



THE WINDOW

An inside look at Bethesda Nursery School

IMPORTANT NEWS!

Boots!

Please continue to send rubber rain boots and warm jackets in with your child for the next few weeks. The weather is still unpredictable and it is often windy raw and muddy when we go outside in the morning. We lose precious outside time when we have to root around in our pile of school boots to find a pair that fits a child who does not have his or her own. If you send your child in boots, please be sure he or she has a pair of shoes or slippers to change into after being outdoors. We are trying to minimize the amount of mud tracked onto the rugs that we sit on - thank you!

Summer Program

You will soon see posters advertising the different themes of this year's summer program appearing in the cubby area. Please consider sending your child to Bethesda for a happy, active experience. We spend most of our time outdoors, where the kids enjoy a loosely structured day full of water play, art activities, music and tricycle trips through our famous "car wash." Please talk to a teacher if you would like to hear more about our summer program. And spread the word to your friends - summer program is open to all kids through the age of 8.



Spring!

The weather might not seem springlike, but the kids have seen many signs of the changing season outside in the playground. One drippy day brought the surprise discovery of a clutch of salamanders wriggling under a piece of wood, which led to a long period of observation by many fascinated children. The wet weather also precipitated a worm rescue operation, as stranded, waterlogged worms were delicately plucked from the blacktop and carried gently to safe spots away from tricycles, running feet and hungry birds.

Spring also brings a whirlwind of events here at Bethesda. Please read the list below for important information about upcoming events:

SPRING CONFERENCES Every child will receive a written report in the spring. Sit-down conferences are available but not required. If you would like to have a conference with a teacher, please sign up on the dry-erase calendar that is hanging opposite the classroom door. The teachers work hard on these reports; please sign up at least several days in advance of the date of the conference.

PLANT SALE Plant Sale order forms are due on April 18th.

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS Applications are due on **April 22** - they will not be accepted after that date.

SPRING FAIR SIGN-UP Please help us meet our goal of three hours of volunteer time per family. Each family that signs up for at least three hours will be entered into a special raffle!

GOOD FRIDAY School will be closed on Good Friday, April 19th.



Working on the piñata that will be part of the Teacup Raffle at the Spring Fair. The children are the most important members of the Bethesda Community and are very proud to contribute to the fair preparations. As the fair approaches they will help to spruce up the playground, raking and weeding and making sure school looks its best for the special day. They will sing songs about fairs, act out "Simple Simon" and do LOTS of talking about which activity is their favorite (the lollypop toss and bouncy train usually win the most votes). Needless to say, the anticipation ramps up with each passing day, and the kids are thrilled and proud to talk about what part their parents will play on the day of the fair.