

A Child Becomes Office

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Week 2 of the new year and there's lots going on at school! Check it out!

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A Child Becomes... PRESCHOOL

Hello Families!

We had a great first week back at school after the long break! Children quickly returned to routines and seemed genuinely excited to be back at school! We'll use this newsletter as a way to keep you posted on all of the school activities coming up. It's a busy time! As always, feel free to [send us an email](#) with any questions you have.

School Business

School Calendar

School will be CLOSED on Monday, January, 16th in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Please check the [school calendar](#) for other important dates and holidays.

Bad Weather Reminder

No sign of snow yet but should we see some of it, or talk of it, parents will be notified via email by 8 AM. We do not offer make up days when school is closed because of bad weather.

Scholastic Book Orders

Book order forms were sent home with children last week. Book orders for January are due by the end of day on Wednesday, January 18th. Return your form to the school or use the Scholastic website to enter your order, we get free books when you do! If you did not see your child's form and would still like to order books, please visit the Scholastic website and login using our school code. Find login information [on our website](#).

Open House

We will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, January, 22nd from 2-4 PM, at the school for any returning or new families who would like to drop by, tour the school and talk to our teachers. Registration applications and additional information about classes for the fall will be available as well. Please help us spread the word!

Sunbeam Field Trip - Pacific Science Center

Both the AM and PM classes will head to the Pacific Science Center on Monday, January 23rd. Permission slips have been sent home and are due back to the school along with payment NO LATER THAN Monday, January 9th. Please download the permission slip from our website if still need one and return it with your child on Monday. [AM class permission slip](#). [PM class permission slip](#). Thank you!

Registration 2012-13

Registration packets for the school year 2012-13 have been mailed out to returning families. Please [email the office](#) if you have not yet received your registration packet and are interested in enrollment for the fall. Early registration begins on January 30th. Please remember to turn in your registration and application fee by Friday, February 5th to assure a class slot for next fall. More information is on [our website](#). Please do not hesitate to [email me](#) with any questions.



Service Projects

Book Drive for South Africa

Our next service project will be a book drive for South Africa, a continuation of a project we started last year. 93% of schools in South Africa do not have libraries! Our goal is to collect **1000**

total books. We will also **need to raise \$500** to ship the books over to South Africa. We have joined an organization, [African Library Project](#), in New Orleans that will match us up with a school and then ship the books for us – which means they'll handle the processing through customs and distribution.

We are collecting books to support a primary school in Swaziland, a small kingdom in Southern Africa. The primary school teaches children from preschool to 4th grade. The books we collect should be suitable for this age group. Please see the guidelines below for more information on desirable books. Ralph and I will be headed back to South Africa in mid February and hope to visit the school and take pictures of the library that will house the books we collect and donate!

The books are lined up in the social hall and we're learning to count by 10's, just as we did for our food drive! Already we have 370 books! Our deadline for collecting books and funds is April 6th, 2012. If we do not make this deadline, we will continue the drive in the fall - but I think we can do it! We'll send home more information regarding the cash donations and please bring new or gently used books into school!

Book guidelines

- Baby board books
- Children's picture books
- Children's fiction and non-fiction
- Early readers
- BIG books
- 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

Again, thanks for your help. I know I have dozens of unused books on Enya's shelves that could use a fresh reader!

Play Yard Work Party

Parents are organizing a day of clean up in the play yard! We've set aside Saturday, February 4th, 9AM – 3PM, ending earlier if we're finished or all done working for the day! Our plan is to:

- Clean out and prepare the garden beds for the planting season
- Power wash the area
- Prune trees and cut back shrubbery
- Repair of some play toys
- General clean up

We could use help if you have carpentry skills, tools like rakes, garden shovels, yard waste bags and lots of enthusiasm! We'll have snacks and drinks on hand so please let us know if you and the kids can join in the fun, we'd like to have enough food and drink for everyone! Please email [Ann Limbaugh](#) or [Ellen Zoffel](#) to help or for more information.

Parent Education

Positive Discipline Parenting Class

Positive Discipline is for parents who are looking for long-term parenting skills that will encourage their children to think for themselves, become more responsible and have a greater respect for themselves and others. The teachings of Positive Discipline are filled with respectful methods that focus on:

- Kindness and firmness
- Helping parents get to the core of their child's misbehavior
- Bring more joy into the home
- Give parents a sense of accomplishment

The next five-session class begins:
Monday, January 23rd from 6:30-8:30 pm
Admiral Congregational UCC (lower level)
4320 SW Hill St
Seattle, WA 98116

[Download a flier for the class to sign up!](#)

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