



2009

April showers and spring flowers grace National Poetry month. As the days get a little warmer the rain is much more welcome, especially if you plant some seeds! It's time to stow away our winter boots and trade them in for puddle jumping ones!

Spring Rain

The storm came up so very quick
It couldn't have been quicker.
I should have brought my hat
along,
I should have brought my slicker.

My hair is wet, my feet are wet,
I couldn't be much wetter.
I fell into a river once
But this is even better.

By Marchette Chute

So please outfit the children with raingear and boots as we try to get outside on the warmer days and those spring showers tend to come up with little or no warning at all!



BOARD BUSINESS

The next meeting of the board will be April 6th at 7pm; all parents are encouraged to attend!

If you wish to contact the board directly email:

board@meadowmontessori.ca

The virtue for April is
Honesty

What is honesty?

Being honest is being open, trustworthy and truthful. Honesty is telling the truth. It is admitting mistakes even when you know someone might be angry or disappointed.

Why practice honesty?

Honesty is important because it builds trust. When people lie, or cover up mistakes, others can't trust them. When you are honest others can believe in you.

If each before his own door swept,
the village would be clean.
~Scottish Proverb

Honesty is the first chapter of the
book of wisdom.
~Thomas Jefferson

If you tell the truth you don't have
to remember anything.
~Mark Twain



Thank you for participating in our Purdy's Fundraiser! By helping out the Easter bunny we made \$200 profit!



Good Friday Holiday,
April 10th NO SCHOOL

Easter Monday Holiday
April 13th NO SCHOOL

Scholastic Book Orders
DUE April 17th
(All classes)

Teacher/Parent & Child
Conferences
April 27th & 28th
Preschool closed both days
Elementary attends Tuesday



Happy Birthday!
Greetings for April

Preschool - Rudy



Preschool Update

The children just made their very own grass heads using the recycled pantyhose we obtained in March. The rather comical little faces should be sprouting their green "hair" quite soon!

Speaking of recycling, throughout April we will be



learning all about how to *Reduce, Reuse* and *Recycle* and we will be celebrating Earth Day on April 22nd so this month is a perfect time to truly *be green* around the house! ~April is Dental Health month in the preschool, dental health kits, provided by Fraser Health will be coming home sometime this month. ~We will be participating in a "Bird Challenge" where we observe and record birds to bring attention to bird environments and conservation. ~Spring has been brought directly into the classroom with displays of growing seeds, plant growth and the beautiful paintings of Monet. ~Please remember to leave toys at home; books are always welcome to share. ~ And...THANK YOU! Dara's Mom, for all the play-dough ingredients, we have so much fun with play-dough!



Elementary Update

The children thoroughly enjoyed skating last month! This month the older students will be going swimming and rock climbing while the younger children will be participating in gymnastics at Quantum gym. Further information and permission forms will be coming home. Our beginning sculptors and potters are having a great time in pottery class; glazing and firing are next in the evolution of their works of art.

We are busy studying *Structures* in the classroom.



Investigating strength in materials and innovation in how structures are put together.



These lessons also involve our study of the West Coast Aboriginal peoples; what kinds of structures they made and why they used the materials they did. We are also looking at many other aspects of their lives, art & culture.

The children will also be making their own family totem!



The elementary class wishes to express a fond farewell to Molly and her family, who are moving to Prince George.

We wish you well in your new home and school. We will miss you.



Please remember, the children of Meadow Montessori School are asked to each donate 25¢ at the beginning of each month towards supporting Guerdy, our sponsored child in Haiti.



Together, we can make a difference in Guerdy's life.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR Referral Incentive Program!

A family that refers a student to our elementary program will receive one month's free tuition after the student referred has been enrolled and paid for a minimum of three months. This program is designed to give families currently enrolled in the school an incentive to refer other friends and family to our school. Also, this program only applies to students referred to the elementary classroom.

May you have a lovely holiday weekend this month! Enjoy!

