

Mark Your Calendar

- **1.18.10**
No School—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- **2.15.10**
No School—President's Day
- **3.22.10–3.26.10**
No School—Spring Break

Food for Thought

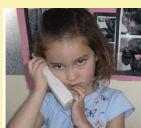
- frozen berries
- fresh fruit
- fresh vegetables (carrots, cucumbers)
- milk

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Profile

Storybook Journey

Currently we are studying space with our main book "Circle Song" by Diana Engel. Unfortunately we weren't able to find this book new, so we didn't have parent ordering on this story. It is available on several book sites such as Alibris.com and Amazon.com.

We are studying the circles of space. The circle of the Earth, Moon, Sun, planets and stars is our focus as we explore, imagine, invent, research and dream the known and unknown. We'll see how circles are the building blocks of our lives – how

circles make our faces and our friendships, our viewing lenses and our light. Studies include: the Earth, Sun, Moon, planets and stars; circular orbits; spaceships, exploration and travel; binoculars and telescopes; the life of an astronaut; and friendship circles.

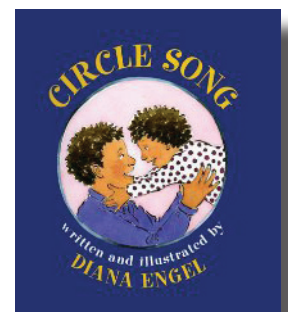
Our next book will be "I'm The Biggest Thing in the Ocean" by Kevin Sherry. This book is available for \$4.00, and there will be an order sheet by the door. If you have paid for the year of books, we will automatically order it unless you decline it.

Welcome Back

Elaine, Michael, Matuka, Jen and Suzanne would like to welcome all families back after the winter break. Just a reminder that the Boulder Valley School District shows snow days on its website, www.BVSD.org and you can check in the morning on 9News and www.cw2.com. If you see Boulder Valley canceling school, that will include us.

If you would like a copy, just sign in the order book before Friday January 22nd.

We will be studying the oceans of the world, the animals and plants of the ocean, sizes and shapes, and also touching on pride, boasting and bragging.





Fundraising

A big thank you to Matt Bezark, Wolf's dad, for donating the glass ornaments which have been for sale in the class over the last month. All of the money raised from his donation has gone directly towards helping children attend the school that otherwise would not be able to afford to come. We still have more for sale, both hanging in the classroom and in the office.

We would also like to thank the Johnstons and Jen Swezey for donating money towards the purchase of a new dishwasher. Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped us wash dishes over the last two months, we should have the new dishwasher installed in the next week.

Save the Date: January 30th, 3-5pm, Wild Sage Common House, 1650 Zamia. Ina Rochelle (Erin Robinson's mom) will be selling high quality casual life wear for women. All of the commissions will be donated to the CHP Scholarship fund. More details to follow.



We Are What You Eat

For all the new families, and a reminder to our old families, Children's House has been successfully earning money through the sale of grocery cards for most popular supermarkets.

We all spend money on food each month, so please make the effort to sustain our scholarship program by purchasing the cards monthly. Remember, there is no additional cost to you. Michael has the cards in the office for Vitamin Cottage, Safeway, King Soopers, and Sunflower Markets. Help us fulfill our mission: Children's House Preschool believes all children -- of every race, ability, native language, culture and socio-economic status -- have the right to flourish in an inclusive preschool program.



Happenings

We have new Scholastic order forms by the sign-in book or you can go online to view the catalogs and order www.scholastic.com/parentordering **Class User Name:** chpschool **Password:** class

This weekend I will be updating our Shutterfly site. If you have yet to see the site, please log on after Monday the 18th. The website is <http://childrenshousepreschool.shutterfly.com/>. It is password protected, so if you haven't visited the site yet, set up your own account on shutterfly, and then email me for the password to view the school's site. If you would like relatives to see the photos, make sure you email me first, as I need to approve all members. This site also contains a class schedule, so you can see the names of all the children in the class, and a family list in case you would like to contact any other families.



With a Song in Your Heart

Mister Sun

Oh Mister Sun, Sun,
Mister Golden Sun,
Please shine down on me
Oh Mister Sun, Sun,
Mister Golden Sun,
Hiding behind a tree...

These little children
Are asking you
To please come out
So we can play with you

Oh Mister Sun, Sun,
Mister Golden Sun,
Please shine down on me!

The Solar System in Motion

(to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell")

The Earth turns around,
The Earth turns around.
Once a day, every day,
The Earth turns around.
The moon goes round the Earth,
The moon goes round the Earth.
Once a month, every month,
The moon goes round the Earth.
The Earth goes round the sun,
The Earth goes round the sun.
Once a year, every year,
The earth goes round the sun.

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star
Twinkle, twinkle little star, how I wonder what you are
Up above the world so high, like a diamond in the sky
Twinkle, twinkle little star, how I wonder what you are

Stars

(to the tune of "Twinkle Twinkle, Little Star")

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
I know what you really are:
Giant ball of glowing gas,
One of billions in a mass!
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
Oh, how big you really are!

Twinkle, twinkle, giant star,
Larger than the Earth by far!
Since your distance is a lot,
You look like a tiny dot.
Twinkle, twinkle, giant star,
Very bright, yet very far!
Stars are twinkling, every one,
Some are bigger than the sun!
Just a twinkle in the sky,
Just because you're oh, so high!
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
Oh, how big you really are!

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine
(repeat 2 more times)

No one's gonna puff it out; I'm gonna let it shine
(repeat once more)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

The Planet Song

Well the Sun's a hot star,
Mercury's hot, too.
Venus is the brightest planet,
Earth's home to me and you.
Mars is the red one,
And Jupiter's most wide.
Saturn's got those icy rings,
And Uranus spins on its side.
Neptune's really windy,
And Pluto's really small.





Out of the Mouths of Babes

Max is working at the art table when he is asked, "Max, what kind of tools do you need?" Max, "Too many!"

Noe is pretending to be a spider in a web. She hands Suzanne a chipmunk and says, "Be this." The spider and the chipmunk are talking when Wolf comes over and says, "Watch out chipmunk." The chipmunk answers, "It's okay, we're friends." Wolf shakes his head and says, "That's just not right Suzanne."

Noah to Matuka: "I love to sit on my Mommy's lap and that's what I'm going to do to you."

Matuka sometimes calls the children "Mr." or "Ms.". She sees Gabriel playing with Max and comments, "Gabriel, I'm glad to see you made a new friend, what's his name?" Gabriel replies, "Mr. Max."

Erin, "Michael, you're like a chef." Isabelle joins in, "Yeah, you're like Chef Ramsey; everything you cook tastes great." (Thankfully I don't speak like him.)

Pieter finishes his painting, "What do you think of my masterpiece?"

Nick to Elaine, "That's a long coat. It's like an old ladies dress."

Thean-"I'm sitting from you diagonally. What's that in chess?"

Koen-"the bishop"

Thean-"Oh yeah, what else?"

Koen-"the queen"

Eli at the art table, "I'm drawing the equators on the moon."

Sawyer eats his apple down to the core. "I ate the planet apple." Erin adds, "the planet apple has a banana moon."

Dane is explaining to Christopher, Nick and Mauricio

the needs of the school, "You can play the nice monster game, but not the scary monster game where you growl at people. I'm not going to play that game anymore – sometimes I even scare myself!"

Erin is looking through the play dough tools and finds a cutter in the shape of a person wearing pants. "I want a girl one of these." Matuka, "Girls wear pants Erin." Erin, "Well I want one with a skirt on, my sister is always wearing pants."

Gabriel picks up a globe and brings it up to his face, exclaiming, "Here we are."

Jack walks up to Elaine with 2 helmets for space travel, "Where's my buddy?" Elaine, "Who's your buddy?" Jack, "Where's my Cole buddy?"

Lincoln introduces himself as "Lincoln Michael Brewer" and then when asked Santa's age old question he said, "Well, Santa Claus I haven't been perfect, but.....I have been good."

Elaine is talking to the new children about who they can ask for help.

Iona-"Isla (her younger sister who has just started preschool in January) will always come to me if she needs help from a little kid, like me."

Wolf is in the space ship, and calls through his radio, "Elaine, I have a message from space for you." Elaine, "Yes Astronaut Coops (his stage name). Come in." Wolf, "I have to go pee." And as he runs to the bathroom he calls out, "I'm still in space."

