

**Classroom Quotes:**

- “This is harder than jelly on a stick!”  
-child working on the 100 Board choice
- “I’m never bad, I’m just silly!”  
-child sitting on the line
- “Oh! You look so beautiful!”  
-child greeting a friend in the classroom

**Music and Movement:**

The children have been enjoying a number of new songs on the line in large group. Their favorites have been: “You Can Tell How I Feel” and “Backseat Driver” by Frank Leto. They have also been experiencing large group lessons such as: the Kentucky Basket (objects and pictures from the state of Kentucky), the Black Elk Story (found in the book *Nurturing the Spirit* by Aline Wolf) and food preparation choices.

**Curriculum News:**

The children are becoming comfortable in the classroom and beginning to feel ownership and respect for the environment. We are continuing our consistent practice of the classroom ground rules and we are slowly adding a wider variety of choices to the shelves.

**Practical Life:**

- Spooning
  - Pouring Solids and Liquids
  - Sorting
  - Polishing Wood and Mirrors
  - Chair Scrubbing
  - Bracelet Sewing
  - Paper Button Sewing
  - Spreading
  - Banana Cutting
- Science and Geography:**
- Animal/Tail Matching
  - Parts of an Insect
  - Parts of an Apple
  - World Map
  - International Children Matching
  - Land/Air/Water Sorting
  - Kentucky Basket
  - KY Agriculture Matching

**Language:**

- Seasonal Classification

**3 Letter Word Cards with Pictures**

- Classroom Words in Spanish
- Story Building
- Handwriting Worksheets

**Math:**

- Number Stamping
- Bead Stair
- Bead Stair Coloring
- Number Building with Bank and Stamps
- Tens Counting Worksheet
- Bead Cabinet (all squaring and cubing chains)
- Calendar

**Sensorial and Art:**

- Study of Vermeer and Monet
- Collage
- Painting
- Smelling Bottles
- Geometric Cabinet
- Large Hexagon Box
- Geometric Solids

\* Please note these are just a sampling of the wide range of choices available in the classroom. Your child may not have had *all* of these lessons yet but these choices are within the prepared environment to be introduced when it will be most beneficial to the individual student.

**Gratitude:**

Thank you to Kera Ackerman, Nicole Patenaude, Heidi Stone-Dodson and Shannon Stollings for your help making classroom materials.

Thank you to Melissa Rach for your help in the classroom on Grandparent's Day.

Thank you to all of the families and friends who attended the FAAB Bash and Grandparent's Day. It is fun to see our families embracing the Providence community with their time and talents.

We are grateful for your support and want you to know that your efforts enhance our classroom and school environment immensely.

**Conferences:**

**\*No school for Classroom II on these dates.**

**Second Year Conferences:**

Monday, November 3, 2008 (morning program)

Monday, November 10, 2008 (afternoon program)

**Third Year Conferences:**

Friday, February 6, 2008 (morning program)

Friday, February 13, 2008 (afternoon Program)

**Friendly Reminders:**

♥ No school on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

♥ Drop off for the morning program is 8:15 a.m. Pick up for the morning program is 11:00a.m.

Drop off for the afternoon program is 12:15p.m. Pick up for the afternoon program is 3:00p.m.

♥ No school for Classroom II on the above conference days!

**Upcoming Special Events:**

Play:

Classroom II **afternoon students** are invited to attend this play accompanied by a chaperone.

**Katerina the Clever** – November 17, 2008, 9a.m.

Open House:

**Winter Classroom II Open House** – December 19, 2008, 9a.m. – 10:30a.m.  
(both morning and afternoon programs attend)

*"Take the hand of your child and invite her to go out and sit with you on the grass. The two of you may want to contemplate the green grass, the little flowers that grow among the grasses, and the sky. Breathing and smiling together - that is peace education. If we know how to appreciate these beautiful things, we will not have to search for anything else. Peace is available in every moment, in every breath, in every step."*

- *Thich Nhat Hanh, Buddhist Monk,  
from Peace is Every Step*

