

June 2010



Ms. Vero's and Ms. Cristina's Pre-K Newsletter



Dear parents,

There's always a mixture of feelings when writing the last newsletter of a school year. I would like to start by thanking all of you for entrusting us your children during these months. I hope you have enjoyed witnessing your children grow in so many ways. Cris and I have certainly loved sharing this time with them, learning from them, laughing with them, singing, dancing, playing, and discovering together.

I would also like to thank you for the time you have shared with us: as room parents, Doing Words volunteers, bakers, mystery readers, chaperones, last-minute savers and all those ways in which we have felt your support. Your presence in your child's school experience *does make a difference*. I am sure you will see how being involved with your child's learning produces wonderful results.



For my children who are moving on to Kinder, I am sure you will be as successful and happy as you have been this year. I am glad I will get to see you around!

For my children who are staying with me one more year: I am so lucky!!! Having worked in multiage settings for several years, I have witnessed what a great advantage this continuity will be for all of us. Next year, you all will face new and exciting challenges, including that of being role models for your new classmates.



My best, best wishes for the Villalobos family. We will miss you Dani!

Dear families, thanks to all for a wonderful year!!!

**June Events**

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| June 7  |  Irene's Birthday  |
| June 8  | End of the year outing - We will leave school at 8:30   |
| June 11 | ECC Field Day   |
| June 14 |  Julián's Birthday |
| June 18 | Last day of 2009 - 2010 school year. Class celebration begins at 10:00.                               |
| June 20 | Happy Father's Day!   |

**July Birthdays**

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| July 8 |  Valentina's birthday |
| July 8 |  Ralph's birthday     |

### Notes:



Please remember to return any overdue library books.

### End of the Year Outing:

This event will take place on Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, at Julián's house in Pusuquí (via Mitad del Mundo). Thank you for sharing your home with us!

Since this day counts as a school day, all children need to come to school as usual. We will leave the school at 8:30am. **As for all field trips, all children will need to ride the school bus to Julián's house.** Many thanks to the Cimadevilla family who has lent us their company van for our trip.

We need to be back at school at 1:30 pm. Children may ride back with their parents. If you plan to do so, please send a note to school stating this on that day.

Parents who are not attending the trip with their child, will need to make arrangements to **pick-up their children from school at 1:30 pm.**

Pili, Marialuz, Abir and other moms are organizing this outing. Please contact them if you would like to help. We hope to see you all there!!!

### End of the Year Celebration

Our Pre-K children would like to invite you to our classroom on our last day of school: Friday, June 18 at 10:00 AM. The children will be presenting some of their favorite songs. We will also have a Picture CD presentation. At the end of the presentation they will enjoy a pizza party. We hope all of you will be able to make it.

### Suggestions for the summer months:

These are some ideas for when you find free time with your child. They will help them practice the skills they have learned this year.

\*Take a trip to the school library or any library where you will be during the summer vacation. The library hours at Academia Cotopaxi will be 9 until 12 Monday through Friday.

\*Read to your child in both English and Spanish each day. Have your child tell their favorite part of the story and describe a character in the book. Ask your child questions about the story and have them respond using words, phrases and sentences. Use questions that begin with Who?, What?, What if? Where?, Why? and, How?, Have your child try to pick out some of the sight words he/she may know how to read as well as the letters he/she is familiar with.

\*Practice number skills by rote counting, counting with correspondence, sequencing number cards, and identifying numbers.

\*Keep up those fine motor skills:

- cut pictures out of magazines and making a collage
- cut different shapes using colored paper and creating a unique design
- have fun with play dough
- practice writing letters (upper and lowercase)
- practice writing first and last name (depending on your child's level)
- practice writing numbers
- create a picture using paints, markers, crayons, and/or sidewalk chalk

\*Keep a journal and have your child draw pictures and dictate or write a story.

\*As you travel, have your child describe objects or things they see by counting, naming the letter and letter sound, color, shape and size. Play rhyming games with them.

\*Have your child create AB, AAB and/or ABB patterns using manipulatives or body movements. (For example: AB = car, truck, car, truck, etc; AAB = clap, clap, stomp; ABB = jump, clap, clap)

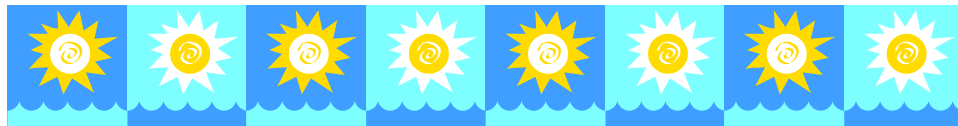
\*Go on nature walks or visit the zoo or museums

\*Read signs and labels when you go out for a ride, or when you travel.

\*Go shopping with your child. Have your child help you make the grocery list (using inventive spelling), help you shop, (ask which one cost more/less?) and tell you the prices.

\*Play board games, card games, and puzzles with your child. This helps them with their ability to attend, review basic concepts, and teaches them to take turns.

\*Do all sorts of cooking projects with your child. This is good for vocabulary building, counting, measuring, and sequencing by following a recipe.



It has been a true pleasure knowing you and  
working with you this year!  
Enjoy your summer vacation!

Yours sincerely,

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