

# **First AME Child Development Center**

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## **April/May 2012 Newsletter**



### **Room 3**

#### **Welcome to Room 3,**

We have a new 3 month old baby in our room, her name is Marissa. Dylan and Jason are happy because spring is here and we can feel the heat from the sun. We brought them outside where they had fun running around the park and climbing up and down the small climber.

Dylan has adjusted well to the classroom he and Jason always have a wonderful time exploring the environment. They love painting, easel painting, and finger painting and even foil painting.

Jason who is 15 months old is beginning to talk using expressive language "thank you" "love you" "sorry" "hi" and "bye-bye".

*Ms. Carmen, Miss. Kesha & Grandma Shin*

### **Room 4**

Hello everybody,

How are you all? We hope you had a nice restful Spring Break. The kids are happy and excited to see some flowers blooming, birds singing when we walk around the neighborhood. This month, the toddlers are exploring curiously and patiently with clay. Some hesitated to touch it at first, but all of them are having fun with it lately. We are still working on gross and fine motor skills. Congratulations to Miles and Rashad as they said goodbye to sippy cups. They drink milk from regular cups now. They are such big boys! Sirela is completely potty trained! Hooray! Yarrek and Prince are close. They are going to

be potty trained very soon. We are talking about "SAD and HAPPY" at circle time every day. Parents, please talk to your child about "feelings" at home too. I hope everybody is enjoying the Spring Time.

*Ms. Ratri, Ms. Lam & Grandma Kwak*

## **Room 5**

April was an exciting month for Room 5. After we returned from Spring Break, we reviewed our trip to the Aquarium. We talked about our favorite sea animals and made artwork relating to our fieldtrip. We also read books about different sea animals, one in particular "Gooney Jellyfish" by Natalie Lunis. After reading Gooney Jellyfish we created jellyfish artwork. At the end of this month, on April 25<sup>th</sup> we will be taking a walking fieldtrip to Bailey Gatzert Elementary School to see what a kindergarten classroom looks like. We are also still waiting for the praying mantis to hatch and expect them to come within the next couple of weeks. Thanks to all of the parents that helped on our Aquarium field trip, and if there are any parents who would like to join us on our walking trip to Bailey Gatzert; Mr. Sweet and I would love your help.

May 4<sup>th</sup> there is no school; but you can go to the zoo with Jumpstart if you like. Let us know ASAP so we can make your reservation.

*Miss. Rachel, Mr. Sweet, Ms. Abby & Grandma Thu*

## **Room 6**

Room 6 is so happy it is beginning to feel like spring so we can play outside more! We have been learning all about flowers, worms, and aquarium animals this month, and have just received class ladybugs to watch grow! May 4<sup>th</sup> there is no school; but you can go to the zoo with Jumpstart if you like. Let us know ASAP so we can make your reservation.

Thank you,

*Ms. Rachelle, Ms. Marki and Mr. Shawn*

## **A quick message from your CFA's**

First, we wanted to thank you all for coming to our Resources Fair on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012. It was really refreshing to see so many parents stop by and take the time to meet our service providers. It is important to take advantage of all of the services offered in our community. If you need help connecting with any service, please come and see us. Second, we are now enrolling for next year,

which means two things 1) if you plan for your child to return next year, you must reenroll them ASAP. 2) If you know of anyone who wants to enroll their child for next year, please have them come and see us ASAP. Spots will fill up fast so hurry,

*Victor and Ayan*

### **First AME Head Start Policy Council**

The purpose of Policy Council is to implement the Head Start and Early Head Start performance standards. At Policy Council meetings we discuss planning, direction and guidance in program improvement and development for the program. If you have any questions, concerns, or would just like to hear more about Policy Council and how you can be involved, please feel free to contact PC Chairperson Meagan Palmer (Chloe's Mom) at [palmermeagan@yahoo.com](mailto:palmermeagan@yahoo.com) and or our PC Secretary Amber Nyland (Kaliya's Mom) at [amber\\_epixsig@yahoo.com](mailto:amber_epixsig@yahoo.com)

### **A Word from the Center Manager**

Ok according to the calendar it is spring so I hope all these April showers and the peek-a-boo sun bring us a lot of May flowers!

We missed you during Spring break but we hope you had a fun and a restful week and are re-energized for the rest of the school year. Our staff needed the break to gear-up for the last few months of this school year. It will be a busy time and we hope you can join us in the events ahead. Stay tuned!

April is **National Volunteer Month** and I would like to thank all the volunteers who support our center and help us provide quality services to the children and families we serve! We couldn't do it without you! We had our April Parent Meeting on Wednesday, April 11th at 5:30 and those who attended shared it was informative and they had fun. We want to thank the Community Partners that came and shared their programs: Jumpstart, the Seattle Library, Atlantic Street, Access and Outreach and Kids Cavity Prevention Program. These Program Representatives left some flyers and information with the CFAs so for those that missed this helpful information ask your CFA or watch your child's cubby.

**SAVE THE DATE:** In light of all the earthquakes we have been having lately; our next Parent meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup> we will have SNAP a community program that trains families on emergency preparedness (earthquakes and other disasters) will present. This training is highly requested by families so I look forward to a good turnout. Please join us, we will provide dinner and free child care.

We are working hard to recruit children for next school year so please share with family and friends. If you need fliers ask Ayan or Victor, we have them in other languages too.

**There will be a free Family Financial Literacy Training** here at SVI on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 to 7:30; free child care will be provided. Watch for fliers in your child's cubby.

It is time for your children's **dental rechecks** and the Kids Cavity Prevention Program will be here on May 1<sup>st</sup> to provide this free service. Please make sure you have completed a form for your child with your CFA. They will also see your other children for free so let your CFA know.

Please check the attached **calendar as there are two closures** to be aware of: our next teacher training day on Friday 5/4/12 all day and Memorial Day May 28th.

Lastly I would like to thank our Policy Council Reps: Meagan Palmer and Amber Nyland for diving into the work of the PC, they are doing wonderful and representing SVI well. Also I want to thank Meagan for publishing our newsletter this month.

Have a great May!

Shirley Larrison

*APRIL/MAY 2012*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
22 <b>April</b>	23	24 <b>Volunteer</b>	25 <b>Appreciation</b>	26 <b>Week</b>	27	28
29	30 Financial Literacy Training 5:30	May 1 <b>Dental Day</b>	2	3	Center Closed 4 <b>Teacher Training Jumpstart Zoo Day</b>	5 Cinco de Mayo
6	7	8 CWB Center Mtg. 5:30	9 SVI Parent Discussion Group 4:30 <b>SVI Parent meeting @ 5:30 SNAP Program Emergency Preparedness</b>	10 DH Center Mtg. 5:30	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Nationa l Day of Familie s	21	22 <b>Policy Council Meeting 5:30 PM</b>	23	24	25	26
27 <b>Memorial Day Center Closed</b>	28	29	30	31	June 1 <b>Center Closed Teacher Training</b>	2