

Summer 2010

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Nicolas, Elinor, Sofia, Eva, and Isabella collaborating on a peace project in P3

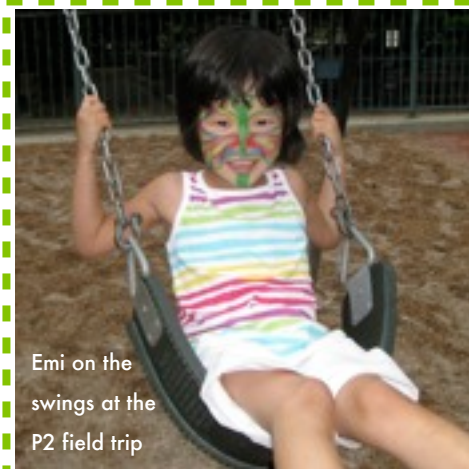
“Peace is what every human being is craving... and it can be brought about by humanity through the child.” - Maria Montessori

Welcome to summer, everyone, especially our newest students!

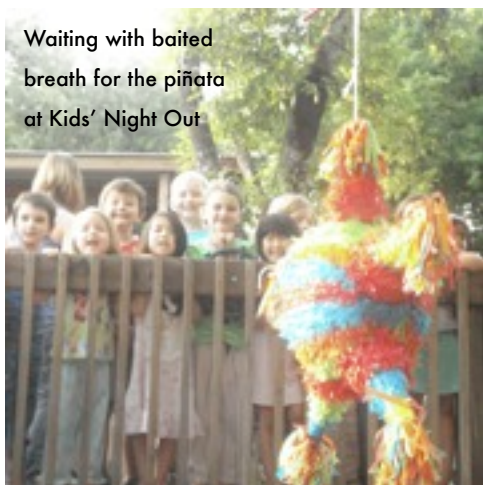
Chase Rhodes, Levi Haller, Amelie Etter, Dylan Lauro, Henna Wittsche, Mae Stone, Miette Williams, Mimi Maycotte, Henry Burruss, Lila Chirogianis, Alexandra Greene, Alexa Squire, Ava Genden, Brynna Cormie, Callum Scott, Janie Pippin, Maddox Gmur, Nevita McCormick, Osby Contreras, and Sonia Christensen.

May Owl Fest

Our year-end celebration on Saturday, May 22nd was fantastic! We feasted on a fabulous sandwich buffet and natural popsicles from GoodPop as stilt walkers/acrobats/jugglers Flourish and Fool entertained adults and kids alike. Including our silent and live auctions, this event raised about \$3200. A huge thank you to all the families, students, professional partners, and volunteers who made our first Owl Fest happen!



Emi on the swings at the P2 field trip



Waiting with baited breath for the piñata at Kids' Night Out

Gates of Life

Gates of Life graduation ceremonies will take place on Wednesday, June 2nd at 9:00 a.m. in the gym. All are welcome! Families and friends are welcome to stay after the ceremonies for photos on the lawn and on the trike rack.



Our firefighter friends from engine 17



P2 Kinders hanging out at Zilker Park - (clock-wise, from top left) Jack, Emi, Ridley, Priya, Liam, Siska, Kyla, Belton, and Eloise

Summer Reading

Check out these and other great titles in the front office.

One Hundred Child Development Tips by Heather Pedersen, Ph.D. and *Montessori Insights for Parents of Young Children* by Aline D. Wolf These small books are packed with a wealth of information for parents, teachers, and anyone involved in growing great kids.

Nurturing Good Children Now by Dr. Ron Taffel with Melinda Blau *Nurturing Good Children Now* helps equip parents and educators to raise a generation of kids who retain a sense of values and an enthusiastic spirit despite the demands of our culture.

Cabo Bob's

Through the month of June, Cabo Bob's Burritos has generously offered to donate 15% of their food sales every Tuesday and Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. through 8:00 p.m. to Athena Montessori Academy. If you haven't already, make sure you check out this great new family-friendly restaurant located at 500 East Ben White Boulevard, Austin, TX 78704.

***Your teachers and Athena staff will be dining at Cabo Bob's on Wednesday, June 30th - join us for a fun evening of healthy food and beverages!

Nicaragua Update and Kids' Night Out Fundraiser

We love our Kids' Night Out events - our students have a great time hanging out with their teachers after hours and we've raised about \$3800 this spring! This money will go towards improving the campus of our sister school in Nicaragua, "Yvan Leyvraz," including new toilets and chairs for the classrooms. Some of this money will also help Athena Staff members travel to Nicaragua to build relationships with the Nicaraguan staff and to help with the physical improvements to the school.

Colin, Luca, Penelope, and Owen exploring the fire truck that visited our school



Athena Montessori Academy Presents:

CAMP ATHENA 2010 - Journey to Africa

Special Classes - Creative Dance Adventures with Ms. Joan, Just Imagine... Creative Drama and Acting, Love Your Yoga with Ms. Liz, Jump! Gymnastics, and of course - water play and field trips!

Special Guest Storyteller - Bernadette Nason

Also - We have lots of summer camp birthdays! Viviana, Marcello, and Jacob (6/16), Ms. Meaghan (6/22), Sierra and Samson (6/24), Levi (6/26), Ms. Laura (6/29), Ms. Liz (7/3), Lindsay (7/9), Liah (7/11), Eliana G. (7/12), Neva and Henry P. (7/15), Carmela and Sofia (7/18), and Jaret (7/25)



Ethan, Sophia, and Cole at their final performance of the year with Jump! Gymnastics