

# K-K News

March 13, 2009

Dear K-K families:

On Wednesday night, we welcomed the parents of next year's kindergartners to Hunnewell. It is amazing to me that it was a year ago that most of you sat in that position. This is especially true when I think back to Open School Night before vacation, and the confidence and pride with which your children led you through the halls and their work.

On Wednesday afternoon, Julie and I also began our spring parent conferences. It was striking to realize that these meetings mark "the beginning of the end" for me, as I begin to prepare to leave the classroom for this year. It has been such a pleasure to work with all of you and your children. Julie and I look forward to seeing the rest of you for conferences in the next few weeks!

## **In other news....**

- In mathematics this week, we shifted our focus from two dimensional shapes to three dimensional geometry. The children have been making great observations about the relationships between the two dimensional shapes we studied in the past few weeks, and the three dimensional solids that they are now finding in the classroom. (As an aside, oblate spherioids are not typically part of this curriculum. The children were searching for cones, spheres, cylinders, rectangular prisms and triangular prisms the other day, and one student commented on the fact that our list was lacking an oval. When I explained that ovals are two dimensional, I was shown the egg from our dramatic play

area. Thus, I gave the children the appropriate vocabulary: oblate spheroid. I had no idea that this would become the most popular words in the classroom!)

- Also on the topic of vocabulary, the children enjoyed great experiments with *erosion* this week. They were quickly convinced of the power of water as they observed the effects of waves, raindrops and rivers on their sand environments in class.
- In literacy this week, we began an author's study of Ezra Jack Keats. We have had some wonderful conversations about the characters and settings that are shared in many of his books.
- I am placing a final request for juice bottles and drier lint. We will be using these items for two science projects next week. Once again, thank you for sharing your trash with us!
- Thank you for the prompt return of the permission slips for the Music Mosaic rehearsal. The children are very excited about sharing their music with you on March 23.
- Also, please remember that you are invited to the classroom on Monday, March 30, 8:45-9:15 to share some of the geometry work we have been doing in mathematics.

While I will not be able to join you this weekend, I wish everyone a wonderful time at the auction. I look forward to seeing the children on Monday morning!

Sincerely,

*Lynn*