

Fair Garden News

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Discover at Fair Garden!
April 2017



Empowering Our Parents!!

This year, one of our goals was to provide more opportunities to provide services to our parents. A part of our mission statement that we state each day is to "Empower Parents". At the beginning of the year, we viewed your comments on our Parent Orientation Evaluations. We wanted to know what type of workshop you would be interested in attending if we hosted them at FG. The top three topics were Managing Behaviors, Time Management, and Nutrition.

This year, we have hosted two Parent Coffee Hours discussing Nutrition and Behaviors. We have partnered with Parents as Teachers and recently finished our Love and Logic Parenting classes. Those in attendance raved about it! In May, we will have a six part workshop titled "Eat Smart". This involves hands-on activities in creating healthy meals for your children. This is in collaboration with Parents as Teachers and the UT Family and Consumer Sciences Department. These classes will take place in May (Tuesdays and Thursdays) from 12-1 p.m. We would love for you to be a part of it!

– Ms. Tiffany Watkins



Fair Garden's Queen Rasiya and King Tavarius!

Fair Garden Reminders/Happenings

- 1. Kindergarten Round-Up/Registration.** On Tuesday, April 11th, students going to Kindergarten next year must register at their zoned school. We sent home information earlier with the registration times for the different schools. If you need more information, let us know.
- 2. Pre-K Round-Up/Registration.** Fair Garden's Round-up/Registration Day will also be on Tuesday, April 11th from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. We will register new students who will turn 3 or 4 years of age before August 15th. Please spread the word. Slots are very limited.
- 3. Good Friday.** There will be no school on Friday, April 14th.
- 4. Easter.** April 16th is Easter Sunday.
- 5. Hearing.** Each student will have his/her hearing screened during April 17th – April 19th.
- 6. Secretary Day.** This is a great day to shower our wonderful secretary, Ms. Donna, with love!



For your
Calendar

April 11th
Kindergarten and PreK Registration

April 14th
No School

April 17th – April 19th
Hearing Screening

Do Saying Phrases Like, “Stop That” and “Don’t Do That” Really Work?



Disciplining children is a difficult task for parents and teachers. Though there is no single way to best discipline children, we have learned there are some behaviors that we do as adults that are not as effective as we wish. You may have asked this numerous times to your children, “How many times have I told you to stop?” Using the words “stop” and “no” can reinforce undesired behaviors. Children have a natural curiosity and when we try to forewarn them or discipline them on behaviors we want to stop, we will find ourselves repeating, shouting, and sometimes screaming these requests because they are doing the opposite of what we said. When we focus on the negatives (which are the behaviors we don’t want), we tend to see more of it. Remember this phrase: “What we focus on, we get more of.”

One of the most effective ways we can discipline is to focus on the behaviors we want. This is easier said than done! Instead of saying things like, “Don’t run in the store.” We should focus on what we want them to do, which is walk in the store. Ex. “Walk next to me, so you will stay safe.” If you don’t want your children to touch an item, focus on what you want them to do - which is keep their hands to themselves. Ex. “Make sure your hands are down like this so you can keep the items safe in the room.” If we want to develop long-lasting discipline skills in each child, as parents and educators, we must make our expectations clear by focusing on the positives and not the negatives.

Boys Clothes are Needed!

Note: We are in desperate need of boys’ clothes for our clothing pantry. (shirts, shorts, pants, socks, shoes, etc.) If you can, please donate any gently used clothes. We would appreciate it. Thank you!

Our Teachers

3 Yr Olds

*Mrs. Bafford/
Mrs. Montgomery
*Mrs. Shelley/Ms. Jennifer
*Mrs. Hall/
Ms. Calloway
*Mrs. Hickey/Mrs. Gentry

4 Yr Olds

*Mrs. Morgan/Ms.
Melanie
*Ms. Younger/Ms. Darla
*Mrs. Gregory/Ms. Darla/
Ms. Smart
*Ms. Hodson/
Ms. Dee
*Mr. Brickell/Ms. Jasmine

Special Education

*Mrs. Friesen/Ms. Claire/
Mrs. Brown

FUN TEACHER FACTS!

Did you know Ms. Hodson recently married? She is officially Mrs. Raley! Did you know Mrs. Hodson traveled to England last year to see her family?

Did you know that Ms. Dee likes to eat ice cream and go to the movies with her daughter? She also likes to play jokes on her family to make them think it’s real!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

“Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.”

-Anthony J. D’Angelo.



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