



HELEN G. MUIR CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

"Love is the rule in our school!"

The school year is flying by so quickly! Soon it will be spring with a promise of warmer days and hopefully, sunny skies! Our annual Scholastic Book Fair begins on March 29 and will continue to April 2. You can visit the book fair with your child any morning before 9:00AM or afternoon after 3:00PM in the church fellowship hall. There will be many great books to choose from!

Enrollment for the 2010/2011 school year has begun. If you have not registered your child yet, please consider doing so soon. Many spaces have already been filled! We would love to have your child join us for another year of exciting learning!

Happy spring!

Norma Topping
Director

March 14	Daylight Savings time begins. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour!
March 18 staff	VAECE conference in Richmond. Center closed for to attend.
March 29 - Apr 2	Scholastic Book Fair

TERRIFIC TWOS

The school year is half over and the 2's are learning more everyday. Our class would like to send a big "Thank you" to all the parents who participated in making our Valentine's Day party so much fun. The children really enjoyed getting valentines from their friends. This month we learned about eating healthy foods and those nasty plaque monsters.

March will bring us good luck and a lot of green. Green will be the color of the month and our shape will be a diamond. Please continue to work with your child at home on their colors, shapes and counting to ten!

Mrs. Chandra Washington-Palmer
Mrs. Ruth Glass



FANTASTIC FOURS

In February, the children had a wonderful time making heart crafts, heart bags for Valentine's Day and cards for their parents. We have finished our unit on "Healthy Me" and are taking a walk down "Discovery Street" where the children will be talking about and learning about their neighborhoods.

Our letters this month were M, N, O, & P. We have been talking about the Olympics also. Al has taught us about our feelings and that it's ok to have more than one feeling at a time. He has also taught us the importance of using power words such as excuse me, please and thank you when we are playing with our friends.

Mrs. Nicole Kelly
Mrs. Kimberly Allen

M N O P

THRILLING THREES

We will say goodbye to winter this month and give a warm welcome to spring. The world inside and outside our classroom will go from winter white to spring green.

February was our celebration of hearts, and not just valentine hearts, but hearts inside our bodies. We read a book called Jamie's Heart. Jamie taught us that the key to a healthy heart includes lots of exercise, a good night's sleep, a diet full of fresh fruits and vegetables, and last but not most important: NO SMOKING. Smoking makes our hearts sick. A healthy heart beats 90 times a minute. It is a pump that keeps the blood flowing through your body. Your heart is a muscle, that's why it needs exercise just like the other muscles in your body. Make a fist; your heart is about the size of your fist.

February was also dental health month. Ask your child about our egg in a cup of cola experiment; the egg being our teeth. What happened to that egg? What happened to the egg that sat in water? How did we clean the "cola" egg? Besides brushing, what else do we do to keep our teeth healthy? How many "baby or milk" teeth do we have? You see, the 3 year old class does more than play. There is also a lot of learning going on!

What will march blow in? Spring of course; kites, lions, lambs, and lots of green. Shamrocks, leprechauns and rainbows with pots of gold at the end of them. Put an O in front of and name....You're suddenly Irish!

Mrs. Michele O'Aravich
Mrs. Gail O'Carnes



MAGNIFICENT FOUR'S

This month has been a very busy month for the magnificent fours. We have been busy learning our letter sounds and how to write them. This month we learned the letters W, V, and O. Our class even pretended that we were mad scientists and made a baking soda volcano for the letter V.

Our class completed our unit on "Healthy Me" and started our Discovery street unit with Tabby Tiger. Both units include helpers in our neighborhood. We learned about doctors and veterinarians. They both check their patients with stethoscopes, which we pretended to do, and take care of all their needs. Our class also learned how to care for their teeth for Dental Health Month.

In Al's Pals, Al has continued to teach us about our feelings including angry, scared, and disappointed. One day we did an activity where the children painted while listening to different types of music. We talked about how the music made us feel as we painted. We also talked about kind words and how Al loves hearing them.

Our Valentine's Day party was a blast. The students really enjoyed handing out their valentines and receiving them in return. Thank you to all of our parents who made all this possible.

Mrs. Sarah Ramos