

## Kensington Preschool

### Director's Report

March 2014



With a little over four months left in our school year, which is hard to believe, we have had a most fun and successful year at our preschool. As we approach the spring season this March, we start a renewal of

life with planting and growing. All classrooms are filled with potting soil, plant life and insects, as all begin to blossom, bloom and hatch. Many changes take place in the spring while we watch our plants grow and we discover the fascinating process of metamorphosis. At the same time, we also see the usual growth and development in the children as they begin to bloom showing signs of moving up to the next stage in their preschool experience. What a joy, and a teacher's sense of accomplishment. to see all these transformations take place! Everything is non-stop between now and the end of June.

Our annual fundraisers run by our KPPA have been very successful this year and have brought in enough funds to help purchase numerous new classroom items and equipment for the preschool, totaling several thousand dollars. We are extremely grateful to our KPPA for all their efforts in supporting the school as they do each year. Some of the items have been: new manipulatives for each classroom; a new play cabin and kitchen for our 2's outdoor play area; a much needed shade umbrella in the 2's play yard; as well as an art drying rack on casters for our 2's room and many more. Funds from prior as well as recent successful fundraisers have made this possible and continue to be a great source of help and support to KPS.

The school continues twice a month with our Munchkin Music Program and monthly Chapel Time. We have enjoyed a trip to the Pumpkin Patch, SeaWorld, a visit from the Burn Institute, and a walk to the Community Library on Adams Ave. for story time. Before school ends we hope to have an upcoming local fire fighter visit, and a Zoo Educational program visit. We have continued our popular Lunch Bunch and Stay & Play programs with ages 3, 4 and 5 years. Our annual Open House/Scholastic Book Fair and Bake sale as well as our end of the year Gala will

end our fundraising.

Our last day of school will be June 13. On that evening, we will say farewell to several families moving upward and onward to Kindergartens all over our community. We will celebrate with an exciting finish, on 4's Grad night. Summer School begins the following Tuesday for one month. We then close for the remainder of the summer months.

We will resume classes for the 2014-15 school year on September 8<sup>th</sup>.