

# News from Supplee Nursery School

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## Ah, Spring!



There was a bulletin board in the hallway in April saying, "April showers bring..." And yes, May has certainly burst forth with spring flowers! But it has also brought us some brown eggs which we hope will hatch into chicks, and caterpillars we hope will turn into butterflies. Mrs. Stout's robin tree (signifying how many robins her classes have spotted) now has so many robins, they won't all fit in the tree any longer! The 4's are growing beautiful vegetable and flower gardens, the 2's are (hopefully) growing marigolds. The Pre-K daffodil garden smiles down the hallway to all who enter, while our 3's butterflies decorate our classrooms.

Meanwhile, we have also grown and developed this year, and we can say that our classes have "bloomed" into children who are more mature, more able to respect themselves and others, and who have developed skills that will serve them well as they move on to their older classes next year at Supplee, or to Kindergarten.

## Volunteers Needed

Thanks to the generosity of our parents, staff, and the members of Supplee Church, we now have over \$1250 in our Denise Eagono Memorial Fund which will be used toward an improvement for our playground. We are in the process of researching what would be best, and we wonder if any of our parents might be willing to help assemble and install the piece of equipment we will purchase. It would probably involve a few hours either some evening or weekend.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Mrs. Kohler. Thank you!



## Mother's Days



Is there ever a sweeter day in Nursery School than Mother's Day? We start early in our preparations. Gifts are fashioned carefully, wrapped in our own special wrappings, decorations made, baked treats fill the building with the most delicious smells. The anticipation builds until the big day when we can honor Mommy and tell her how much we love her.

This day is so tender, and one whose hugs will be remembered for many years to come. Thank you, Mommy, for making time in your busy schedule to be with us on this day!

## Summertime

This summer, try to let your children have plenty of time outside, plenty of time to run, climb, enjoy the feel of grass underfoot and the discoveries every backyard holds. Or inside, non-TV time spent using safety scissors, construction paper and glue can bring lots of fun; building towers of blocks, even helping to sort laundry or groceries can help to develop creativity, logic, or engineering skills! So many times, in an effort to offer our children all that we can, we err on the side of planning *too many great things to do*.

Childhood stress can be increasingly found in preschool children who are overscheduled, often by the best-intentioned parents.

So, take time to smell the roses! It might be the best of all options for you and your child's physical and mental health!

## Goodbye, Mrs. Krebs. We love you!!!

In 1976, just 4 years after our school opened, Mrs. Karen Krebs began working at Supplee as a teacher aide in a school much different than it is today and yet similar in many ways, too. At the time Mrs. Krebs started here, there were only 2 classes, with a staff of 3. Now there are 22 classes with a staff of 26! Mrs. Krebs has helped countless children and has also helped a number of new teachers and aides as we've "learned the ropes" here at Supplee.

She has an incredible way with the children. Eternally patient, Karen encourages each child to learn to trust us, to do their best, to see the others' points of view. Passing by her classroom, you will often see her down on one knee, quietly explaining to someone why it would be best to cooperate, to share or to join in the activities of the class. She *almost* always "wins them over!"

Karen will end her career at Supplee this month. To say she will be missed falls so short. Karen has had such a profound influence on the school as she quietly encouraged each of us to do our best, to be our best, and to be sure that we always kept our eyes on what was most important, the nurture and development of a child.

Mrs. Krebs's husband has been retired, and her grandchildren need more of her time. In balancing her priorities in life, she chose to spend more of her time with her family. Their gain, our loss. One of our 3's summed it all up for us. When Karen returned from a vacation, Payton ran into her arms and said, "Mrs. Krebs, *you* give the *best* hugs!"

Goodbye, Mrs. Krebs. We wish you all the best in the days ahead. God bless you always!

## Looking Ahead to 2008-9 School Year...



Welcome/Welcome Back packets of information will be sent to all families in August, including letters from your child's teacher, names of classmates, together with the opening schedule and all information you will need to

get started on our new school year.

We know that some of you are wondering about opening dates as you plan your summer vacations, and so here are our opening dates:

Wednesday, September 10 is the first day for...

- Monday/Wednesday 2-3's
- Monday/Wednesday/Friday 3-4's
- 3-day 4-5 Pre-K
- 4-day 4-5 Pre-K
- Older Pre-K

Thursday, September 11 is the first day for...

- Tuesday/Thursday 2-3's
- Tuesday/Thursday 3-4's
- Monday/Tuesday/Thursday 3-4's
- Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 3-4's

Friday, September 12 is the first day for...

- Friday 2-3's

If you have any questions over the summer, please feel free to call the Nursery School, and your call will be returned within a day or two.

### ...Or Goodbye and Good Luck!

For those of you who will be moving on to Kindergarten, we bid you a fond farewell. We will miss you and hope that you will stop in someday to say, "Hello!"



All of our AM classes are filled for next year, but we still have some spots in our PM classes. If you know of anyone who might be interested in all that Supplee offers, please ask them to call us!

## Overheard

- While painting at the easel, Thomas enthusiastically exclaimed, "Yellow and blue make green! Now *that's* what I'm talking about!" Another day, as he feathered his strokes on his paper, he stood back and exclaimed, "What a masterpiece!"
- One boy was working too close for comfort to another boy who said, "Ryan, you're driving me crazy!" Undaunted, Ryan replied, "I'm driving *myself* crazy!"
- After writing a few sentences on the board containing the word "we", Mrs. Cowden asked everyone to close their eyes to see if they could remember how to spell the word. "W-l-l" answered Jimmy!
- Mrs. Schmidt reminded Kayla that it was time to clean up. Knowing now she *had* to help she sighed, "Ya caught me, didn't ya!"
- Passing a dead skunk on the road, Matthew asked his mother, "If the skunk is in heaven, why does he still stink?"



**Thank you for a wonderful year!  
Have a safe and happy summer!**