

April 2010 Newsletter



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Welcome to Spring!

Star 4 Certification

Our staff worked hard this past year to qualify Sage Cottage as a Star 4 center. This is the highest rating from the NM Children Youth and Families department. Some of the areas required for Star 4 are: Low teacher-student ratios, student goal setting and assessment processes, carefully planned curriculum, varied and appropriate indoor and outdoor environments, staff professional development planning, employee benefits, and family involvement plans.

Family Night

Please join us on **Wednesday, April 28** for a night of eating and having fun with science. This will be an International Pot-Luck - bring something from your home country or something you just like to share with others. After dinner we will have science play centers set up for us all to enjoy.

Big THANK YOU to LANB

LANB donated funds to help cover tuition costs for our lower income families.

Webcams

We've been slowly setting up webcams in the rooms. We now have cams in both Infant/toddler rooms. Please ask Susana or Cheri for the password. Links to cams are off the Parent pages.

Teacher Appreciation - Week of May 3

Our teachers will be writing their "wish list" items on paper flowers. If you wish to get an item or do a favor for a teacher, choose a flower from our "flower garden".

Recycling Reminder

We recycle ink cartridges, phones, and aluminum cans. We also collect Campbell's labels.

As always, please don't hesitate to bring any concerns or suggestions to our attention. You may reach Susana and Cheri at director@sagecottage.us or 672-0534. We appreciate your support!

Thanks. Susana & Cheri

Early Childhood

Dear Families:

We hope you all had a great Spring break. It has been very sad to see Ms. Barbara leave but we wish her luck with all she sets off to do. We'd like to try to make the transition as easy as possible for both the parents and the children until someone is hired to replace her as Lead Teacher. If there is anything that you the parents think would make the transition easier for you the parents and for the children, please don't hesitate to talk to us. We really would appreciate your feedback.

For the month of April we will be studying mammals - looking at their habitats, the foods they eat and the different types of mammals there are. We will also take a look at the continent of Europe. A BIG thanks to Ms. Cindi who has given us maps and pictures of her travels in Europe. In Botany we will study the plant and its parts. For Practical Life we will do pouring, table washing, and ladling.

Thank you again for baring with us as all the changes occur and please bring any questions or concerns to our attention and we will do our best to help out as best as we can.

Thank you.

Ms. Alyssa, Ms. Rhonda, Ms. Desiree, & Ms. Annette

Transition Class

Dear Families:

WELCOME TO SPRING!! We have entered April. Hope everyone had a wonderful Spring Break.

Thank you to all the parents for coming to the Parent Conferences.

This month we will study mammals, parts of flowers, roots, and Europe. We will probably touch on Italy and have pasta and make little pizzas.

Sadly we say good-bye to Rosie as she has left our school. We will miss her.

We will have Ashley Stimson visiting our class on Tuesdays and Thursdays until she moves in full time sometime in May.

Thank you,
Ms. Tanya
Ms. Kimra

INFANT and TODDLER CLASS

Dear Families:

We wish to begin by saying "Thank You" to all who came to the Parent-Teacher conferences. It is so nice to connect about your "little ones" and to update on all the upcoming plans for them. On that note, Ashley will be visiting the Transition class during this month and will start full-time sometime in May. Lilly will follow suit by the end of summer. My, they are growing so fast! We are so glad that we have a small school and will continue to see them often.

This month will be a busy one as we will talk about mammals, focusing on dogs; parts of a flower and signs of spring.

The children will help to get our garden ready by raking and digging up the dirt. Jack Fisher's grandpa, Clint Webb, will help us prepare the ground and plant. If any of you parents (or grandparents) would like to help with gardening, please let us know.

On Wednesdays we will begin Music and Movement and StoryTime at the Library.

Sadly we had to say goodbye to Soliel, Rosie, and Mom.

We have new faces in our class, welcoming Julian, Elleana and families.

Haley from the E.C. class will be bringing her sister, Hannah, to our program later this month.

Mark your calendars: We will have our "now annual" International Pot Luck on Wednesday, April 28. After eating, we will have science and math activities. Hope you will all come and bring your special cultural dish to share.

Thanks for all your support.

Ms. Beth, Ms. Jennifer, Ms. Juanita, & Ms. Tammy

P.S. Mother's Day is around the corner (early May) and we plan to invite our Mothers for a special time and treat! We will keep you posted.