



## January At A Glance

January 4th: classes begin

January 15th: Applications and \$100 deposits due for 2010/2011 school year.

January 18th: No School  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 26th: Preschool fair at Mt. Si High School 9:00 AM-Noon.

## The Discovery News January 2010

December Reflections: December was so busy with all of our holiday crafts and projects and our learning about Hanukkah, Kwanza and Christmas. We also wrapped up our study of the continents. We tasted different breads from every continent. Your child said "yes please" and "no thank you" in six different languages...one from each continent (excluding Antarctica).

We had such a great time during all of our book exchanges. The kids loved giving and receiving a new book, sharing cookies and hot chocolate, singing songs and spending some time with friends before our break. There was definitely excitement in the air as the kids looked forward to their own holiday traditions.

**Kid Quote:** During the book exchange, our friend Ella Spurlock said..."Hey, I got an email from Santa and he said I've been good!"



Solar System: In January, we will begin our study of the Solar System. We will learn the phases of the moon and all about constellations. We will also be "visiting" the planets. Our dramatic play area will be a space ship. This is a favorite unit for many of the children.

*Winter* will be the theme for many of our language experiences in January. We will be reading lots of Winter related stories and learning many winter poems and songs. Many of our literature choices this month will come from favorite Children's author, Jan Brett.

Sharing: This month we would still like the kids to bring a picture of an adventure they have experienced, for their sharing. If you have pictures of Winter adventures that would be great! (skiing, sledding, ice skating etc) Another option would be items related to our theme of Solar System. Sharing provides the kids with an opportunity to use language and express themselves in front of their peers. It is an important part of our curriculum.

### Things we need:

We have lots of fun projects planned for the next few months. We will be needing many random items. If you can spare anything on the list below, we would greatly appreciate it.

- ◆ Empty, clean tin cans with no lids, no labels and no sharp edges (all sizes)
- ◆ Empty paper towel and wrapping paper tubes
- ◆ Packing Styrofoam (not packing peanuts)
- ◆ Old electronics the kids can take apart (clocks, radios, cameras etc.)



## THE DISCOVERY PRESCHOOL (425) 681-4049

### Enrollment for 2009/2010 School Year:

If you are planning on re-enrolling your child for preschool next year, please fill out the attached application and turn it in to me no later than January 15th. I will be opening up enrollment for new families January 18th, so I need to confirm what class/classes you would like your child in before that date. Many of you have let me know that you are most interested in the morning classes for next year. Because we are only losing 20ish kids to Kindergarten, we may not be able to accommodate everyone's first choice for classes next year. If an afternoon class will work for you at all, please let us know. We may have to do a lottery for the morning classes, if we don't get enough current families interested in PM classes. We have decided to offer one PM Pre-K class for kids who are definitely going to K the next year, and one PM 3-5 year old class, as well. If either one of those classes interests you, please let us know. (Side note...I have always done PM classes with my own kids and loved them! No morning rush, that way.) I will also need your \$100 materials fee/deposit on January 15th. Just a reminder: if your child is returning next year, his/her tuition rate will remain the same \$215 2 days, \$265 for 3 days and \$480 for 5 days per week. If you have a new child entering our program, the tuition will be \$225 for 2 days, \$275 for 3 days and \$500 for 5 days per week. Please let me know if you have any questions.

### 2010/2011 Class Options

MWTh 9:00-11:30

MWTh 12:30-3:00

MWTh Pre-K  
12:30-3:00 (kids must be 4 and heading to Kindergarten the following year.)

MWTh PM 3-5 year old class 12:30-3:00

T, F 9:00-11:30

5 mornings per week



### Space Suit Poem

Space suit's on,  
Ready for the trip,  
Let's blast off in a rocket ship,

Ready for the countdown,  
Engine's on,  
5-4-3-2-1 We're gone,

There goes Venus,  
Now past Mars,  
Dodging Comets,  
Shooting Stars,

Landing on a planet,  
Lots to do,  
We'll be back in a year or two.

### Wednesday Moms Group

Moms, there will be a Christian Parenting Book Group/Veggie Tale hour starting Wednesday, Jan 6th from 9:00 to 11:30 in The Connections Cafe at SVA. On Wednesdays, you will be eligible to receive 50% off the coffee beverage of your choice! Please contact Cheryl Fink (Sam's Mom) at: [cherylafink@comcast.net](mailto:cherylafink@comcast.net) for additional information. Hope you can join this fun group and receive support while your kids learn valuable life lessons with Veggie Tales!

Preschool Fair at Mt. Si High School: On January 26th from 9:00 AM-Noon, our teachers will be attending the Snoqualmie Valley Preschool Fair at Mt. Si High School. If you know of anyone who is interested in our program for their child next year, please pass along this information. We will be there to meet parents and kids and to share information about our preschool. This is a free event.

The Staff at SVA wanted me to let you know that the coffee bar is open for business. If you would like to purchase a latte while you wait for your child, please feel free to do so.