



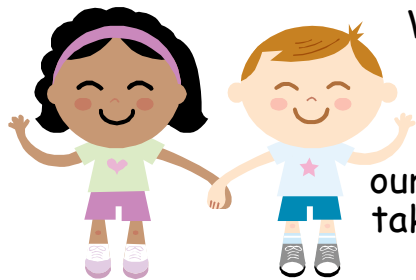
Village News

April, 2009

Website Updated

Don't forget to go on line and see the new look on our web site! We also have a new monthly calendar on line. Each month includes special activities, holidays and important events. The calendar also allows you to look ahead to future months, when you need to plan for your family and work schedule.

Spring Pictures



We will soon have fun getting our picture taken.

We are planning to have a photographer at the Village to take class and individual pictures. We will keep you informed once we know the exact date, so that you can look pretty and handsome, and be ready to show off those beautiful smiles!

Family Event

We are in the planning stages of

developing a family get together. We are thinking about a **breakfast** one morning, so that parents can get to know other parents, and our staff can have a little more time to get to know you.



Spring Landscaping & Garden

April should be a good time to do our landscaping around the Village entrance and mailbox. We will also be preparing a small vegetable garden. Our Villagers will help with planting, watering, weeding and harvesting. **Yum.**



Staff Updates

Although we have had several staff changes, we feel that the Village is greatly benefiting from the new

additions we have made. We have really come together as a Village staff, with a wonderful outlook and much enthusiasm.

And... We would like to welcome **Helaine** to our staff! She comes to the Village with several years of pre-school and elementary teaching experience. Her strengths include getting young children ready for school, creative curriculum, and emphasizing the importance of nature and the outdoors in a small child's experience. Helaine is excited to be teaching our pre-school class. *Welcome!*



Parent Reminders

***Our Web Site is always available to provide our parents with up to date information about Village happenings, including our calendar and monthly newsletter.

***Until all parents get used to looking at our Web Site calendar, don't forget the following closing dates:

April 10th, Good Friday
August 10th-14th, Summer Break

***Spring break is coming up for our public schools, and families often leave for vacation. Let us know if our Villagers will be away that week, so that we can staff accordingly.

*** A reminder for parents that tuition payments are due on the first of each month, for the upcoming month. Please don't be later than the 5th of the month, so that we can keep our accounts in order and pay our wonderful teachers on time!

Recommended Reading

Beyond The Rainbow Bridge

Nurturing our children from birth to seven

By Barbara Patterson

The book is written by a teacher at one of the Waldorf Schools. She does not necessarily promote Rudolf Steiner's schools, but his philosophy and style of caring for and educating young children is evident in the ideas and suggestions she presents. This book is

fun to read, including very practical suggestions and a sympathetic understanding of very busy parents! The importance of rhythm, play and calmness, and routine in the life of children is emphasized. She includes a great section on creative discipline, and the drawings and pictures are charming. What a great resource!



Miss Rumphius
by Barbara Cooney

A little girl named Alice is influenced by her grandfather's advice as she grows older. He said, "Do something to make the world more beautiful". This book could be considered an early introduction to teaching our children to contribute to a sustainable environment.

Watch for these books soon in our growing parent resource library.

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