



The Blue Line

We Have Fun with Spanish at MSYC

La Primavera

In Spanish we've been learning about Spring LA PRIMAVERA, so there have been birds and nests EL NIDO and eggs EL HUEVO and lots of colors again.

As chicks hatched in the classrooms, we learned about the family, including chicks LOS POLLITOS, the hen LA GALLINA and the rooster EL GALLO. You might have heard us singing about all of them.

We have also been practicing washing hands, taking baths, brushing teeth LOS DIENTES, taking naps LA SIESTA, and doing our exercises. On rainy days we put up our umbrellas EL PARAGUAS.

Now we are filling the house LA CASA with furniture LOS MUEBLES. We sit on the couch EL SOFA, eat at the table LA MESA, and sleep on the bed LA CAMA. We also have learned about jumping on the bed SALTANDO EN LA CAMA!

We hope you are having a wonderful time seeing the birds LOS PAJAROS, the squirrels LAS ARDILLAS and the bunnies LOS CONEJOS all around.

Miss Barb

Tortilla Day

The preschool children had a wonderful time making and tasting tortillas at MSYC in February.



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MSYC Mission Statement:
To promote and encourage the intellectual, social and physical development of children through education according to the Montessori method.

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Toddler Class Welcomes Spring!



We know that everyone looks forward to spring, but it is an especially exciting and amazing time for the children in the toddler class.

We will start going out first thing in the morning and will have the yard all to ourselves. Our day is spent experiencing nature's wonders—the wind in our hair, the feel of sand and dirt in our fingers, and finding tiny bugs on tiny green leaves.



The children clamor to help with the chores—filling the bird feeders, raking wood chips and sweeping the patio. And when May arrives we will be planting our garden—lugging buckets of water to splash on the seeds (and ourselves) and in a week or two we will be utterly surprised to find little green buds poking out of the ground—in the same spot we planted our seeds.

As the school year ends and summer begins, we welcome new friends to our classroom and say goodbye to others. Some will be moving to different classrooms and others will be moving to different cities. We are thankful for the time we have with your children, each one brings us joy and laughter and they will always have a place in our hearts.

Wishing you the best,



Miss Jennie, Miss Rumi and Miss Suzanne



Leith Orr is prepared for spring showers.



MSYC Summer Enrichment 2009: Fun With Water! June 8th—July 17th



Come join us this summer for "Fun with water". We will explore the waters of our world, the oceans and seas, rivers and bays. We will do experiments with water. What plants and animals live in the water? Where does the rain water go after it rains? What is the difference between salt water and fresh water? All these things and more we will find out about this summer as we learn about water.

So come and join us for 6 weeks of fun this summer at the Montessori School for Young Children. Morning sessions starting June 8th from 8:45-11:45am for children 18 months to 6 years old. This is a morning only program.

Spots are quickly filling up! Please contact the MSYC office soon to register!



Signs of Spring in the Preschool Classrooms



The long awaited spring is here!

The children have enjoyed the coming of warmer weather and more time in the outdoor play areas. We have been looking and listening for signs of spring.

One of our favorite activities for spring is the long anticipated hatching of the chicks. The excitement in the children's eyes as each of them hold the chicks for the first time is priceless! I'm sure many of you heard reports as the stages progressed.

Green eggs and ham is another favorite for the children. We had many good cooks and taste testers for this event.

We enjoyed talking to so many of you at parent-teacher conferences. Thank you for taking the time to come in to talk with us about their progress. It is

so amazing to see how much they have learned and grown since the beginning of the school year. Thank you again for all the ways you volunteer to help out. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated.

The last months of school will go by again quickly. Up coming events and topics will be hatching of butterflies and garden planting. Miss Cindy's class is currently studying birds and their songs and Miss Christie's class is enjoying a study of the solar system.

We are still in search of interesting sites for field trips. Please let us know if you have thoughts or connections for some fun and educational trips.

We hope you all have fun and enjoy a beautiful spring.

Miss Christie, Miss Cindy, Miss Sharon, Miss Rumi and Miss Kristin.



MSYC Graduation Picnic— May 14th, 5-7 pm at Bethany Park

Please note this change in date from the original school calendar! The picnic will be held Thursday, May 14th from 5-7 pm.

The MSYC Graduation Picnic is a special time for school families to celebrate a wonderful school year. We will recognize MSYC graduates, share photos from all of the classrooms, appreciate our wonderful teachers and staff, and eat and play together.

You bring your own picnic food, MSYC provides a drink and cake.

As many of you know, shelter IS available in case of rain. We hope to see as many of you there as possible!

MSYC Developing Continued Spanish Education Program

Are you interested in continuing your child's Spanish education post-MSYC? MSYC staff are working on developing an Alumni Spanish Club, with an experienced Spanish teacher who is currently a student at Nebraska Wesleyan University. Classes may start as soon as June, with very reasonable rates. If you are interested in a program like this, please be sure to respond to the note you find in your Thursday folder, or give Emily a call at 489-4366.

Notes from Your Board



Welcome Miss Carrie and Miss Jennie!



Welcome to Miss Carrie Frey (right) and Miss Jennie Zulkoski (left), new MSYC staff. Carrie began her work as MSYC's Educational Administrator in March. Jennie began her work as Staff Support for the Toddler Class and Lunch Bunch in February, and will be assisting with the summer program. They look forward to getting to know our MSYC families!

2009-2010 MSYC Board



Congratulations to MSYC's New Board of Directors! The results were officially tabulated at MSYC's March Board Meeting and officers were elected:

(front row) - Carolyn Brandle (Fundraising); Kristin Krohn (Secretary); Brooke Hinrichs (Community); Jody Leonard (President); Laura Frey (Communications); (back row) - Rob Knaak (Treasurer); Doug Kauffman (vice President). These are YOUR representatives guiding this parent-run, non-profit school. Please give them your support and let them know what's on your mind.

Thank You to the following outgoing board members: Lucinda Zmarzly, Stephen Scott, Scott Farnen, Tonya Haigh, and Amy Hesse.



MSYC Seeks Corporate Sponsors for Worthy Projects

MSYC is seeking one or more corporate sponsors to help provide financial support for special needs and projects, such as scholarships, building improvements and additional staff training opportunities. If you own or work for a company that might be interested in providing this kind of support, please contact Carolyn Brandle (488-7920) or Emily Berner (489-4366). Anyone who has ideas about businesses to approach, please also let us know.

MSYC Community



Much fun was had by children and their adults at MSYC's 2nd Annual Carnival, held in March. The event was a success thanks to the volunteer efforts of many, many parents, grandparents, and friends of MSYC. The event raised over \$1000 for MSYC too! Thank you!

CASEY FRITTON PHOTO FUNDRAISERS

MSYC parent Casey Fritton is offering two great fundraisers for our preschool right now. MSYC families are invited to sign up for a FREE outdoor photo session held in MSYC's beautiful backyard. Sessions are being scheduled Monday April 27th through May 1st from 4:00pm - 6:30pm. Families can call Casey at 416-8173 to book an appointment.

Again, the 15 minute sessions are FREE for MSYC families, and only \$20 for non-MSYC families, so tell your friends and family. Prints are very reasonable: 8 wallets for \$24.00; 5x7 for \$30.00; 8x10 for \$45.00; 11x14 for \$90.00. 15% of proceeds go to MSYC!

Also, if you haven't yet checked out Casey's website (www.frittonphoto.com) to see darling photos of the MSYC egg hunt, go today. They are adorable! Password is MSYC Bunny. Again 15% of sales come right back to support our preschool. Thanks Casey!

MSYC Staff Birthdays

June 1st - Emily Berner
June 2nd - Miss Suzanne
September 22nd - Miss Cindy
October 4th—Miss Jennie
October 17th - Miss Kristin
November 8th - Miss Barb
November 22nd - Miss Rumi
December 26th- Miss Carrie
February 2nd - Miss Christie
February 11th - Miss Sharon

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MSYC Rummage Sale

As you've been doing your spring cleaning have you been setting aside items to donate to the annual MSYC Rummage Sale? This is one of our greatest FUNdraisers of the year!

April 27th - 30th— Bring items to school during student drop-off and pick-up **If you have large items and would like to arrange for pick up, please contact Kelly to schedule a date and time.**

May 1st-2nd (10am-3pm) - Garage sale at the home of Lucinda Zmarzly and Richard Rebarber (2900 Jackson Drive).

Along with your donations of items, we need volunteers for pricing on Thursday evening (**April 30**), setting up and staffing on Friday & Saturday mornings, and picking up and delivering items during the week of April 27-30.

Sign-up sheets are in the office, or you can contact Kelly Orr at 613-5903. THANK YOU!

Upcoming MSYC Events

April 26th – Spring Work Day 1:30-4pm

April 28th – Love & Logic Workshop Part 2

April 27th – May 1st – Spring Photos with Casey Fritton

May 1st – May tuition due

May 1st & 2nd – MSYC Rummage Sale 10-3pm

May 14th—MSYC Graduation Picnic, 5-7pm, Bethany Park

May 18th – Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm

May 21st – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL,

June 8th – July 17th – Fun with Water!
Summer Enrichment Program

August 20th—New Parent Orientation, 7-8 pm

August 21st—Open House for Students and Families 10-11am

August 24th—First Day of School!