



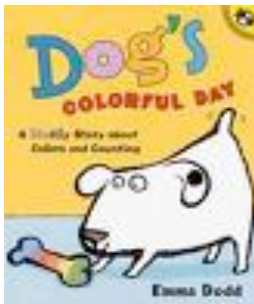
# PRESCHOOL NEWS

March  
2010

## Mrs. Houldsworth's Class

### IMPORTANT DATES

- March 4<sup>th</sup> - PTA Meeting at 6:30  
March 18<sup>th</sup> - Author visit, by Kathy Bradski  
(t,th class will attend during class time)  
March 18<sup>th</sup> - parent workshop at 1:00 "Crash  
Test for Parents" seat belt safety



### Themes This Month

In March our focus will be on Pets. We will mix white and black to create gray. Our shape will be a diamond. We will read the books Dogs Colorful Day by Emma Dodd and Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion.

We will learn about various pets such as dogs, cats, birds and fish. Our pizza restaurant will be put away to create a Veterinarians Office as we learn how to care for pets.

We will take some time to learn about March, the windy month and decorate kites. Look for them on our bulletin board.

### REMINDERS

- Please remember to call the office if your child is out sick or will not be attending school.
- Please fill out the "going green" newsletter notice

### Children and Pets

Most children love animals, whether they are watching lions and gorillas at the zoo, romping with the family dog or feeding the cat. This natural attraction is the perfect opportunity for children to learn some basic concepts about the animal world and to care for something other than themselves.

Pets (like people) have basic needs: a safe place to live, the right foods to eat, and water to drink. Each animal, however, has specific housing and food needs. Even young children can learn that rodents must chew on hard foods to keep their teeth from growing too long, that fish must have clean water to breathe, or that turtles require a variety of fruits, vegetables, and meat. They can learn that parakeets depend on people to keep their cages clean and that housecats need frequent litter-box changes.

Children also learn that different animals must be handled in different ways. They learn to be gentle with small animals, and they realize that they must help some pets get exercise.

Some families choose not to own pets because of allergies or preference. Children in these families may learn at school about caring for live animals. Some kids even pretend to care for stuffed animal pets at home.

Whatever children's particular experiences with pets, these enhance kids' sense of responsibility and caring.

### PLEASE HELP US OUT

- Disinfecting wipes to keep our room clean
- Hand sanitizer
- Gallon size zip-lock bags
- Aluminum foil