



# Mulberry School News

## Enrollment for 2009-2010 is approaching quickly!

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## Coming up in January!

- ☺ Classes Resume—Mon. Jan 5th
- ☺ Parent Meeting— Mon. Jan 12th at 6:30pm
- ☺ No School—Jan. 17 and 19th
- ☺ Multiage Open House—Mon. Jan 26th at 6pm

## In the classrooms...

- 3K— welcomes a new student, Aidan! They will be learning about winter, snowmen, and penguins.
- 4K/Pre-K—will be learning about the letters W, S, K, and J. Students will be learning about winter and the snow. 4K also welcomes a new student Bella!
- Kindergarten— will be studying the author Jan Brett, penguins, and winter weather.
- Multiage— This month, they will begin a Pioneer unit. Students will be working on a quilting project.



Time flies! I can still remember the first day of school like it was yesterday. However, unbelievably it is already half way through the school year! January has crept up on us which means it is time to start thinking about the 200910 school year. This week, you received an enrollment survey in your child's backpack. We rely on these surveys to help us begin planning for the next school, so please return your survey promptly.

If you are a current Mulberry parent who is interested in returning next year, you will have the opportunity to let us know by replying to our survey. We will start the registration process in January after we have received the returned surveys. If you are undecided, you can mark "may return" on your survey. This will guarantee you a spot until March. After the March deadline, you can still enroll if spaces are available.

If you are enrolling a new child, please fill out an enrollment form and return it to the school with the registration fee. Siblings have priority enrollment until March also.

If you are undecided or just interested in what classes Mulberry offer, I encourage you to come see for yourself. We will be having 2 upcoming events where you can visit our classrooms. On January 26th at 6pm, we will have a Multiage open house to showcase this wonderful educational experience that is sometimes a mystery even to our parents. Also, on March 3rd, we will be hosting a school wide open house for new and current parents who want to see what Mulberry has to offer.

## What's Happening at Mulberry?

- **December was a very busy month.** We had many special activities including a visit from Katrina from the Normal Public Library. She has visits 3K, 4K, and the PreKs once a month and shares stories and songs with us. The Multiage class recited Holiday poems that they memorized in Drama. Kindergarten had a visit from the Pantagraph and were inspired to develop their own newspapers. Unfortunately, our Cultural Diversity Celebration was canceled due to a weather related school closing. However, if you are still interested in sharing your culture, please let me know and we can find an alternative day for you to share with our school or select classrooms.
- **Fieldtrips—** In December, all 3K and PreKs and Kindergarten went to the theater performance of "Harry the Dirty Dog" at the Bloomington Center of Performing Arts. Coming up in January, the Pre-K classes will be visiting Rising Stars Gymnastics
- **Art with Bonnie—**In January, the students will be painting snowmen inspired by the artist Monet's winter paintings.
- **Drama with Devon—** In January, Multiage will begin learning about ancient Greek drama: myths. The Kindergarten will be introduced to pantomime, and the PreK classes will be playing nursery rhyme charades and traveling the world to look for animals.
- **Computers with Rita—**In December, the students learned a computer painting program and explored some educational computer games.
- **Multiage Open House -Monday, January 26th at 6pm** We invite you to come and take a closer look at our Multiage Classrooms. Pat and Cheryl will be there to answer your questions and show you first hand what they do all day long! Childcare is available at Mulberry.
- **Parent Volunteer Opportunities -** We are looking for more parents to assist with lunch. Kindergarten/Multiage lunch hour is 11:30-12 and the Pre-K lunch hour is 12-12:30. We are looking for monthly shoppers. Please sign up on the volunteer board or talk with Kim.