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Letter from the President

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Letter from the President

So long, everyone! I've had a lot of fun here at the Coop, I hope you have too. I'd like to welcome our new board for the 2009/2010 school year.

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Please help us wrap up the school year. Make sure your fundraising/tuition is paid up and sign up for cleanup day May 21st. If you've made any notes about your job for your successor please pass them on to me.

Goodbye isn't painful unless you're never going to say hello again. I'll see you around ...

Three Year Old News

Mrs. Pam

To My Dear Little Preschoolers,
It is the end of the school year. Can you believe it? We've had so much fun together. I have really enjoyed being your teacher this year. I can't believe how big you've all become. I am so proud of you! We've learned a lot about letters, numbers, shapes, colors, seasons, animals and lots of other things. Be sure to practice the things that we've learned so that you don't forget. For those of you that are coming back to the Preschool next year, you will LOVE Mrs. Joan. She is a friend of mine and she is a wonderful teacher. My daughter, Rachel, had Mrs. Joan and she loved her very much. You will also learn a lot from Mrs. Joan.

Now, we all get to enjoy the summer time. What a fun time of year! Be sure to play outside in the sunshine as much as you

can, ride your bikes, play in the sand, swim and eat plenty of ice cream! Maybe I'll see some of you at the beach this summer. I go to Independence Lake quite a bit because it is right down the road from me. For those of you that have never been, it is a fun place for kids. They have a sprinkler area, a playground, a nice beach and a concession stand to buy some ice cream....YUM! I will miss you, but will never forget all the joy and laughter that you've filled my heart with. You are good little children and I am blessed to have had the opportunity to be your teacher.

Love,
Mrs. Pam

Upcoming Events

April 15th Final fundraising goal due

May 21 Cleanup day

Four Year Old News

Mrs. Joan

Dear Families,



Thank you for another wonderful year at the Dexter Coop. I have truly enjoyed teaching your children and getting to know all of you. Thank you for being wonderful supportive assist parents. Thank you too for all the extras that you do willingly. I'm still amazed at all the great families in Dexter and it's vicinity. We have had many great times this year, I tried asking the kids today what they liked about this year at preschool and I got very few comments Oh well. So I decided to think about what I liked about this year. Dr. Seuss VIP night was a big one for me, and I also liked starting the year with the Olympic theme. I love Wiard's orchard and making applesauce at school. Most of all I love the kids and the things they say. Imagine being invited to move with a family to Wisconsin just because they think I should come too. Nobody this year asked me if I lived in the storage closet but they always wonder if I have a family and if I live in a house. They don't care how old I am; they think I'm 18 sometimes and they call me Grandma when I do something really nice for them. I tell them not to worry about it I know it's a compliment. I find the kids refreshing and they give me hope for the future, which is, more than most people get when they go to work. I know your kids are going to grow up to be well adjusted, caring people because I have seen how you love and care for them. It's wonderful to see how you all value their education by your investment of time and hard work!

We will be sending home our ABC Binders soon. Please enjoy them with your child this summer. The children have spent a lot of time, effort, and love into making them. I'm attaching an informational sheet on how children learn to write. I hope you will find it helpful this summer as you help to continue your child on their path to literacy. I feel they are in a stride and this information will assist you in planning experiences that support your blossoming writer or emergent reader.





What's the Buzz?

Local Happenings:

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Summer 2009:

Fridays at the Dexter District Library:

Friday, June 12

11:00 a.m. Summer Reading Program Kick-off Party; O.J. Anderson's Laughin' Loud at the Library! Comedy Show for all ages.

Friday, June 19

11:00 a.m. Barnyard Express an entire Live Animal Farm on the lower level. All ages.

Friday, June 26

11:00 a.m. Local Storyteller La'Ron Williams guides children through the amazing land of imagination. All Ages - Refreshments.

Friday, July 3

11:00 a.m.

Lori Fithian's "Drumcommunity" totally interactive music program for all ages.

Friday, July 10

11:00 a.m. Organization for Bat Conservation presents "Bats of the World" live animals; educational program for all ages.

Friday, July 17

7:00 p.m. Drop-in Bedtime Story Time. All ages – milk and cookies.

Friday, July 24

11:00 a.m. Dan the Creature Man presents his "Creature Feature" live exotic animals; educational program for all ages.

2009 Ann Arbor Summer Festival June 12 – July 5th:

Sunday June 21st Family Fun Night @ the Top of the Park, 5:00 p.m.

May & Summer Birthday's!



Three Year Old Birthday's

- Elena Lu May 28
- Matthew Herrema May 20
- Julia Kirkey May 3
- Jaelyn Henry July 9
- AJ Vaughn June 6
- John Assenmacher August 20
- Carmen Seivert August 4
- Barrett Keller June 26

Four Year Old Birthday's

- Eliza Colby July 13
- Ava Hauman June 19
- Caleb Kril August 15
- Ellie Manly May 11
- Theresa Su May 5
- Claire Blodgett May 4
- Samantha Cox June 12
- Kylee Garcia August 6
- Alex Gilbert May 24
- Audrey McMichael June 1
- Aleya Smith July 12

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~SAVE THE DATE for FAMILY FUN NIGHT~

On Friday, May 15 from 5:30-8:00pm all Dexter Co-op families are invited to an evening a fun, play and food at the Tree House in Chelsea. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

Please note that this annual event is for current co-op families only. Socks are required.

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- May 15** Family Fun Night at The Tree House in Chelsea
- May 19** Last day of school
- May 21** Co-op Clean up day!

“Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.”
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

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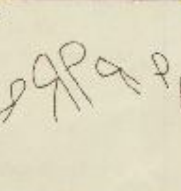
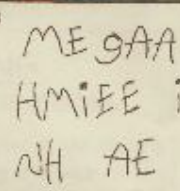
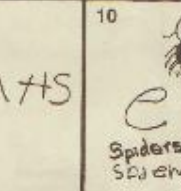
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Learning to Write Article from Mrs. Joan

Parent handout

Learning to Write

Learning to write involves much more than forming letters of the alphabet. It includes understanding such ideas as why people write and how they organize words on a page. Your child will go through stages of development while learning to write just as he did learning to talk. Watch for your child to develop the following skills.

<p>1</p>  <p>Draws scribbles over and over to understand how to make certain marks.</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>Scribbles separate as child moves pencil to many starting points.</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>Writing moves across page left to right.</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>Shows he understands the difference between pictures and print.</p>
<p>5</p>  <p>Makes letter-like forms and some real letters from his name.</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>Uses space creatively, even backwards, when writing.</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>Writes a sequence of letters to represent an idea or story.</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>Shows he knows words are made up of letters.</p>
<p>9</p>  <p>Writes down the letters that represent the most obvious sounds. (This is my house.)</p>	<p>10</p>  <p>Shows interest in writing "real" words by copying adult writing and signs.</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>Uses all his resources to produce conventional writing.</p>	