



Harbour Highlights

Happy Harbour ECP

January 2012

From The Directors

Happy New Year! We hope that your holidays were joyous and restful! We are looking forward to a second half of the year full of fun and exciting activities with your children.

Beginning January 17th, we will have 2012-2013 registration packets available for pick-up in the office. While our tuition payments will remain the same, the one-time registration/supply fee will increase to \$150 to offset rising costs. If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by the office...we would be happy to help you.

Thursday, February 2nd and Friday, February 3rd, the Happy Harbour teachers and staff will be attending the Methodist Conference for teacher training. School will be closed on these days! This is a wonderful conference where we learn many wonderful things to share with your children in the classroom.

We pray that 2012 will be a wonderful year full of many blessings for you and your family!

Diana and Laura

Important Dates

Jan. 16 th	MLK Holiday- No school
Jan. 17 th	Registration packets available
Feb. 2 nd - 3 rd	School Closed - Methodist Conference for teacher training

Office Reminders:

- **Tuition:** Please remember that monthly tuition is due on the 1st and late on the 10th. To register for 2012-2013, your account for this year must be current.



- **Yee Haw!**
Rodeo is coming!!!
February 27th and 28th We have many volunteer opportunities...so stop by the office if interested!



Happy Birthday!

Parker Balaban
Maverick Dick
Christian Garcia
Jack Koss
Lydia Krause
Koehl Morgan
Jack Munson
Canyon Scully
Beau Smith
Kyle Staggs
Danny Valenzuela
Jacob Vincent
Bryan Williams

other area of development. With advanced physical development, children master increasingly sophisticated tasks and gain personal responsibility for their own physical needs, such as dressing themselves. In many ways, physical development promotes social/emotional development as well. As children learn what their bodies can do, they become more willing to try new and challenging tasks. This affects a child's overall learning across all objectives.

"Achieving gross motor control includes: moving the large muscles of the body, especially the arms, legs and torso, consciously and deliberately; balance and stability; movements such as walking, climbing, running, jumping, hopping, galloping, and skipping; and physical manipulations such as throwing, kicking and catching."

Each day at Happy Harbour, our students have the opportunity to work on their gross motor skills both in the classroom and outside on the playground. Here are a few examples of what that might look like in the classroom in each age group: 2's—fingerpainting, clapping, cleaning up toys, pulling out and sitting in chairs, lining up, large scale table coloring, balance beam


3's—playdough (rolling out and smashing), transitional activities (stretches, shake your sillies out), dress up centers, ice skating on wax paper, hokey pokey, follow the leader, obstacle course with opposites, mystery movement 4's—felt boards, painting on easels, dress up centers, blocks, assembling on large magnet boards, tossing games

For more information visit the Curriculum Corner display located outside the office.

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Information found in "The Creative Curriculum for Preschool" by Dodge, Colker & Heroman



Curriculum Corner

Happy New Year! With the coming of the New Year we often think of a "new year's resolution" to change something about ourselves or our lives. Most often it has something to do with our physical fitness or, the lack thereof. I usually steer clear of these types of resolutions but even I succumbed this year. Not enough time to get to the gym over the past several months and a holiday filled with confections and special treats was my downfall. I need more gross motor activity!

You will be happy to know that there is no shortfall of gross motor activity around here for our students. Gross motor (large muscle) development falls under the physical development objective in The Creative Curriculum. Physical development may sometimes be taken for granted in early childhood because it is often assumed that it happens automatically. This assumption is untrue, remembering that physical development is just as important to learning as every