



# Diamond Class News



October, 6<sup>th</sup> 2011

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences are coming up next week and will be on the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. That means that those will be minimum days and the children will be dismissed at 11:45 am (before we have lunch). Please mark your calendars, because children not being picked up on time can conflict with parent/teacher conferences. If you haven't signed up, please take the time to do so in order to find out your child's progress and the direction we are moving as a class!



## Table Cloths and Napkins

In an odd twist of fate, our table cloths and napkins disappeared somewhere between Club M and getting to someone's home to wash. Currently we are using paper napkins which is not very environmentally friendly. If you need parent hours you can donate three tablecloths (and a great deal at Ross or any other store of that nature would do) and 28 cloth napkins. If you do not need quite that many parent hours and just want to help out, you can send a cloth napkin in your child's lunch for them to use as their place setting. This will save our paper napkin supply and some trees in the process. Thank-you so much for helping us solve the 'Missing Tablecloth/Napkin Debacle' ☺.

## Normalization

We will wait until after the Continent Party to invite the parents into the classroom. Our grade level team's reasoning on this issue is based on our experience with the Continent Party and how the excitement affects our normalization. We are scheduling our parent training. If you plan to come into the classroom we will need you to come to our class training Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011. We will be reviewing all the items that are specific to being in Diamond class. If you cannot make the meeting please see Ms. Nicole or Ms. Whitney and we will try to make alternative arrangements for you to participate.

## Continent Party - Gallon Milk Jugs!!!

Our continent party is approaching and all of kindergarten is going to transform into Antarctica. In the next weeks we will begin our study of Antarctica (which mostly consists on penguins - because there isn't much else down there). We love supplemental information about Antarctica, but please keep in mind that there is a difference between the Arctic circle and Antarctica. Since we don't get to do polar bear projects, we have decided to make an igloo 'research center' for the people that do inhabit Antarctica (some of the time). You can contribute to this project by donating your fully washed out gallon milk jugs to the bin outside the front office. We are going to ask everyone in the school to do this, because we need lots of milk jugs to complete this life size project.

## BEST Poster Contest

During our spirit week for Walk-a-thon the whole school engaged in a poster contest where the students got to draw something that embodied being safe, responsible and respectful. This contest was to further reinforce our GOTCHA slips and our school wide program to promote a peaceful learning community. In our class Carolyn's poster was chosen by her peers and will be made into a large poster to be presented at our next BEST assembly.

## And the good news is...

Fall is upon us and we are growing and changing like the leaves!

## Upcoming Snack/Sharing

10/7 - Jacob A.

10/10 - Jacob W.

10/11 - Jonathan

10/12 - Joe

10/13 - Jodie



## Important Dates

10/12-10/14 Parent Conferences

10/17-21 Red Ribbon Week

10/19 School Picture Day - DRESS CODE

10/28 No School/Staff In-service

10/31 Continent Party

Love,

Your Thankful Diamond Class Teachers ☺