

Pre-K Update

From: Mr. McCarty 11/17/08

- ✓ On August 18, 2008 there was a Pre-K Orientation for parents and students. A survey/needs assessment was given. The comments were very positive. The parents indicated that they would like to have a parent training on Health & Wellness.
- ✓ Both Pre-K classrooms are actively involved in fun & meaningful lessons driven by Pre-K standards and the Creative Curriculum.
- ✓ Many of last year's Pre-K parents have commented how happy they were with Pre-K and how well their children are functioning in Kindergarten. These comments reflect Dr. Robertson's statistics--students who went to Pre-K last year are doing as well as or better in Kindergarten this year than those who did not attend any form of Pre-K.
- ✓ Early in September, Jim Lindstrom a beekeeper from Oak Forest, gave a special presentation to Pre-K and Kindergarten. This was a transition activity planned by the Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers.
- ✓ Our first parent meeting was held on October 23, 2008. Mrs. Pam Cornell from PAEYC [Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children] presented a fantastic Health and Wellness Workshop to our Early Childhood Parents.
- ✓ We are in the middle of planning for our next 2 parent workshops. One will be with Mrs. Powelko and me called "Reading Wonderland." The other parent workshop will be called "I'm moving—I'm learning!"



Pre-K Orientation



Health & Wellness Parent Workshop



Bee Keeper Presentation