

## A Child Becomes Office

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It's almost Valentines Day! The book drive hits new levels and we have a newly refurbished play yard. Read on for more information about A Child Becomes Preschool!

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### Hello Families -

It's Valentines Day this week and each class will exchange valentines and celebrate in their own way. Check in with your child's teacher if you haven't already received details. Most important is for children to understand sharing and appreciation for their friends and family members. Also exciting for this week is Teacher Shelley's trip to South Africa, she leaves on Tuesday for three weeks - read on for other fun and exciting activities at the school...

### School Business

#### School Calendar

School will be closed for Winter Break, February 20-24. Please check the [school calendar](#) for other important dates and holidays.

### Staff Updates

Teacher Shelley will be in Africa from 2/14- 3/6. Sunbeam parents should have received information on coverage for her class while she's gone.

The office staff will be available to answer any questions you have her absence. Here's the crew:

CB – Mondays

Brenna – Tuesdays

Ann – Wednesdays (9:30-3:30) and Thursdays afternoons

## Scholastic Book Orders

January Scholastic orders were delayed. Somehow the order was held up and not processed - they're being expedited and we expect to get BOTH January and February's orders on Tuesday. Sorry for the hassle. Depending on when they come in during the day, you'll have them in bags on Tuesday or Wednesday.

## Registration 2012-13

Thanks to everyone for getting your registration forms in! We're processing applications and expect to have classes assembled within the next two weeks, and prior to OPEN registration which begins on Monday, February 27th. Please [contact the office](#) with any questions you have.

## Field Trips

The Tu/W/Th Butterfly class is headed to the Seattle Art Museum this week to visit the Gauguin and Polynesia exhibit. They'll be traveling downtown on Thursday with scheduled tours beginning at 10AM and 1PM. Please visit the calendar for details for the [AM class](#) and for the [PM class](#).

## Service Projects



### Book Drive for South Africa

We have close to 900 books now! The past two weeks have been plentiful and the books keep coming in, thanks so much for your continued support! Our goal of 1000 books is completely within reach which is exciting as Shelley heads out on her trip to South Africa. We have not yet received word of the school we have been assigned, but hope to have that within the next week or so. If we get the assignment in time, Shelley will be able to schedule a trip to Swaziland to visit the school. We have pictures to share and hope that we can tell them about the books that are being collected for their new library. This will help change lives!

Ask your friends and neighbors if they'd like to clean out some books and help start a library -- reference books, encyclopedias, teacher manuals, these are all highly desired too.

93% of schools in South Africa do not have libraries! By partnering with [African Library Project](#) we can get our books to the schools who are most in need get books in the hands of kids who are aching for a good book to read! This is a phenomenal organization, check out [their website](#) and see all the good that they are doing to bring books into communities and schools.

The books we collect should be suitable for kids from preschool to 4th grade. Right now we'd LOVE to have books for 2nd-4th grade. For those of you who know teachers, ask them if they have old textbooks or teacher resource books that they're ready to pass along. We'd love to help them clean off their book shelves! Our deadline for collecting books and funds is April 6th, 2012. Please bring new or gently used books into school!

### **Books We'd LOVE to Send to Swaziland**

- Early readers (especially 2nd-4th grade)
- Teacher's resource books for school libraries
- Children's dictionaries/picture dictionaries
- Encyclopedias less than 15 years old
- Children's encyclopedias/picture encyclopedias
- Children's thesauruses
- Paperback textbooks in math, English, geography, health, and science at appropriate level (kindergarten to 6th grade)
- Books with universal themes (friendships, animals, love)
- Children's health books
- Accurate up-to-date atlases
- Books about Africa or African-Americans
- Educational children's science and literary magazines in good condition
- Brain teasers, flash cards, educational games and puzzles

## **Play Yard Work Party**

We had an AMAZINGLY successful work party! If you haven't noticed we have a refurbished and cleaned out play yard. We had about 40 people out on a gorgeous Saturday, digging gravel, cleaning the garden beds, clearing blackberry bushes, pruning trees, cutting back shrubs, clearing out the shed, hauling the toy graveyard to the dump - it was AWESOME! Thanks so much to everyone who came out, parents, kids, teachers - all of you helped make it a fun and productive day! We were able to get rid of the gravel, move in deliciously soft and aromatic cedar play chips. They're much softer and yard smells fresh and clean! Special thanks to Josh Neiderberger, who came to help with his dump truck despite a broken arm, Mike Lockman, who got a us great deal on the play chips and everyone who worked hard, there were too many to mention (because we'd certainly forget someone who was vital and critical!!!) so here's the big shout out - THANK YOU!!!!

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