

# NEWS FROM THE SOUTHWEST CLASSROOM

March 2010



## SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE BEND

With spring coming, we will need to prepare for our ever-changing Colorado weather. Cold mornings give way to hot afternoons and chilly evenings, running the gamut from winter coat to short sleeves to a light jacket. Please help your children prepare for any type of weather by bringing clothing they can layer. With that, we ask that you help remind your child to hang up all items on the same hanger and to take their entire set of items home with them at the end of each day. This will provide the child with an opportunity to be responsible for his/her own belongings. Please check your child's clothes cubby to make sure they have weather appropriate clothing.

## THANK YOU, GRACIAS, MERCI, DANKE, HVALA

The SouthWest classroom is so fortunate to have a supportive and helpful group of parents. The children's brains are thirsting for knowledge and we appreciate your time and assistance in our classroom. We would like to say thank you to Tamara Cook, Kim Henderson, and Janine Mider for giving the children more opportunities to read. On the other end of the reading ledger, thank you to Teal Harada, Monique Twite, and Jenny Morrison for reading to our children. The more and more they hear, the more they absorb. Our children have been enjoying the chance to make the classroom beautiful; Thank you to Kathy Giddings and Janine Mider for providing flowers for the children to arrange. Thank you to Michael Bumann for the wonderful presentation on scuba diving. We would also like to thank Kristin Kilbourn, Kai's mother, for her presentation on Asia. Above all else, thank you all for sharing your beautiful children with us and giving us a chance to learn from them.



Michael Bumann showing the children the scuba equipment

## THE EDUCATION FORECAST

In the month of March we are going to visit the vast continent of Africa. From the Sahara, to the Great Pyramid - many things to explore and learn. We will be gearing some of our other cultural studies to match the change in seasons. We will study

Vivaldi and his beautiful springtime music, and we will study birds; watching them fly overhead and listening for their first signs of return. Our artist for this month will be Frida Kahlo.

## **SOUND OF THE WEEK HOROSCOPE**

With March coming you will notice it might be a little r-r-rainy, and our first sound of the week in March is “r”. How opportune it is that our second sound of the week is ”v” to go with Vivaldi. You would think we planned it. We will now move onto some of the more complicated sounds. The first one we will tackle is the sound ”k”. We have a friend in our classroom whose name starts with the sound “c” but not with the letter C. Our next sound in March will be ”z” for zip or maybe zebra. We are almost to the end, so hold on tight! For the 5<sup>th</sup> week of March and beginning of April we will study the sound “y”,



Children Passing the Olympic torch with Leta.

## **R-E-A-D SPELLS...SOMETHING, WELL AT LEAST OTHER WORDS ARE EASY TO READ**

We are continuing with the volunteer reading assistants in the classroom in the morning. The children are benefiting so much from all of the extra help. Thank you. If you would like to sign up please look for the sign up sheet on the sign in/out table.

## **SW LOST AND FOUND**

In the helter skelter of our normal daily learning and moving we have discovered a few mysteries. We have noticed that a few of our jobs have lost their pieces. Upon investigation we noted that these jobs are very close to where children enjoy lunch, and thusly have theorized that the pieces might have been bumped into a lunchbox. If possible, it would be very helpful if we could check around at home for these pieces. We are missing the letter “o” from our soft blue foam puzzle. And we are missing the “k” and “n” tile from our sound board. The tiles are white with blue letters. Invite the children to help search for the letters. It could be a fun adventure! Thank you very much.



Children helping the classroom by folding napkins



**SouthWest Class Photo in honor of Lauren Camp**

## **FAREWELL**

We bid our friend, Lauren Camp, a fond farewell. Lauren and her family are moving to Iowa and we wish them all the best of everything!

Please come to visit our classroom. We'd love to share what we are learning with you! Just call the office and coordinate a time. Thanks again for all of your support and sharing your children with us.

Bill, Katy, Enza & Rada