

Puffin Newsletter

First off, thank you to all of the families that have come in to share their time with us to talk about a multitude of exciting things. Most recently we had **Theresa Intag** come in and show the kids how to make large paper fans. This was very cool and it was a great fine motor activity. We're always looking for new ways to stretch those pencil-holding muscles. We also had a visit from **Will Petty** who made yummy fruit smoothies with our class. We used our math skills to practice measuring and estimation. Our room smelled like Jamba Juice all morning.

Next week is Week of the Young Child and we will celebrate your child all week long with many exciting activities and special events.

There are a few items we would like donated to make our week a special one. There will be a sign up sheet on the door and we would appreciate it if you could sign up to bring something.

T-shirt Project: We need everyone to bring in one white t-shirt starting this Friday, April 20th. Ideally we will have everyone's t-shirt, in hand no later than Monday morning, April 23rd. We are also looking for two parent volunteers who are able to bring an iron and help out with the t-shirt project. I need TWO people to commit from 9am-11am, but I am anticipating we will be done before 11(I hope).

Ice Cream Social: The parents are invited to attend an ice cream social with their child on Thursday, April 26th at 3pm in the Puffins room. Please let us know if you are able to attend!

Wood Working: A HUGE thank you to the Jones and Baker families for all the wood they have donated to our class. This project is such a great way for the kids to practice many developmental skills. When the kids make decisions about design, shape and type of wood to use, they are practicing problem-solving skills. When two children build together, or help each other make decisions about a creation, they are practicing social skills. Most importantly, when they realize that they nailed two pieces of wood together or put a screw into a board all on their own, they are developing self-esteem and a sense of accomplishment.

If you would like to help our class continue to develop these skills, we are gladly accepting donations of **pine** and **poplar** wood. These woods accept nails easier than most other types of wood. However, we will not turn away any wood that comes our way.

Thanks so much! ☺ The Puffins

