

Palm Valley Montessori

Newsletter

June 2009

Dear Parents,

You may have noticed a few construction projects going on around our school (ahem, the *trench* in the front yard). The new fire sprinkler system required more water pressure so a pipeline is going out to the street. I hope the hole will not be there too much longer. The crew assured me a maximum of three school days. Also, the south bathroom is getting a little remodeling work. The rather useless spa tub has been removed and the bathroom has been made more user-friendly. The floor will be finished today and then we will only need a coat of paint.

Two more projects are lined up for the summer months. A fire alarm system will be installed and some paved parking will go in near the entrance. I was hoping to get all these improvements finished while school was out, but I am at the mercy of the City permit process. Now the goal is to have everything installed and inspected before the new 2009-2010 school year begins on August 3rd. We will have several new students joining our community at that time. Pick-up time with eight families navigating construction is difficult, but with twenty families it would be impossible. I appreciate your patience as we go through our new-school growing pains. Thank you!



Adam and Micah being "worker guys."

Ms. Eva

Artist of the Month: Paul Gauguin (1848-1903) was a leading Post-Impressionist painter. He began his career as a stockbroker, but he was always drawn to the world of art. His friendship with artist Camille Pissarro lead to exhibitions with the Impressionists. Gauguin left his native France to paint in Panama, Tahiti, and French Polynesia. In these "primitive" environments, Gauguin found his inspiration for honest, colorful, and distinct art. His masterpiece is the 1897 "Where Do We Come From?"

Composer of the Month: Johannes Brahms (1833-1897) was a German composer and pianist of the Romantic period. He enjoyed considerable popularity during his lifetime. Brahms wrote a number of major works for orchestra and chamber music, but his legacy is the universally recognized *Brahms' Lullaby.*



Madison loves hammering work.

Please Mark Your Calendar

Palm Valley Montessori will be closed July 20- July 31 for Summer Break. The 2009-2010 school year will commence Monday, August 3, 2009. A copy of the 2009-2010 school year calendar is attached to this newsletter.

Parent-teacher conferences will be held June 25, 26, and 27. A sign-up sheet will be available later this week. The children have made some exciting progress since we last met in February. I look forward to speaking with each of you.

Angelina "building" words with the moveable alphabet.



Please Join Us...

Families are welcome to join us for "The Ultimate Reptile Experience" on Friday, June 26th at 10:00am. Rich Ihle of Reptile Adventures will educate and entertain us with the help of his reptile friends.