



# Rock Spring Reporter

March 2009

## From the office...

Happy April!

We are busy, busy, busy planning for all of the RSCC events that are on the horizon! Specifically we have open houses on April 3rd and May 1st from 9:30 to 11:30am and April 22nd and May 14th from 6 to 8pm, and OF COURSE the silent auction on April 24th! We are really excited about the auction this year as we are getting incredible donations, have many exciting purchasing opportunities available, and love just being able to hang out with all of our wonderful families! We are looking for volunteers to help set-up, during the event, and to help clean-up. There is a Silent Auction bulletin board outside of the window to the office which has all of the important Silent Auction information. (Including a sign-up for free baby-sitting for the night!) Check it out!

Looking beyond the Silent Auction, if there is such a thing, we are also busy planning fun weekend events and field trips for the summer. If you have any suggestions, please let us know as we are always interested in new experiences!

We would like to thank all of the families that have been busting

their humps getting donations for the Silent Auction and those that have helped us at our open houses. We continue to see this wonderful community grow and couldn't be happier! Thank you for all of your support and encouragement!

Sincerely,

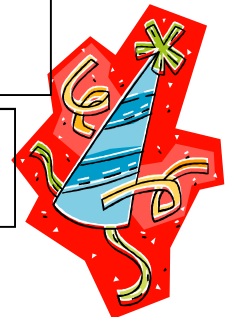
Carrie, Betsy, and Sandra

**Happy Birthday...** Luiza: April 5th

Illiana: April 24th

**Happy Anniversary...** Stephanie: 4/20/ 98

11 YEARS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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You may have noticed that the curb opposite our drop off spaces has now been painted yellow. The building management has been working with us to help ensure that our drop off spaces are available and that we have the safest possible area for the children. This month, new drop off signs will go up to more clearly communicate that the drop off spaces are for RSCC use only. Towing will commence shortly thereafter, if necessary. There will also be signs coming shortly warning drivers to drive slowly as they approach our school area.

We need our families to help us promote vehicle safety as well. If you are entering the office park from the opposite direction, please drive around the circle so you can pull into the drop off area the correct way. If all of the spaces are taken, please look for spaces in the visitor parking as your 2nd choice. If no spaces are available there, you may park along the curb leading to the loading dock. The last resort would be the yellow painted curb opposite our drop off spaces. (Please turn on your car's flashers if you use either of the last 2 options). Thank you for your help with this.

# Guppies

It's finally Spring! The weather is starting to change in the most beautiful way.

Tulips are coming and they are starting to grow big and tall. They will be popping up soon! They are just like our beautiful babies who are growing fast everyday! They are very active little ones.

Our youngest little man, Jon, is doing great! He is moving all over the color mat but loves having one of us with him at all times because he loves people. He love to sit in a little chair and watch his friends play down on the floor. He is very smart!

Our two little new babies are also doing very well. The y adjusted very well to the new classroom. Everyday Sienna comes into the classroom with a beautiful smile. She is always happy. She loves to play in front of the mirror and even

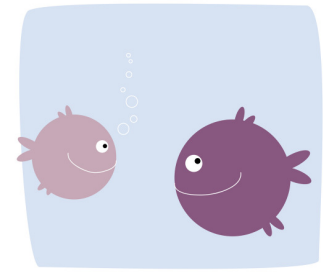
keeps track of her friends through the mirror. She is trying her best to roll-over.

Will enjoys being in the colorful classroom and is overall a very happy boy. He is rolling all over the room!

Michael is also doing great! He loves to play on the color mat but his favorite place is in the excer-saucer because he can see everybody. Michael just got his first tooth and he is very proud of himself.

Luke has also adjusted very well. He is a happy boy unless you put him on his tummy. He and Michael both like the excer-saucer. He also loves to go outside on stroller rides when the weather is nice.

Now that we are slowly moving away from the cold weather, we will be spending more time outside. Please be sure that your baby has the proper outside clothing.



Our two big girls, Rachael and Katherine are the next to move to the Tadpole classroom. They are both doing wonderfully! We are going to miss them when it is their turn.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask anytime. We are here for you!

Thank you!

Enjoy the Spring!

-Dilruba, Rosa, and Nanda

# Tadpoles

In the Tadpole room, everyone has been doing a great job. We have been busy having fun and enjoying our days, everyday. The children love doing the activities we have been doing. For example, since everyone enjoys reading the books, we either read the books to them or they read the books to themselves. We also sing to the songs that we play in the room. We also are learning how to clap our hands and we have outdoor free play. Also we have been having puppet shows which the children love and enjoy. When the weather is nice we either go on a stroller ride or go play in the playground.

Alessandra is the youngest we have so far in the Tadpole room. Everyday, she likes to discover things in the room. She she's starting to stand up and she move a lot. She also has fun and claps her hands every

day.

Drew is a sweet boy that is always happy and loves to discover in class. He crawls very fast and he likes to play with cars and make car noises.

Mason is also a sweet boy who always has a smile on his face and makes us smile, too. He likes to move around in the room and laugh with everyone who laughs with him.

Diana just turned 1 year old! She moves a lot. She's trying to walk now by standing up a lot and trying to take steps. She pushes the high chairs and she moves them everywhere. Now she always looks busy having fun.

We want to welcome Nabeel and his parents for being part of the Tadpoles. He's just getting to know everyone and adapting in the new room. We also

want to welcome two new comers that are going to be in the Tadpole room and hopefully will like and enjoy everything.

We want to say good-bye to Wills and Leah. Thank you for being with us in the room and bringing us joy and happiness. We wish them good luck in their new classes that they are going and hope they will visit us soon. We'll miss you!

Sincerely, Maria, Soranjani, and Maritza

# Salamanders

Hello Salamander parents!

We hope you are enjoying spring (in spite of the rain!)... We had yet another fun month. We're glad spring is here - now all we have to do is hope that our nice weather stays with us!

We would like to give a big, happy welcome to our new students Wills and John Robert. We are thrilled to have them and they are getting acclimated very nicely. We would like to give a sad farewell to Rafael and Avery. They have been a delight to us and we wish them the best in their new classrooms. Gladly we will still get to see them outside in the playground! We will miss both of you and your families too.

We will be continuing some of the same themes as last month such as the colors green, white, black red and yellow. (Green will be the color we will concentrate on the

most.)

As part of our new curriculum, we will be learning about spring -- mostly blooming flowers and rain showers. Please read the pamphlet we sent home last month. We will also be sending home a booklet that has ideas that you and your child can do at home - some are internet sites that reinforce what we learn in the classroom.

Here is a list of important tasks we are learning in school that we would encourage you to participate in at home also:

- \* Using a spoon
- \* Using magic words such as: please, thank you, bless you (when someone sneezes), giving eye contact when saying thank-you (ie. you can practice this with the check out clerk at the grocery store when your finished paying for your groceries!).

- \* Getting dressed (mostly for coats)
- \* Drinking from a cup
- \* Taking turns
- \* Turning the pages of a book and pointing to details
- \* Reading picture books and telling the story in your own words

As the weather changes from day to day, please make sure you check your child's extra clothes supply. (We always need disposable bibs). Thank you.

We have been practicing sign language. The signs we are learning are: please, thank you, more and eat! It's fun and the children see to be enjoying it.

Thanks again to all of our sweet and supportive parents. You are great parents! As always, feel free to ask us any questions you like. We're always here to listen to your concerns, etc.

Thank you!  
Mary Beth, Dulari, Chandi and Amina

# Frogs

We hope that the snow has gone and that spring will be knocking at the door very soon!

We are sad to say goodbye to Andrew as he has moved up to the Butterfly class. Good luck to you and your family!

At the same time we would like to welcome a new baby frog, Leah, who has graduated from the Tadpole class. Welcome to the Frogs!

This month we will be talking about spring and planting wonderful spring flowers. We will also discuss the customs of Easter and Passover. If your family has any material that you can share about these holidays please let us know!

We will end April with talking about farm animals and life around the pond. Very appropriate for all of the classrooms at RSCC!

The Frogs have enjoyed the music and movement class that Ms Niki hosts and we look forward to every Tuesday! We have been working on learning the beat of a song and moving our bodies to different types of music. What fun!

We would like to welcome Ms Whitney to the classroom! She has been a wonderful addition to our room and we encourage you to introduce yourself and get to know her. She is wonderful!

With the change in the weather, please check your child's

cubby for appropriate clothing. (Also check the size as your little ones are always growing!)

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to speak with us during naptime, 1 to 3, or upon arrival or pick up.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Sunilka, Nirosha, Asoka, and Whitney

# Dragonflies

The Dragonflies are doing very well. April has arrived and all of the little ones in our class are changing too. Every one is blooming in a different and unique way.

Kaan is doing very well. He is becoming more social and friendly with his classmates and teachers.

Cade is doing very well. He is starting to be very good friends with Kaan and is learning to share his toys, when he feels like it!

Deven is very talkative! He loves talking to his friends and all of the parents who arrive in the classroom.

We are sad to report that this is little Noah's last month at RSCC. We are going to miss him sooooo much! We love you Noah and good luck.

Rafael is our new classmate in the Dragonflies. He is also doing very well. He loves to glue flowers, coloring, and going outside.

Sunny is a very sweet little

girl. She loves having the teachers attention! She is talking a lot more and is learning how to communicate with her friends.

Josephine B is developing so fast! She is a very good speaker and is very gentle with the other children. She loves to sing her ABC's.

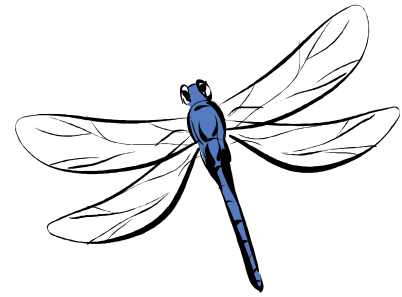
Josephine C. is doing very well too. She is getting into the routine of circle time and she is starting to work a lot more in small groups and she loves books.

Clare is our little helper and she loves to do everything herself. She is also starting to communicate more with her teachers and friends.

Maya is a very observant little girl. She likes to see what all of her friends are doing and try it herself later. She loves small group activities.

Emilie is a very sweet and very quiet little girl. She love circle time and loves to help lead the song that we sing about our body parts.

Luca is learning to take turns



and share with his friends! He is doing very well. He follows instructions very well from both the teachers and his friends.

During the month of April we are going to talk about spring, good table manners, sharing and taking turns, body parts, and of course we will be using our High Reach Learning Curriculum. We are very excited! We will finish up talking about Buildings and Structures and then move onto the unit of Digging in the Dirt. We are very excited.

We would like to say thank you to the parents for being so wonderful! If you have any questions, please let us know!

Thank you,

Roxana, Chamida, and Jasmin

# Butterflies

The month of March was great! We want to thank all of the parents who brought goodies to our St. Patrick's Day Party. We had a great time!

In April we will be focusing on Easter, Passover, and Spring. We will be dying eggs and talking about the different traditions of the various holidays. Feel free to bring in any books or cultural items that you have that relate to the subjects that we will be discussing this week.

We will continue to work with our new, wonderful curriculum this month! We will be talk-

ing about seasons and weather, life cycles, gardens and celebrations.

We are very sad to say goodbye to Peyton and Alexander as they have moved onto the Turtle classroom. We will miss you so much!

We would like to welcome Andrew and his family to the classroom. We hope that you love the Butterflies!

As always, call us anytime with questions or concerns that you may have!

Thank you,

Asha, Dee Dee, and Doris



# Otters

We hope everybody had a happy March, cause we sure did!!!

We officially welcome spring and all the fun it brings. Last month we worked really hard on town and country. We learned many climates, structures, landscapes of different places. We also celebrated St. Patrick's day. We had our own classroom celebration and made green milk & cookies. The kids really enjoyed it and now they want green milk everyday....TOO FUNNY!!

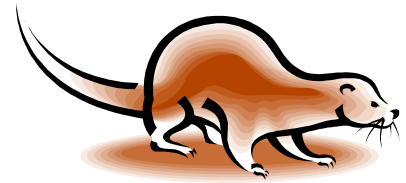
This month will be focus-

ing on spring. We will be learning what happens to the animal, plants, trees, in spring. We will learning about Easter and Pass-over as well. Dying eggs with many different colors should be a hit!! This will be a very busy month, but we just cant wait to start working on all of our projects (not to say it's Ms Idalia's favorite season.)

The otters would like to give a warm welcome Alexander Rose and his family. This month will be bit busy but messy too so please make sure that your child has enough extra cloth in their cubby. we want to ask parents to please bring in plastic

bags , we are running short. Thank you parents for all of your support.....Till next time.

Love,  
Idalia, Rosie, and Luiza



# Turtles

Greetings Turtle Parents and Happy April! It's so exciting in our room right now because we've had some great changes happening and we think Spring finally is here! (Or at least, it's right around the corner!)

In the past week we have gained two new turtles; Peyton and Alex both transferred over from the Butterflies room and we are so happy to have them! They've been doing awesome in our room and the the rest of the Turtles have done an excellent job welcoming them to our "herd." Tom and Taryn are both Geese now and while we are so sad they are not in the room with us everyday, we are excited for their transition to the next step and we still get to have a fun time with them out on the playground!

We've got some exciting things coming up in April. The High Reach Learning theme for the month is

"Let's Pretend" and we can already tell you it's going to be *so much fun*. The Turtles LOVE to pretend and have amazing imaginations so there's going to be a ton of learning, projects and fun! We're also going to continue talking about Spring while we keep an eye on the garden we will be working on as well as our planted flowers in the room. Of course we can't forget about Easter! Earth Day is later in the month as well so we will also be doing some cool projects with that. It seems our birthday streak will be slowing down for the Turtles this month, but Miss Iliana's birthday is on April 24<sup>th</sup> so *of course* we will be celebrating that! J Also, (in case you haven't already heard), Miss Charlene will be leaving us at the end of April L She and her family will be moving to Arizona and while we are excited for Miss Charlene because this is a great

opportunity, we are going to miss her *very much* in our classroom! We will certainly be doing something for her to thank her for all she has done for us, and Miss Erin will keep you posted on what that will be.

Speaking of "keeping you posted," please let Miss Erin know if you need access to the class blog. She updates it daily and it's a great way for the parents to see all the neat stuff we are doing throughout the day!

As always, feel free to contact one of us if you have any questions or concerns!

-Miss Erin, Miss Charlene & Miss Iliana



# Geese

Its April already?! WOW time has just been going by too fast. First off I would like to thank the parents that joined us for our St. Patrick's Day party and those who contributed by bringing some to share.

Our curriculum for "Town & Country" is now completed and we have moved on with one called "Digging in the Dirt." It will be completed around mid April. This is one we know the class will love. I mean, who doesn't like DIRT? They will be able to identify the kinds of texture, smell and color dirt has to offer. They will also experiment with what happens when you add water to dirt. There are so many ac-

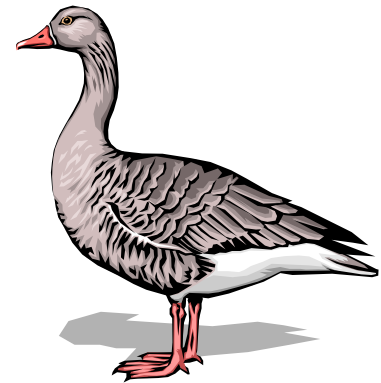
tivities and art projects to share with this new curriculum.

We are introducing Spring and the kinds of flowers that start to blossom and the kind of weather we can expect in this beautiful season. We are also continuing learn about manners and being more independent.

Friendly reminder: Please make sure you label everything your child brings to school (clothes, gloves, hats, etc.) and also please make sure to check your child's cubby for any art they might have or important papers that might be handed out.

If you have any questions feel free to approach us and we'll be happy to answer your questions.

-The Geese teachers: Ms Yessenia, & Miss Carrie

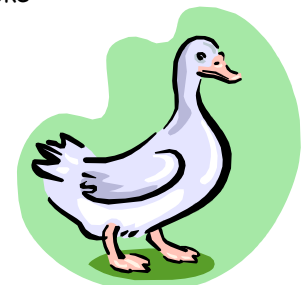


# Ducks

April: Welcome spring! The Ducks can't wait for the nicer and warmer weather to settle in! We love it! We had a great month of Digging in the Dirt! We learned about worms, volcanoes, earthquakes, bugs, etc. It was AWESOME! The Ducks are truly loving this curriculum! (I am too!) The next curriculum unit will be called "Let's Pretend." I can't wait to get all the materials and see what we have in store! The next four weeks should be very exciting! The Ducks have great imaginations, so I don't think that we will have any trouble with this next unit! Our afternoon circles in April will be on Easter, Passover, and spring. Of course we will still be doing our letters, numbers, and Capitals players on Tuesday and Thursdays. If anyone has any books on Easter, Pass-

over, or spring please feel free to bring them in labeled. We would love to read them! The Ducks love their books and we are constantly reading in our classroom. We don't have any birthdays in April, but in May we have 4 Ducks who will be turning 5! I can't believe it! My Ducks are growing up and will be leaving one day! :-(- Speaking of leaving, we will be having a joint graduation party with the Swans. The theme this year is Luau! It will be held at RSCC on Saturday June 6th, so please save the date! We hope you can make it! It will be a blast! Thank you to everyone who has been reading the blog everyday and all the kind comments I have gotten on it. I love writing it and I'm glad you are enjoying reading it. As a reminder I will be out

the 1st week of April. I will be going away, but I leave the Ducks in the very capable hands of Miss Brooke. As always if you need to get in touch with me you can e-mail me at [MsStephanie@rockspringcc.com](mailto:MsStephanie@rockspringcc.com) I won't be checking my e-mail while I'm away... sorry. We hope everyone has a great April! We love you!!!! xxoo, Miss Stephanie and Miss Brooke



Dear Swan parents,

Happy April and happy spring! March was a ton of fun in our classroom. We began the month with a snow day. Then we came back and had a birthday party for good old Dr. Seuss. We received lots of his books and read them throughout the month. One of our favorites was Bartholomew and the Ooblick. It was an older story and we loved it! One of our least favorites was Happy Birthday to You. It was toooooo long. We ate green eggs and ham and made Cat in the Hat hats. We did a lot of learning and a lot of activities for St. Patrick's day. We were immersed in the Irish culture and culminated with our party at which we performed the Unicorn Song! We finished the month learning

## Swans

about the signs of spring and doing some planting and gardening.

For April, we will begin with an April Fool's day of silliness. What will we do? Wait and see! We will continue the month with learning about both Easter and Passover. We will dye some eggs and go on an egg hunt. We will taste some matzo and some other Passover foods. Our curriculum this month talks about endangered animals and conservation in light of Earth Day on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will learn about recycling and ways to not be wasteful. We will learn the letters Xx, Yy and Zz. We will learn the sight

words "and" and "was" and lots more.

Just a reminder that our theme basket for the silent auction on April 24<sup>th</sup> is "science experiments". We need lots more stuff to fill that basket up. Whatever you can donate, we will very much appreciate. The basket itself is located in between the Swan and Geese classrooms. Thank you so much.



## Save the Date!!!!

Our annual Silent Auction will be on April 24th! There will be babysitting for all parents who attend. It is a wonderful evening to bid on some great baskets and catch up with your RSCC friends. Can't wait to see you there!

## Curriculum Brochures

Check out the curriculum brochures online at [www.rockspringchildrenscenter.com](http://www.rockspringchildrenscenter.com)

## Open Houses

We need volunteers for our open houses on April 3rd and May 1st from 9:30 to 11:30 and April 22nd and May 14th from 6 to 8pm.

Please let us know if you are able to stay and help.

