

K-2 FIREWEED ACADEMY NEWSLETTER
February 18th, 2013

HAPPENINGS

Great Week of Friendly Visits... More to come!

We had some wonderful visits last week with interested kids and their parents and a great visit with Kim's Kinderhaus Pre-school. This week, Small Pond School is coming for a visit on Friday and next week we are hosting Homer Head Start. We have enjoyed sharing our school with new folks.

Islands and Ocean Field Trip

We are heading off to join the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve staff for a program on Marine Mammals and Coastal Birds this week. Jon's class and half of Kim's class will be going on Thursday morning (8:45-10:45) and Deb's class and the other half of Kim's class will go on Friday morning (same time). KBRR staff always does a fantastic program and are great with the kids.

NOTE: Bring \$3 to pay for the bus! Timely arrivals are important due to early bus departure!!

Walking Field Trip to the Homer High Greenhouse w/Francie Roberts

Francie Roberts and her students have invited us to visit their greenhouse. We will walk up after lunch on Thursday to enjoy the HHS garden greenhouse.

TWO GREAT EVENTS TO CELEBRATE!

FIREWEED K-2 WEDNESDAY ART OPENING

Join us Wednesday, February 27th for our Art Opening from 5-6:30 PM! Fine art, creative writing, delicious appetizers and wonderful kids will be on site for your enjoyment. At **6 PM** the Fireweed K-2 students will share a song from our new musical. Please invite friends and neighbors, grandmas and grandpas to join us for this school art soiree! All are welcome!

"SMALL PART OF THE WORLD" MUSICAL

Our musical and dance extravaganza are coming together. We are singing and dancing up a storm and are hoping to share these with you in April at the Homer Family Theater. Do stay tuned about the date!

KIKI'S CORNER

Greetings,

Principle #1: Posing Problems of Emerging Relevance

Kids don't necessarily walk into the classroom interested in learning about certain topics or skills. So how does a teacher help students see relevance? The key is to begin with a good problem. Problems that have little relevance can be made relevant through teacher mediation. They do this by avoiding: giving them more info than they need, simplifying the complexity, and isolating the variables.

Sounds backwards for some of us with traditional education backgrounds, right? But think about it. By doing this student engagement increases and serves to generate relevance.

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NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

SWIM WEEK COMING SOON! March 4th-March 7th

Splish! Splash!

*** Come get wet with us!!! 1-2:30 Monday thru Thursday!

HEARTY THANK YOU'S

- Ash Moore for his fantastic presentation on drums and percussion instruments and how they have changed over time. The kids really enjoyed it and the yurt was rocking with music. Cheers to Corey for joining him on guitar. How nice to fill the yurt with music!
- Daniel Zatz once again for his time, expertise and commitment to sharing video and movie making with the kids.
- Margi Scholl for the starry veil growing around the Smart Board in Jon's room. It is a celestial wonder in paint. Check it out next time you are in.

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Thurs/Fri 21st and 22nd

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Fri. Feb. 22nd

Wed. Feb. 27th

Islands and Ocean Field Trip 8:45-10:45 \$3

Walking Field Trip to HHS greenhouse (PM)

Small Pond Pre-School Visit (PM)

Fireweed K-2 Student Art Show 5-6:30 pm

6 PM Song performance/Bunnell Street

March 4th-7th

April (Date TBA)

Fri. March 8th

March 11th - 15th

Swim Week for Little Fireweed 1-2:30 PM

"Part of the World" Musical @Homer Theater

No School - Teacher In-Service

No School - Spring Break