

K-2 FIREWEED ACADEMY NEWSLETTER
February 25th, 2013

HAPPENINGS

☺ WE NEED A GLUTEN-FREE PLAYDOUGH CHEF BY THURSDAY ☺

We are looking for one or two people to make some large batches of gluten-free playdough for our Thursday visit with Head Start students. Let us know if you can follow our recipe and make some colored batches. We have rice flour but will need cornstarch, salt, Cream of Tartar and food coloring.

FIREWEED K-2 WEDNESDAY ART OPENING at Bunnell St. Gallery

Join us this Wednesday, February 27th for our Art Opening **from 5:30-6:30 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!**

Enjoying Our Friendly Visits... and...We've one more group this week!!

We had a great visit with the Small Pond kids on Friday!! This week we are hosting Homer Head Start. Our guests love spending time with us!!

KIKI'S CORNER

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.
Cheers! Kiki

NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

Finger Foods Needed for Wednesday's Art Opening

We need plates of finger foods to go with the tea and punch provided by Bunnell for this Wednesday's art opening. Please let Deb, Jon or Kim know

what you would like to provide. Thank you.

Need small batch of Firewood and Kindling by Wednesday!

Can anyone provide these for Kim's Wednesday theme group!!

SAVE THE DATES!!!

NEXT WEEK IS SWIM WEEK!! March 4th-March 7th

Splish! Splash! Come get wet with us!!! 12:45 - 2:30 Monday thru Thursday!

WE NEED HELP IN THE POOL and LOCKER ROOMS!! Let us know if you can join us!

YOUR CHILD'S SWIM LEVEL

Please let your child's homeroom teacher know your child's swim level:

Beginner, Intermediate or advanced. We can help you decide if you're uncertain.

SMALL PART OF THE WORLD" MUSICAL - April 4th

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.

OUR NEXT THEME: CONSERVATION

Be thinking conservation as we move into our final theme of this school year. We would love to have you share any expertise you have on topics related to the many facets of this topic!

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| <p>HEARTY THANK YOU'S</p> |
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- To Kammi, Joey, Adelle, and anyone else we may have forgotten for all their help in planning and setting up for this Wednesday's Art Show at Bunnell St. Gallery!
- To Carmen, Jess and Carol at Islands and Oceans for the well planned and engaging Sea Bird and Marine mammal program last week.
- To Francie Roberts and her students for taking us on a tour of the Greenhouse, rabbits, hydroponics and other activities happening at the High School!
- Margi Scholl for the starry veil framing the Smart Board in Jon's room. Check it out next time you are in.
- Belated but overwhelming thanks to Jennifer Dixon for helping Kim's Room pass the "Visitor Readiness Requirement". You are amazing,

Jennifer!!

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| Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars! |
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| Wed. Feb. 27 th | Fireweed K-2 Student Art Show 5-6:30 pm 6 PM Song performance/Bunnell Street |
| Feb. 28 th | Head Start Visit to Little Fireweed |
| March 4 th -7 th | Swim Week for Little Fireweed 1-2:30 PM |
| April 4 th | "Small Part of the World" Musical @Homer Theater |
| Fri. March 8 th | No School - Teacher In-Service |
| March 11 th - 15 th | No School - Spring Break |
| Thurs., Apr. 18 th | Family Literacy Fair - 3:00-4:00 at Little Fireweed |
| Fri., Apr. 19 th | No School - Vacation Day |