



# Starbright

## The BHSA Creativity School Newsletter February Edition

Remember our website has info and calendar!!

BHSA Proudly Presents

### **All You Need is Love**

Dance Performance and Art Exhibit

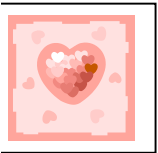
May 16, 2010

McCulloch Jr. High 3800 Panther Creek The Woodlands, TX



#### **Ordering Costumes**

**Creativity School Monday Tap and Ballet** students perform in the spring show. Pictures of the costumes are on display. Payments are due by Monday February 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a day that Creativity School is closed, so make sure you get your payments in the tuition box Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> or you can come up here on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup>. This is an actual deadline set by the costume company. There will be no extensions. We will be making the order all together and we cannot add stragglers after the fact.



#### **Valentine's Party**

We are looking forward to our party on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 3:00 PM. All students are invited to attend. The students will enjoy a Valentine exchange of cards that have been made at school. Please provide a basket by Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> that your child will decorate and use to hold the cards of 20 students. We enjoy an old fashioned Valentine experience, so commercial cards are not necessary. The children also receive tokens and treats from their teachers, so no need for you to purchase gifts for this day. We appreciate your cooperation.

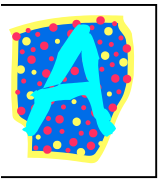


#### **Pre-K News**

Our older students who will be attending Kindergarten fall 2010 are really gearing up for this new phase of life. Our last half of the academic year really focuses on preparing them. Flashcards have gone home and you should practice with your child. Bring them back to me when they know them well and I will add to them. We continue to work on the sounds that the letters make (consonants and short vowels), recognizing

rhymes, opposites, beginning sounds and ending sounds. Please help us by having conversations and agreements with your child about appropriate behavior at school. Very soon they will be required to navigate and conduct themselves appropriately in a very large environment with twenty to twenty five children in their classroom.

Our younger students who have a one or two more years with us before heading off to kindergarten are practicing shapes. They are drawing them, recognizing and cutting them out. They are doing very well at this. Clean-up time is our biggest challenge right now so we ask that you help your child develop accountability habits by establishing real clean-up responsibilities at home that can transfer to their class community. Independence at this age is a milestone and one that many parents are reluctant to support, but once it is reached, most find they are grateful and proud.



### **Kindergarten News**

Read! Read! Read! Let's all read! Fluent reading comes from lots of practice so make sure you are reading with your child everyday. You can help them two ways. Read with them as practice, giving them the words quickly if they seem to struggle and then go back over the page or paragraph until they can read it fluently. You can also work with them on sight word flashcards (sight words are meant to be memorized) or introduce new words that they can sound out phonetically like bent, swim, pump and stop. This month we are working with currency and time. You can also find teachable moments with these using the clock face, digital display and the change in your pocket.



### **First Grade News**

The students did amazingly well on their first study challenge. They proved that they are really learning. They really enjoy challenges. They are doing very well with the dictionary and putting words in alphabetical order. Our focus for the next few weeks is memorizing the math fact families and the addition and subtraction equations using integers under ten.

### **Kindergarten and First Grade Assessments**

The assessments went very well and I think the children enjoyed the experience. They were all very receptive to Dr. Naquin and appeared happy and confident. Please make an appointment with Sage for a personal conversation. One of the reasons for the assessment was also a check and balance for me as a teacher and for our school as an environment. It is Dr. Naquin's honest opinion that the students at

BHSA are getting a quality education and they are thriving and performing at or above grade level under our tutelage.

**Parent's Night Out Friday February 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM – 10:30 PM**

\$25 first child and \$20 for siblings 3 years and older.

Take a break for some “adult time” while the kids play games, eat pizza and hang out! Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or email your reservation to [info@bara-hambright.com](mailto:info@bara-hambright.com)



**Important Dates:**

**February 12<sup>th</sup>: Valentine's Party 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

**February 15<sup>th</sup>: Creativity School Closed**

**February 15<sup>th</sup>:** Costume orders and payments due for May performance. Costume choices will be available for viewing on February 1<sup>st</sup>.



**Communications** as they relate to Creativity School

**Parent Handbook:** Remember to check the handbook for policies and answers to questions.

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*As per our handbook, email communications to teachers will be printed and placed in their box.*

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**Label! Label! Label! all items of clothing, shoes, nap linens and food containers**