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The Cobbler

a newsletter of the Cobb Meadow School

What's New

OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH,
10AM- NOON.

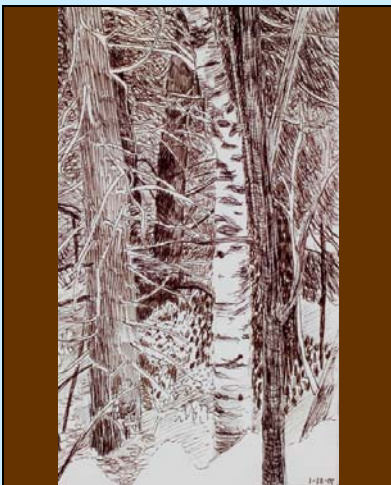
Our first Open House of 2007 is scheduled for Saturday, January 27th, from 10 AM to noon. We usually have a grand time, serve snacks and enjoy a small puppet show. Please tell your friends with preschool aged children! Parents and children are invited. Word of mouth advertising is the best.

NO SCHOOL

Teacher Conference (NY)
Monday, February 12th

Winter Break

Monday, February 26th
through Friday, March 2nd



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Dear Parents,

What a wonderful start to the New Year we had at Cobb Meadow. After weeks of digging canals and river beds, the children were finally able to slosh and splash and ladle and scoop. There were many children ankle deep in our big puddle, many children hauling our big bucket, oh so heavy, up the hill to their reservoir, and many children having a glorious time. The day was cool, but not so cool that a wet hand meant a cold, cold hand, and we stayed outside for nearly an hour. There were only a few wet spots on the children when we came in- under their foul weather gear that is. Thank you, families for sending such effective clothing.

Our water day with many volunteer opportunities made for a great start for our two new Cobb Meadow School boys, Cy and Quinn Williston. Cy and Quinn live at Ploughshare farm with their parents Jan and Mark, and they have been in New England for less than a year: they've recently moved here from Alaska.

This week we completed 6 pairs of indoor ice skates. We wrapped pieces of 2x4 in felt and with upholstery tacks made the felt secure. We cleared away the furniture from our pond, the middle section of floor in the sunny room that is not carpeted, and we skated. The children were such good hammerers, with swings true and forceful, that I had little work to do when a few of them realized that they could be doing the hammering. I got the idea for skates from Jane Swain, one of my mentors, who has completed the spatial dynamics training, and is a physical therapist, as well as, one of the games teachers at Monadnock Waldorf School. I will say that Ivy tried out the skates and could not hold in a giggle. You may try out a pair, too.

I really enjoy coming back to Cobb Meadow after a vacation. This week was no exception. The activity in the classroom of building sturdy and creative houses started up right away this week. Yesterday there was a feast held in the sunny room, to which all the Friday children were invited, but they had to bring their own chairs.

Conversation at snack time is lovely. The children share news from home, or sometimes a child will share the same amazing and impressive bit of news every time they share. Yesterday at snack one child said that, "God loves us and wants us all to love each other." Of course, said another child. Then a giggling voice said, "You know, Mother Earth is a girl." "Well, Mother earth is god's husband (oops, giggling.) - I mean Mother Earth is god's wife." "God takes care of the people and Mother Earth takes care of the earth." God takes care of the heavens...." There were at least four children participating in this conversation, and Jackie and I just listened and enjoyed. I do not know what sparked the first comment, and we probably went on to talk about kitties or ponies, but we do have fun listening to each other and sharing.

Our last story before our holiday break was "The Miracle of the Potato Latkes", and during that week, Ivy fried up a batch of delicious crispy golden latkes, just like those served up in the story. Some children were hesitant about trying the latkes, until I said that they tasted a lot like French fries. This week's story was about Babushka, who while planning a winter party for her friends, is invited with three kings to go search for a wondrous babe that has been born. She does not go, but next day tries to follow their foot steps. Although she never finds the babe the kings visited, she met many beautiful children over the years, and grew to love them dearly. At the end of the story she realizes that her heart is full of love.

If any of you parents has a story to share with me that you have found children love to hear, please let me know.

*Thank you all so very much,
Anne*

Foul Weather Gear

The temperatures have been high, lately, but please send in a pair of winter pants for outdoor play every day. Some people leave a pair of snow pants at school- and that is fine. Please write your family name in your children's gear they often do not recognize their own clothes, especially if the items are new to them.

Toys From Home

We welcome a soft, quiet, lovely-type stuffed animal or doll that your child may choose to lie down with at rest. Our rest is so short, that I offer this more as a transitional step, while our afternoon rest is long and having a lovey is really, very comforting. Please help your child choose either an old favorite or a very simple rest mate. The fancier the toy, the longer it takes everyone to settle down.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer Opportunities abound at Cobb Meadow School. We have short term and long term projects for willing people to take on. Please see Anne or Kristin if you are interested in volunteering at our school.

Re-enrollment

We will be sending out re-enrollment information after our February break. Our process is to learn who of our current families plan on returning, and after receiving a deposit from them. Then we will know how many spaces to hold and how many we have open for the following year. Everyone should have received a short letter asking about your intentions for next year, specifically in regards to Cobb Meadow's after school program. **Just a reminder:** please reply by completing the "tear off" section and returning it by this Friday the 19th!

After School Care (2007/2008)

It has been very convenient having Jackie so close and willing to do extended day care. Jackie is seeking fulltime employment and may well not offer this service next year. This is an opportunity for someone who would want to take on a couple children for the afternoons. There are several children who would not be able to attend Cobb Meadow this year, if there were not such a good option for afternoons. This is an endeavor that is separate from Cobb Meadow.

Cobb Meadow Bumper Stickers

Bumper stickers are out please share them with grandparents or others who would be willing to put them on their cars.

Vacation Reminder

Please remember to transfer all our vacations onto your calendar for 2007. Apologies to the families that we taken by surprise with the Winter break dates. The Cobb Meadow calendar is also available for viewing and download on our website homepage.

You can check: www.cobbmeadowsschool.org for info and downloads.

Wish List

*2 x 4 lumber
(for take home skates)*

*Embroidery floss,
various colors*

Special thanks for
the stainless steel
bowls and the
colored wool fleece.

NUTS FOR SALE

We do have one
more batch of
toasted pecans .

Toasted almonds
also still available ask
Anne to make up a
bag if you don't see
any left in the
basket.

