - Friday, April 8

Scholastic Book Fair

Pre-school and kindergarten level books will be available for purchase.

Monday, April 4 and April 25

Love & Logic (Sessions 4 and 5)

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

SAM Group Conference Room
11 Smith Hines Rd, Greenville 29607

Tuesday, April 5 and

Thursday, April 21

"Ask Dr. Lisa"

5:00 - 6:15 p.m.

Dr. Lisa Castellani will answer your questions about general pediatric care. Space is limited; sign up at the front desk. Please e-mail your questions in advance to cweathers@palmettoprep.com

Friday, April 15

Palmetto Prep's One Year Anniversary Party!

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Parents and students are encouraged to join us for pizza, games, and recognition of staff and families. Help us celebrate our first year of providing the BEST care, education and enrichment in the state!

Kindergarten is closed on Friday, April 15th for a teacher work day.

Holiday Camp is available.

Saturday, April 23

Parents' Night Out

6:00 - 10:00 p.m. (Note time change)

\$25 for one child; \$10 per sibling

Please pay with cash when you drop off your child(ren). Sign up at the front desk or e-mail cweathers@palmettoprep.com

"Ask Dr. Lisa"

Have you ever left your pediatrician's office and wished you had remembered to ask about something that had been on your mind? Do you have questions about ear infections? The difference between viral and bacterial infections? Wondering about allergies, immunizations, child development patterns and more?

Dr. Lisa Castellani, a pediatrician with Foothills Pediatrics and mother of Rachel in our Prepper class, will host two parent seminars this month that will give parents the opportunity to ask any questions they might have about general pediatric care. To help make the best use of this time, please e-mail in advance any questions or topics you'd like discussed. Send them to cweathers@palmettoprep.com

The meetings will be held on Tuesday, April 5 and Thursday, April 21 from 5:00 - 6:15 p.m. at Palmetto Prep. Space is limited; please sign up at the front desk.

Welcome to Our New Students!

Sarah Cutts (Pre-Prepper 2)
Mollie Folk (Pre-Prepper 1)
Caroline Glancey (Prepper 2)
Adam Gomaa (Infant 1)
Tristan Noel (Pre-Prepper 2)
Jameson Tucker (Toddler 2)
Colin Williams (Infant 1)

Swimming Lessons

Would you like to arrange swimming lessons for your child this summer? A few Palmetto Prep employees are certified to teach swimming lessons and would be happy to make arrangements with you. Please be aware that these employees would be acting on their own behalf and not as employees of Palmetto Prep. If you are interested, please call Michelle Quinn at 675-1002 or send an e-mail to mquinn@palmettoprep.com.

Palmetto Prep Night at the Greenville Bombers



Did you know that we have a new minor league baseball team in town? The Greenville Bombers (minors for the Red Sox) are starting their first season here this month, and we have arranged to have "Palmetto Prep Night" at four of their upcoming home games:

Saturday, April 30th..... 7:05 p.m.
featuring "Zooperstar Mascots" and our own Nikki Byrd singing the National Anthem!

Saturday, June 4th.....7:05 p.m.
featuring Fireworks Spectacular

Saturday, July 30th.....7:05 p.m.
featuring Fireworks Spectacular

Saturday, August 27th.....7:05 p.m.
Ballcap Giveaway Night

The tickets are only \$2.00 each and there is a \$2.00 fee for parking at the stadium. You are welcome to purchase as many tickets as you'd like; we will bill your account. Tickets for all four games are available in the office now. To purchase tickets, see Cindy Weathers or e-mail her at cweathers@palmettoprep.com.

Art Lessons for After Schoolers

Art lessons are now available for students in our After School program! Palmetto Prep art teacher Corey Cianfarano is providing the lessons on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 per week. Contact Corey at 675-1002 or ccianfarano@palmettoprep.com for more information and to sign up.

Classroom Highlights

Infants



With the warm weather of Spring fast approaching, we are anticipating daily outside play. Please send a hat for your child. We are looking forward to our waterplay activities, playing in the grass and on the swings. We will also take some outdoor excursions on the Bye-Bye-Buggy!

During the month of April, the children in Infant 3 will begin a unit on Spring. They will be making a huge flower handprint

collage, have bubble play outside and make springtime butterflies.

Some of our friends have been showing off their sign language skills. They have been signing "more" and "eat." We are so proud of them!

Toddlers

The Toddlers are ready for Spring! We have enjoyed talking about the weather, St. Patrick's Day, and Easter during the month of March. The children really enjoyed tracing their silhouettes and seeing them up on the wall in our classroom! During the month of April, we will be focusing on Spring, bugs, and insects. The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) celebrates the "Week of the Young Child" April 3-9. We will be offering new and exciting opportunities for the children to participate in during this week.



We would like to thank all of the parents who participated in our Egg Dying/Egg Hunt Extravaganza. The children had a blast, and they may just be the best little egg hunters around!

Our monthly gathering with our parents will be on Monday, April 25th. We would like to share breakfast and group time with you. Please join us at 8:00 a.m. to see how your child participates in our class.

Pre-Preppers

The Pre-preppers in the back have been busy studying about pets. The class talked about dogs and had a special visit from Miss Raiti's dog, Nugget. The children loved petting him and especially chasing him. We have also had daily visits with the Pre-K classroom's rabbit. The children practiced using gentle hands to pet him. The children learned how to care for their pets through role playing with both real and pretend pets. The class loved making little houses for their "cats" to sleep in.

Most recently, we have been talking about bears. The groups love doing the "Bear

Hunt" and looking for bears around the school. The children think it is great that bears eat fish like we do.

The children work daily on identifying colors and shapes and learning to count using 1 to 1 correspondence.

Just a reminder that if your child is potty training, please send several changes of clothes. Also, if you would like to volunteer in any way please let one of the room parents know. They are Candace Boatwright and Ashley Clark.

Throughout the month of March, the Pre-Preppers in the front enjoyed lessons on dinosaurs, space, under the sea, fruits and vegetables. During the month of April we will be focusing on friendship and community.

Please remember that our daily schedule has two outside times; as the weather continues to improve, we will be having more classroom activities outdoors.

Special thanks to all the parents who came and helped with the Spring Party. You helped make it a great success!

As a parent, you are the most important part of your child's growth and development; therefore, we want you to be actively involved in our classroom! Watch your e-mail for classroom volunteer opportunities!



Preppers

In the Prepper room we have been studying bridges, kites, and gardening. The Preppers learned about the different types of bridges such as truss, suspension, and covered bridges. To end our study, we took a field trip to Reedy River Falls Park to look at the suspension bridge. We had a picnic lunch and the children enjoyed rolling down the hill with Mr. Peterman and crossing the bridges.



To kick off the Spring season, the Preppers had a Spring Party and egg hunt. They also had a visit from the Easter bunny!

In the upcoming months, our class will be studying bubbles and how they are formed. We will also study the weather and learn about storms, clouds, and rain showers.



Pre-K

The Pre-K class has been hard at work learning about plants, spring, St. Patrick's Day and balloons. The students recently learned that a balloon can be blown up using baking soda and vinegar, and they learned about the history of St. Patrick's Day. Ms. Rozzano's class has been studying the letters O, W and U. They have also been reading three and four word sentences. Ms. Dobbs' class has been studying the letters D, M, R and P. The children enjoyed making letters out of

playdough and singing the letter song. In math, both groups have been learning about patterning, sorting, grouping, graphing and estimating. To incorporate the class themes into the curriculum, the students used spring colors to pattern, graphed their favorite Easter egg colors, and practiced addition using plant seeds.

Kindergarten

The primary class has completed a unit on the human body. The students used their creativity as they drew life size body posters. They worked in cooperative groups to draw and label major organs.

The kindergartners also enjoyed many activities that focused on the five senses. They went on a "listening walk" where they were blindfolded and could only use their sense of hearing to figure out their location. The tasting party at the end of the unit was a favorite activity. The students enjoyed exploring their sense of sour, sweet, salty, and bitter taste.



After a relaxing spring break, the students began a new unit on plants. This study will use many hands on experiments from a Foss science kit. The students will care for different types of plants grown from seeds to learn what the plants need to grow and develop. They will observe the structure of plants and record changes on a calendar and in a science journal.



Art

All of the art classes have been working on projects related to warmer weather and sunshine!

The Pre-Preppers made beautiful floral collages. Many of these are hanging outside the art room; they look so great!

The Preppers made daisy paintings using just their fingerprints. These turned out really cute, and are on display just outside the kitchen.

The Pre-K classes enjoyed weaving small baskets, and using popsicle sticks to paint glittery sunshines. They also enjoyed the video "Kids and Creativity."

The Primary class studied a painting by Pablo Picasso, "Hand With Bouquet" and then created their own based on his work. These look so cheerful, and are displayed outside the art room. Stop by and take a look!

All of the classes have done Spring pastel colors paintings, as well as making rainbows, using watercolor paint, and a variety of collages. Next month we will continue to explore all of the art materials in new ways!

Music

There was March Madness in the Music Hall! The kids were hustling to learn many new songs this month. They learned songs about peanuts and peanut butter, the weather, and also enjoyed action songs from Jim Marshall's Children's Super Hits collection. All the Prepper classes have graduated from the riser to the carpet spots and are doing a great job staying in a circle at music. Congratulations!

In April, students will continue their exploration of *The Sound of Music*, which we studied in the fall. We have listened to many songs from this musical, and will now discover more about the Von Trapp family and their staging. Please consider taking to take your child to view this exciting production, which is being presented by the South Carolina Children's Theater at the Peace Center in April. Palmetto Prep is purchasing group tickets; see the sign up sheet at the front desk!

Brahms was the Composer of the Month in March. The children had fun "sleeping" to his famous Lullaby, and moving around to the Hungarian Dances.

Sunscreen Policy at Palmetto Prep

As you know, it is recommended that children six months and older (as well as adults) wear sunscreen everyday. We would like to encourage parents to apply sunscreen at home each morning. We will then apply Coppertone's Water Babies SPF 45 after nap time. If your child needs to wear a different brand of sunscreen, we ask that you send it to school; please be sure to put your child's name on it.

You will soon receive a permission form in your child's bag or folder that you will need to sign to give us permission to apply the sunscreen. Let us know if you have any questions. Thank you!

French Highlights

Come and take a walk with us to the top of the Arc de Triomphe! You will soon see a sign up front to take a trip with us; give it a try! Your children have learned all about the Arc de Triomphe!

The students have also enjoyed chanting their new food song. Next month we will be learning the words for our body parts. We will also be making simple comparisons between life here and in France.

Below you will see a pronunciation guide for the main words we learned this month. There will always be other words they learn in class; this merely covers the bulk of our monthly content. Please contact Kathy Jones at kjones@palmettoprep.com if you have any questions. Thank you! Merci!

Food:

Fromage	cheese	(fro-ma-je)
Poulet	chicken	(poo-lay)
Pomme de terre	potato	(pum de tear)
Jus	juice	(joo)
Pain	bread	(pahn)
Lait	milk	(lay)
Salade	salade	(sa-la-de)

General:

Hello	bonjour	(bonh-joor)
Goodbye	au revoir	(o-re-vware)
Square	carre	(ka-ray)
Please	s'il vous plait	(see-voo-play)
Thank you	merci	(mear-see)
I'm mad	je suis fache	(je se-wee fa-shay)
I'm tired	je suis fatigue	(je se-wee fa-tea-gay)



After School à la carte



Spring is finally here! Our newly planted flowers have begun to sprout, and we have a new furry edition to our classroom! Our floppy eared friend lives in our classroom in the science center. This will help further our learning about responsibility and sharing.

We will be celebrating a lot of new and exciting things this month! April 3rd marks the anniversary of the Pony Express. We will be adding a new writing center, and will

create personal mailboxes for pen pal writing. Other fun topics of the month will be: Webster Dictionary publishing, Leonardo Da Vinci's birthday, the sinking of the Titanic, the day Rome was founded, and the life cycles of the butterfly. Be expecting lots of great stories, facts, and crafts!