

Classroom IV Newsletter – January - March 2009

January slipped by rather quickly for us all, with the winter storms and loss of electricity and a surplus of downed limbs! Classroom IV children have had more than their fair share of indoor playtime those last weeks. We did get to witness the historical event of the new year- President Obama's swearing in ceremony via computer link. It was the culmination of our study of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his work in civil rights, his use of peaceful demonstration, and of personal dreams/visions for the world. Our leaders of tomorrow give us great hope, we can assure you of that!

Third year, in their Junior Master Gardener class, has been working on their great community service project collecting cell phones for their Eco-phone project. If you have old cell phones to get rid of, please send them in with your child to be placed in a collection box at school. JMG's set their collection goal at 200 cell phones!

In Junior Great Books, third year students have also been working on writing techniques for personal essays, metaphor and simile experiences, as well as expanded story writing. With only one month left of JGB, our third year will be excellent writers by the time the series ends! Another note on JGB: our second year students have also begun the second year series. They are enjoying it as well as their teacher, with many creative writing experiences to come as well!

A fun time was had by everyone at the Breakfast Cafe-always a favorite! It was great seeing our parents, children, and staff enjoying the fantastic spread. The children also enjoyed delivering their valentines to each other and better still, opening them in circle later that day.

Lexington Children's Theatre will be performing "Jack and the Wonder Beans" for us Monday, February 23rd and also in celebration of Honest Abe's 200th, the play "Keeping Mr. Lincoln" will be presented just before Spring Break.

*We are running low on reserve snack supplies, so if you happened to miss snack day during the storm, please send in a box of crackers, Chex-mix, fruit or vegetables, English muffins, but please no pretzels or popcorn! Thank you!

*Earth Day is scheduled for April 24th with more information to come as we get closer. You may be asked for assistance with your child's project by taking a trip to your local public library for additional research information. Research on-line will be done at school.

* Mark your calendars now for 4-H Camp scheduled for April 30-May1st. This experience at environmental camp is a culminating event each spring that children and teachers anticipate with great excitement. More details to come as the date approaches.