

MARCH 2011 PEARSALL TMC

Letter from the Center Manager

Dear Parents:

The luck of the Irish to you all! Hope everyone is in good spirits! We have started our new fiscal year Febru-



ary 1st, which means we are beginning a new budget for the 11—12 school year. A budget update will be provided to you each month at our parent meeting or you may request it at anytime.

I am happy to say, that our INKIND for February was \$ 10,504.28. It is your participation at the centers that contribute to our inkind and especially your role as a parent is evident. We will continue, together, to build a solid partnership where we can help each other raise your child into self motivated, positive and productive individual. Of course, it takes time and effort to accomplish this goal, it is an on-going effort for the child, but we can help you, help us instill values and morals.

I am very proud to serve you and your children. If you need to talk to me please come to my office my doors are always open to you.

Thank you,

Requel E. Nunez, Pearsall TMC Center Mgr.

“Just one person taking action can inspire others to do the same.”

~ Leslie C. Aguilar



Classroom 1

Debra L. Gonzales & Sylvia Ellis

MARCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE TODDLER RM

Dear Parents,

In the month of March our theme will be Spring Festival. We will discuss the different types of things that occur during spring. We will also be doing different types of activities both at school and at home to help each child gain knowledge of Springtime in our lives. Please join us as we learn about Spring Festivals in our classroom. Please feel free to share any ideas you may have.

Thank you,
Mrs. Ellis & Mrs. Gonzales

March 11th—My Favorite Flower
22nd—Parent reading time
(The Grouchy Ladybug)
24th—Butterfly Creation
25th—Ants Collage
29th—Springtime book
31st- Safety Walk



Cesar Estrada Chavez

March 31, 1927—April 23, 1993

THE UNITED FARM WORKERS IS BORN



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“In 1962 Cesar founded the National Farm Workers Association, later to become the United Farm Workers - the UFW. He was joined by Dolores Huerta and the union was born. That same year Richard Chavez designed the UFW Eagle and Cesar chose the black and red colors. Cesar told the story of the birth of the eagle. He asked Richard to design the flag, but Richard could not make an eagle that he liked. Finally he sketched one on a piece of brown wrapping paper. He then squared off the wing edges so that the eagle would be easier for union members to draw on the handmade red flags that would give courage to the farm workers with their own powerful symbol. Cesar made reference to the flag by stating, "A symbol is an important thing. That is why we chose an Aztec eagle. It gives pride . . . When people see it they know it means dignity." For a long time in 1962, there were very few union dues paying members. By 1970 the UFW got grape growers to accept union contracts and had effectively organized most of that industry, at one point in time claiming 50,000 dues paying members. The reason was Cesar Chavez's tireless leadership and nonviolent tactics that included the Delano grape strike, his fasts that focused national attention on farm workers problems, and the 340-mile march from Delano to Sacramento in 1966. The farm workers and supporters carried banners with the black eagle with HUELGA (strike) and VIVA LA CAUSA (Long live our cause). The marchers wanted the state government to pass laws which would permit farm workers to organize into a union and allow collective bargaining agreements. Cesar made people aware of the struggles of farm workers for better pay and safer working conditions. He succeeded through nonviolent tactics (boycotts, pickets, and strikes). Cesar Chavez and the union sought recognition of the importance and dignity of all farm workers. It was the beginning of La Causa a cause that was supported by organized labor, religious groups, minorities, and students. Cesar Chavez had the foresight to train his union workers and then to send many of them into the cities where they were to use the boycott and picket as their weapon. Cesar was willing to sacrifice his own life so that the union would continue and that violence was not used. Cesar fasted many times. In 1968 Cesar went on a water only, 25 day fast. He repeated the fast in 1972 for 24 days, and again in 1988, this time for 36 days. What motivated him to do this? He said, Farm workers everywhere are angry and worried that we cannot win without violence. We have proved it before through persistence, hard work, faith and willingness to sacrifice. We can win and keep our own self-respect and build a great union that will secure the spirit of all people if we do it through a rededication and recommitment to the struggle for justice through nonviolence.”

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The symbolism of the flag:

The black eagle signifies the dark situation of the farm worker. The Aztec eagle is an historic symbol for the people of Mexico. The UFW incorporated the Aztec eagle into its design in order to show the connection the union had to migrant workers of Mexican-American descent, though not all UFW workers were Mexican-American.

The white circle signified hope and aspirations.

The red background stood for the hard work and sacrifice that the union members would have to give.

The UFW also adopted an official motto, "Viva la Causa" (Long Live Our Cause).



March 2011



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3 Rm. 1 – Sponge painting	4
7	8 Rm. 1 – Lemonade (Nutrition)	9 PARENT MEETING 12 PM @ CENTER	10	11 Rm. 1 – Parent reading time (Spring)
14 SPRING STAFF IN	15 BREAK TRAINING	16	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day 	18
21 CLASSES RESUME	22 Rm. 1 – Parent reading time (The Grouchy Ladybug)	23	24 Rm. 1 – Butterfly Creation	25 Rm. 1 – Ants Collage
28 Honoring Cesar Chavez Day Holiday No school	29 RM. 1 – Springtime book	30	31 Cesar Chavez B-Day Father of the Farm Worker  RM. 1 – Safety Walk  Selena 1971 - 1995	All parents are encouraged to participate in their childs classroom activities. So come and join the fun activities