

# K-K News

March 6, 2009

Dear K-K Families:

*"It looks like the bump in the middle of an egg!"*

*"It looks like a mountain!"*

*"I used trapezoids, triangles, and three blue rhombi to build my design."*

These quotes reflect just some of the observation and vocabulary development going on in the classroom in our study of water and our unit on geometry, respectively. The first set of quotes reflects children's observations of the drops of water they could fit on top of a penny as we explored surface tension this week. The children are working on counting and recording the number of drops of water they can fit on one side of a penny before the surface tension breaks. Try this at home...the numbers are remarkable!

The geometry quote comes from a child's description of her work with shapes on the computer, as she shared her recording with the whole class.

In both instances, children are deepening their understanding of a topic as they build their vocabulary and descriptive skills. It is a joy to share!

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

Speaking of sharing, we look forward to seeing some of you for conferences next Wednesday, and many of you for conferences in

the following weeks. Please check the schedule that is posted outside of the classroom if you have any questions regarding your conference time.

There has been some confusion regarding winter gear and warming weather. To clarify the policy, children must have boots and snow pants whenever there is snow/mud on the field. Since these conditions ebb and flow through the months of March and April, we strongly urge you to send boots daily until April vacation. This policy insures that the classroom stays relatively clean, and that children are warm and dry enough to focus their attention on learning in the classroom. We appreciate your cooperation with this policy, and join you in looking forward to warm spring days when it is no longer necessary!

The home folders are quite full today. Please be sure to return the permissions slips that will allow your child to participate in the Musical Mosaic on March 23, and consider the WINGS programs if your family will be around this summer.

Mark your calendars: Hunnewell Auction: March 14; Musical Mosaic, March 23; K March Math Morning, March 30.

We are still looking for 64 ounce juice bottles and drier lint for upcoming science activities. Please share your garbage!

Enjoy the weekend with your children, and remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday! We look forward to seeing you next week.

Sincerely,

*Lynn and Julie*