

ACCC Newsletter May 1999

Thank You

Earthling:

Zimmer – toys

Conley – rocking chair

Lau – camera and extra food

Pioneer:

Christine Johnson – covering for meeting

Maiers – Providing a fabulous Tao Tao lunch for all of the infant teachers to say good bye to Paul

Vikings:

Olynick – teacher's resource book

Gemini:

John Balboni – covering for meeting

Vanguard:

Keely Corral and Katy Korsmeyer for flower and vegetable seed packets

Berke – gift to the Vanguard Room

Wish List

Earthling:

CD tape player for nap room

Colored pens

Pioneer:

Children's music CDs

6 qt. Sterilite storage bins w/ lids (shoe box size)

Vikings:

Filing cabinet (old or used as long as it is usable)

Gemini:

Wall posters

Pretend center clothes

Naptime tapes

Vanguard:

Markers of all kinds – especially scented ones

Old calendars }

Catalogs of toys } for cutting

Nature magazines }

May Birthdays !!

Congratulations!!!!

Natalia Frumkin 1 year old 5/10/98

Brad

Jared Keywitzer 1 year old 5/20/98

Married May

Ellen Lawrence 4 years old 5/3/95

Best Wishes

Danielle DeManty 4 years old 5/11/95

Melissa Kennon 4 years old 5/16/95

Allison Hacker 4 years old 5/19/95

Shane Luna 4 years old 5/29/95

Jacob Hines 5 years old 5/5/94

Molly Finn 5 years old 5/24/94

Classroom Happenings:

Earthling

The babies spent some time enjoying new experiences this month. Something they really enjoyed was finger painting. They were in awe of the cool, squishy stuff between their fingers!

This month the infants are going to try and get outside more. Since it is supposed to be summer (and we are still hoping for warm weather), they want to go for walks and enjoy the sunshine.

Pioneer

May was a big birthday month in the Pioneer room and they had lots of fun celebrating. The last of the crawlers have officially started walking, how exciting!

Everyone is actively exploring the environment around them and enjoying themselves as they master their new skills. The Pioneers did some painting with their feet this month. What a sensation gushy paint between their toes, and then warm water to bathe them in!

In June the Pioneers will welcome Maile and Katie. They are really hoping the weather will warm up, so they can start to enjoy one of their favorite activities: WATERPLAY!!

Mercury

The Mercuries would like to say goodbye to Elena Strawn and her parents Roger and Val. Elena will be moving to the Viking room. They would like to welcome Paul Maier and his parents Liz and Tom. Thank you to all of the parents who joined them for the strawberry shortcake celebration of

Parent's Day, the children really enjoyed it!

For the month of June they will be introducing new art experiences for their newest classmates such as drawing with markers and crayons, using paintbrushes with water colors. With the warmer weather they also anticipate future nature walks.

Viking

The Vikings made Mother's Day cards by choosing a look alike pictures of their moms in magazines and pasting them on their cards. Most of them chose pictures of models and actresses because their mommies are so pretty! The Vikings turned into little chefs as they prepared fruit salad by cutting the fruit and mixing them together. Some of the children ate their fruit as soon as they cut it! They really enjoyed listening to the "Rainbow Fish" and "Rainbow Fish to the Rescue" stories. They carried their love of the story into art time by water coloring some paper fish and gluing some glittery paper and plastic pieces to them, then hung around the room.

In the month to come the Vikings will be tracing their bodies on paper to see how much they've grown, making paper collages, and playing "Follow the Path", by following the tape on the floor for balance and imagination.

Gemini

The Geminis welcomed Anita as the new Co Head teacher in their classroom. They also said hello to Aras from the Viking room as they said goodbye to Elizabeth. The Geminis made a special goodbye gift for Martha the music teacher to wish her well.

The Geminis will be making special gifts for Fathers Day. They are also enjoying a new environment created by some new furniture arrangements and new posters on the wall.

Apollo

The Apollos are finishing up their “insect” activities, which they have spent a lot of time on because the children were very enthusiastic about it. They are also spending a small amount of time doing some alphabet activities, to see how much familiarity and interest the children have in letters.

Gardening and camping coming soon!

Vanguard

The Vanguards have been busy planting seeds and learning about growing. They have also been exploring the last few letters of the alphabet. The room has been buzzing with activity as the children prepare for the upcoming graduation and as they get ready to say goodbye to some of their long time friends. Some of these children have known each other for four or five years – that’s all their life!!!

The next exciting thing for the Vanguard class after the June 11 graduation is they will be gluing on a field trip. The Vanguard class will be walking to tour the Aerospace Encounter on June 23.

Imagination is more important than knowledge – Albert Einstein

Meet the ACCC Staff

Anita Moarefi started as a co-head teacher in the Gemini Room on June 1, 1999. Anita was born in Iran and has two brothers and three sisters in America. Her parents come and visit them every other year. She has a certificate in ECE, with her key classes in Infants and Toddlers and Management from American River College in Sacramento. She has been working in child care for the last six years. A long term goal for Anita is to own her own child care center. Anita’s hobbies include swimming, biking, reading, cooking and baking. If she were to have a day off with no responsibilities she would go see a movie and spend time with her family and friends. Welcome Anita!!

Nilda Tecson joined the ACCC staff as an all school floater on May 10, 1999. She was born in the Philippines and received her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. In addition Nilda attended De Anza Community College where she studied for 12 more units in child development. Nilda has worked as a teacher at Early Horizons in Sunnyvale for five years. Where she was in the ten to eighteen month old room. Her long term goals include to take more child development classes. Nilda has two grown boys and enjoys gardening, cooking, sewing, and keeping her house clean. Welcome Nilda!

Next month look forward to meeting more ACCC staff!

ACCC June and July 1999

Wednesday, June 9, 1999	Staff Meeting – 5:15pm
Friday, June 11, 1999	Vanguard Room Graduation – 3:30 Building 245 Auditorium Reception to Follow – ACCC Preschool Playground
Tuesday, June 15, 1999	Pioneer Room Parent Teacher Conferences
Wednesday, June 16, 1999	Viking Room Parent Teacher Conferences
Thursday, June 17, 1999	Vanguard Room Parent Teacher Conferences
Monday, June 28, 1999	Mercury Room Parent Teacher Conferences
Tuesday, June 29, 1999	Apollo Room Parent Teacher Conferences
Wednesday, June 30, 1999	Earthling Room Parent Teacher Conferences
Thursday, July 1, 1999	Gemini Room Parent Teacher Conferences
Monday, July 5, 1999	ACCC Closed – 4 th of July Holiday!
Wednesday, July 14, 1999	Staff Meeting – 12:30-2:30pm
Friday, July 16, 1999	Summer of Love Family Lunch at ACCC – 11:15am
Friday, July 23, 1999	ACCC Golf Tournament – 12:30 Shotgun Start

Update from the Executive Director:

On May 26, 1999, we had a Parent Meeting. The update of the new facilities was discussed and the presentation is posted on our web site. More updates and pertinent information becomes available.

Please take a look at our web site at <http://accc.arc.nasa.gov/main.html>

There is a lot of useful information about the ACCC ~~help and more~~. With the expertise of Joan Walton we are constantly trying to update and improve. If you have any feedback, please let me know.

In May, we welcomed ~~Nilda~~ Nilda Tecson ~~Erma~~ Erma Lazo to our staff. Currently, Nilda and Erma are floating and are getting to know the ACCC staff, children's classrooms. Soon, we will say good-bye to Margie Fait (last day is 6/23/99), who is taking a sabbatical and to Karen Alcorn (last day is 7/23/99), who just graduated from San Jose State University and will be teaching high school.

We can use your help with our upcoming Golf Tournament. If you are interested in helping the day of the tournament, soliciting sponsors or donations, please contact me at x44184. Also, please take a look at our calendar and events listed below.

Thank you for your continued support.

Gabrielle