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The Class Website

The link to our class website has been updated and can be accessed from the Ann Arbor Open school website under "Class Sites" then "Char".

Class budget Ballot

If you have a second ballot attached to this note I have not received one from you. Please give us your input and return it as soon as possible. Below are the times of the trips we have scheduled. Closer to the actual date we will send the final confirmation of times.

Trip Schedule for 2011-12		
Camp Crawford Outdoor Day	October 6th	9:00 am-7:00 pm
Farmer's Market	October 17th	1:00 pm-2:54 pm (regular school day)
Wild Swan Theater - Under African Sky	January 26th	9:00 am-noon
UMS Sweet Honey in the Rock	February 17th	10:00 am-1:00 pm
Health Exploration Center	March	10:00 am-1:30 pm
Hudson Mills - Leap into Spring	May 4th	9:00 am-1:00 pm
Parker Mill Pioneer Day	May 18th	9:00 am-2:30 pm
Zoo Trip	June 11th	9:00 am-2:30 pm

Farmer's Market Trip-October 19th



On Wednesday, October 19th the class will be walking to the Kerrytown Farmer's Market to purchase fall produce and have a cider-donut treat. Please return your child's permission slip as soon as possible. Gym will be 15 minutes earlier than usual so that we can leave school at 12:45 from the gym. Their gym shoes will be great for walking. The class will be divided into small groups, size of groups is determined by the adults coming along. Each group will have \$2.00 or \$3.00 to spend to purchase interesting and unusual produce. The vendors have been known to just donate produce to the children. Often some of their less than perfect items. I will purchase cider and donuts for the group. Please Do Not Send Money with your child!!!

Conferences on Thursday, October 13th and Wednesday, October 19th

Reminders and conference worksheets went home last week for the conferences the Thursday. The same sheet will be coming home for the conferences on Wednesday.

Day of the week for conference	Date of conference	Teacher
	Thursday, October 13th	Chav
Time	Parent's Name (child)	Phone and email address
5:00-5:20	Holly & Keith Kragg (James)	(734) 971-2672 hollykragg@gmail.com kragg@domino.com
5:20-5:40	Diana & Matthew Hadley	734 761 5409 mwhadley@sbcglobal.net
5:40-6:00	KAREN	734 686-1327
6:00-6:20	Melissa Lloyd (Calvin)	734 476-1110 cell Douglodoug@ameritech.net
6:20-6:40	Hannah Brown (Isaac)	734 516-2841 hannahbrown@univision.com
6:40-7:00	Sonya DeMunier (Sabrina)	734 717 8475 smdemo@univision.com
7:00-7:20	Rebecca Richardson (Sam)	734. 536 7814 Cawbat@Rebecca.com
7:20-7:40	Andrea Horvath (Johana)	602-1063 andrea.horvath@sbcglobal.net
7:40-8:00	Nazia + Ed (Ayesha)	604-7408 naziatig@aol.com
8:00-8:30		

Day of the week for conference	Date of conference	Teacher
	Thursday, October Wed. 19th	Char
Time	Parent's Name (child)	Phone and email address
4:00-4:20		
4:20-4:40		
4:40-5:00	Morgan Lyte	siobhantlyle@lutmail.com
5:00-5:20		
5:20-5:40	Beth & Brad Batley (Bridget)	(734) 913-0867 Beth.Batley@gmail.com
5:40-6:00		
6:00-6:20	Alan Holsztynski/Tonya Lutz (Rex)	alan@alanisko.com (734) 276-3274 cell
6:20-6:40	Sarah Lorenz-Trey	709-5649 Sarahlorenz@gmail.com
6:40-7:00	SWAPNA & VAMSI (ANJAL)	248-470-6129

Hey, I'm Reading!

I have several copies of the book "Hey, I'm Reading!", a book about the process of learning to read. It is an informative book for both parents and children to read together. It presents reading in a way that seems to answer some of the questions early readers have about learning to read. I would glad to share it with any family that wishes to read it with their child. Just let me now if you are interested. Someone has already borrowed one of my copies. When you are done with it please send it back to school.

Camp Thank You From the Kids!!!

Thanks to everyone for their part in making camp a great success!!!! Your donation of time and supplies were both what made the day possible. Stop by outside our room to see each child's contribution to the poem.

If you have camp pictures you are willing to share please send to me on disc or by email.

Checkout the camp pictures on "Class Snapshots" of the class website.

Camp Is...

By Char's Class

doing collections.

making apple cider.

going to the pond and finding a crab looking thing.

fun with nature.

making corn necklaces.

making crafts.

making refrigerator magnets.

learning about deer.

making bandanas.

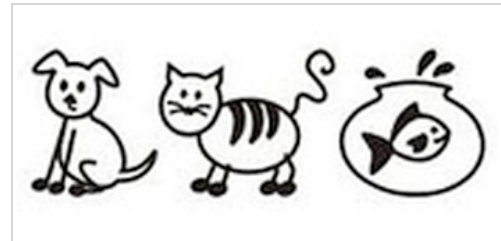
fun!

Garden Clean up

I'm looking for a parent volunteer who would be willing to turn the front of the garden plot in front of our classroom over before the snow flies. Right now a lonely tomato plant is still attempting to grow but the ground needs to be turned to help the straw decompose for next year. If you can help us out, let me know. It is something that can be done the evening or on the weekend, as well as during school.

Pet Visits

Our time to have pets visit the classroom is drawing to a close. Let me know if there is another pet that would like to visit so that we can wrap up the visiting. So far we have had cats, a dog, and a fire-belly frog. Just call if you have another animal that wants to visit.



Math

We are beginning our study to number. The note attached note will give you and overview of what we will be doing over the next month or so.

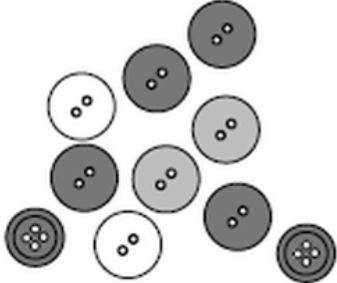
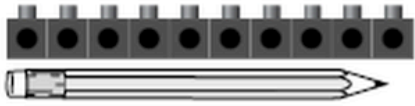


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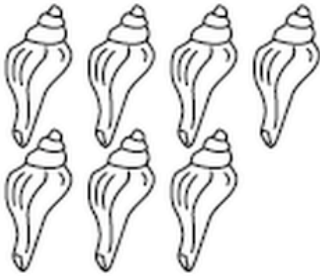
Dear Family,

Our class is starting a new unit in mathematics called *Counting and Comparing*. The focus of this unit is on counting and comparing quantities and beginning to explore measurement by directly comparing objects to see which is longer.

Throughout this unit, students will be working toward these goals:

BENCHMARKS/GOALS	EXAMPLES
Count a set of up to 10 objects.	How many buttons are there? 
Decide which of two objects is longer.	Which is longer? 

(continued)

Counting and Comparing	Family Letter
<p>About the Mathematics in This Unit (page 2 of 2)</p>	
<p>BENCHMARKS/GOALS</p> <p>Compare two quantities up to 10 to see which is greater.</p>	<p>EXAMPLES</p> <p>Are there more cars or shells?</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">  </div>
<p>In our math class, students engage in math problems and activities and discuss the underlying concepts. They are asked to share their reasoning and solutions. It is important that children solve math problems accurately in ways that make sense to them. At home, encourage your child to explain his or her math thinking to you.</p>	

Parent Helpers

Take a look at the schedule under "Schedules" on the class website.

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