



# Turtle Rock Preschool



Happy St. Patrick's Day!



March 2010

### Summer Camp

Summer is just around the corner, and this year we have added some fun, new activities, including:

- ~ Angels Baseball Games
- ~ Total Golf Adventures
- ~ Wild Rivers
- ~ Discovery Science Center
- ~ Knott's Berry Farm
- ~ Football Clinic and Camp

Our Summer Camp is open for Kindergarten graduates, ASE, older siblings & friends who have completed Kindergarten through 4th grade. Camp is filled with field trips, educational activities and lots of fun. The program will run from June 28th through September 1st and you can enroll for the entire summer or selected weeks. Choose from 2, 3, or 5 days a week. Camp hours are from 7:00am - 6:00pm or 9:00am - 2:00pm. Fliers & brochures will be available later this month. We look forward to having a fun summer, making new friends and being reacquainted with old ones!



### Summer & Fall Re-Registration Forms

Please be on the lookout at the end of March for re-registration forms to be placed in your child's file folder. These forms will notify the office whether or not your child will be attending summer and/or fall, and will allow you to indicate the program in which you are looking to enroll. **A form for each child must be returned to the office by April 16th.**

### Family Referrals

If you refer a family to us, please be sure to ask them to give us your name when they enroll. We would like to be able to express our appreciation to you.

### Kindergarten Open House for 2009-2010 Incoming Students



Will your child be five years old by December 2nd? If so, we invite you to join us for our annual Kindergarten Parent Meeting on Monday, March 8th from 5:00pm-6:30pm. Come hear about our Turtle Rock Private School and After-School Education programs. Information will be given regarding our Kindergarten schedule, academic calendar and readiness preparation. A "Question and Answer" session will also follow the presentation. A light dinner and childcare will be available.



### Staff Member of the Month ~ Ida Reilly



Ida is a warm, genuine, and creative person who is always looking for new ways to enhance the pre-kindergarten curriculum. She puts much thought into her classroom program and enjoys experimenting with new activities. She gives positive reinforcement and individual recognition to each child and is sure to make every child feel welcomed in her classroom. Ida is a great team player and has regular, punctual attendance. She is passionate about the work she does and enjoys coming to school each day. Ida demonstrates exceptional work habits and strives to be precise and efficient in everything she does. We are grateful to have Ida with us and appreciate her continued commitment and dedication to the families at Turtle Rock Preschool!

**Out Our Website!**  
[www.turtlerockpreschool.com](http://www.turtlerockpreschool.com)

There, you can find the monthly newsletter, curriculum, snack and lunch menus, as well as information about our various programs and a link to our SmugMug photo gallery.

### Upcoming Important Dates:



- ~ March 8 : Kindergarten Open House for 2010-2011 Students
- ~ March 17 : All-School "Wear Green" Day
- ~ March 19 : Kids' Night Out
- ~ April 5-8 : Kindergarten Spring Break (non-instructional week)
- ~ April 5-8 : Spring Camp (ages Kindergarten through 4th grade)
- ~ April 9 : Closed for Professional Growth Day

### Did You Know...Our Three-Year-Old Children wrote to the President!

In October, Room 4 submitted a peace proposal to President Obama in celebration of United Nations Day that stated the children's wishes and hope for peace. The President then responded back to the children in a letter:

"Thank you for writing to me at the White House. I am always eager to hear from young Americans like you. Your thoughts on the issues facing our Nation are important to me, and your letters help me as I work to build a better tomorrow for your generation. You, too, have a role to play in shaping the future. I encourage you to work hard and dedicate your energy, talent, and creativity to improving your community and our country. Through academic achievement and service, you can achieve your highest dreams and help others do the same. Young people like you inspire me and give me great hope for the future. Thank you again for being in touch. The First Lady and I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,  
Barack Obama"

The President also sent an autographed picture! Be sure to stop by Room 4 to see both the picture and letter. We are proud that our children are making a difference and their voices are being heard, even as far away as the White House. Way to go, Room 4!

## Room 7A Classroom Highlights and Photos

Throughout the month of March, Room 7A will be engaging in a variety of new and exciting discoveries:

- The children will work on furthering their assessment skills, such as writing their names and holding their scissors correctly to enhance their cutting skills. They will also continue to work on recognizing uppercase letters out of sequence, as well as recognizing the lowercase letters of their first names.
- Room 7A will practice learning their phone numbers, last names, and birthdays as part of their weekly curriculum, and will continue to learn recognition of numbers 1 through 20 out of sequence, as well as other Kindergarten-readiness skills.
- The children will participate in journal-writing and will continue creating their imaginative art projects to be proudly displayed throughout the classroom!
- Room 7A will discuss and discover the components that make up a book; the cover page, author, illustrator, dedication page, and more!



Max C., Kellan, and Max S. very proudly show off the hard work they did in completing this fire truck puzzle. They all worked as a team while enhancing their fine motor, cognitive, and problem-solving skills.



Mia Bella and Max S. watch as Miles takes his turn exploding all of the colors throughout the pie tin. This experiment enhances the children's discovery and exploration skills and is lots of fun to watch!



Francine and Thomas are excited to observe the water-colors exploding in size and color during this February "Rainbow Colors" experiment. Their curiosity is awakened as they watch how the colors move throughout the milk in the tin.



Max S., Ethan, Max C., and Tia are very excited to show off their work! The fire truck puzzle activity fits Room 7A's February weekly theme of "Better Watch Out!" During this week, the children discover the many ways in which they can be safe.