



Wee Wisdom News - June 2012

Dear Parents,

Our summer program is bustling along, with plenty of new activities! We have added many new friends to our classrooms, so we are adding another wonderful new teacher. In addition to Caitlin Scheppner (please see bio), who has taken Beth's place as the T/Th Pre-Primary teacher, we are adding Amber Calderon to our staff family at Wee Wisdom. Amber began working with us on Thursday, June 21st, and is already feeling comfortable with the children, staff and parents, as they seem to be with her! Amber plans to graduate from Texas State University in December with a bachelor's degree in education, and will complete her student teaching in the fall. She will be working in each of the classrooms at various times during the day, Monday through Thursday throughout the summer, and then on Mondays and Wednesdays in the fall, while student teaching in an Elementary Kindergarten class in AISD. Amber will also be assisting me with office tasks on an as needed basis. Please take a moment to welcome them both.

Rebecca Wiewall, who's family is featured in this month's newsletter, has begun teaching Spanish to the children in the Primary classroom. We are so appreciative of the love, thought and energy that she is putting into our new Spanish program. Welcome to the Wiewall's!

I recently sent home a notice about our new opportunity for parent sharing called 'Taste of Our Talents'. Our first parent to share will be Betsy Robins, with an introduction to the Basics of Belly Dancing on June 27th and 28th from 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. in the Unity Oaks building, room 201 for our Wee Wisdom Moms. Please come and join us and let me know if you would like to be on the calendar to share your own talents in the coming months!!

Blessings to all,

Lisa

Family Highlights

Meet the Wiewalls!!! Eduardo, Rebecca, Esteban and Sebastian (3 1/2 years old twins) are a young Puertorrican family that moved to Austin last December and are currently living at AMLI on 2nd, downtown Austin. Eduardo is VP of the Channel Partner Program for eCaresoft, Inc., a technology company focused in the Health Care Industry, while Rebecca is an Attorney focused in being the best stay-at-home-mommy she can be. As new Austinites they feel very honored and excited of being part of the Unity of the Hills Church and Wee Wisdom School communities!



Calendar

- July 4th - Holiday, No School
- August 16 Last Day of Summer Session
- August 20-23 Break
- August 27 Fall Session Begins
- Reminder: Wee Wisdom School follows the [Round Rock ISD academic calendar](#) throughout the academic school year, beginning in August. Click [here](#) to find the 2012-2013 calendar online.

View Wee Wisdom's [Summer Curriculum](#) on www.weewisdomschool.org!

Friendly Reminders

- It's beautifully sunny out! Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child.
- Please send your little ones to school in closed-toed shoes with easy on/off velcro closures. The mulch on the playground gets into open shoes. It is very uncomfortable and can cause injury. The velcro is a great way to give your child the ability to put on and take off his or her shoes easily.
- Pack a large snack since the kiddos seem to be extra hungry!





Message from Ms. Caitlin Pre-Primary Class

Hello Parents!

We are very excited to kick off the summer with some great topics! Over the last two weeks, we have

learned ALL about water, and are delving into plant life and botany. We will be incorporating a few special

activities including planting seeds and working in our garden. As we learn about the physical greatness of

Earth in these topics, we will continue our spiritual journey with correlating affirmations including “ I create

with God.” We are ready to explore dinosaur fun for our third two-week segment of the curriculum.

We know the Pre-Primary class will enjoy our topics as their curiosity grows each day! We have really

noticed a strong sense of compassion our students have for their classmates—which is truly impressive!

All our students have shown great strength in sharing and working together and we couldn't be happier with each child's progress.

As our Pre-Primary class experiences some changes, we hope that you all will not hesitate to contact us

with questions or concerns. We are here for you and your children, and look forward to the successes of

each child to continuing!

Sincerely,

Caitlin Scheppner

Introducing Caitlin Scheppner!

Miss Caitlin Scheppner attended Texas Christian University and graduated with an Education degree this past May which includes areas such as child development, educational psychology, Montessori techniques, professional responsibilities and much more. She loves working with children of all ages and seeing first hand growth and development.

Caitlin has worked as a nanny for children ranging from ages 12 months-14 yrs., as well as a private tutor, and mentor at a local Middle School throughout college in Fort Worth. She is thrilled to be back in Austin and thrilled to be a part of the Wee Wisdom and Unity team!

Caitlin enjoys learning about other cultures, which has inspired her to travel significantly!

Some of her student teaching was done abroad in Gothenburg, Sweden, and was able to visit Berlin, London, and Edinburgh on that trip, as well.

She has also sailed to/in: Australia, Belize, Honduras, Trinidad, Bonaire, Barbados, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Dominica, St. Lucia, Martinique, Grenada, Bequia, Mexico, Cayman Islands, Jamaica, Nassau, Los Roques (Venezuelan island), Isla de Margarita (also Venezuelan).

We are so blessed to have Caitlin's energy and enthusiasm on the Wee Wisdom staff!

Message from Ms. Julie
Primary Class

Our last month has been busy in the primary classroom! We've been blessed to receive our materials order (I'm sure you all saw the boxes lining the hallway!), and every day we add a little more to our shelves. In order to not overwhelm the children with change, the introduction of new materials is gradual. This is especially important because we've had some big changes in other areas this month. We've added staff, said goodbye to our beloved Ms. Beth, added several new children, had a few visitors, and reworked the layout of the room altogether.

We got to spend two weeks studying water in all its different forms (hydrology) and the creatures that live in underwater environments, as well as two weeks on botany, with a special focus on planting and caring for our own plants inside and out. Next up is our segment on DINOSAURS! I know our kiddos are going to love this one! We'll be "real" paleontologists during our dig for dino bones! After dinosaurs, we'll be learning all about ourselves during our two weeks on anatomy.

Parents, your little ones are amazing. I've gotten to watch them grow a tremendous amount in the last few weeks. Every day I am awed by how quickly they grow and how fast they learn! There have been some HUGE leaps in maturity and impulse control, as well as beautiful moments of cooperation, concentration, and awareness of self and others. I wish you all could come be flies on our wall!

Thank you all for what you do to support us and for the AWESOME parents that you are. It definitely shows in your children.



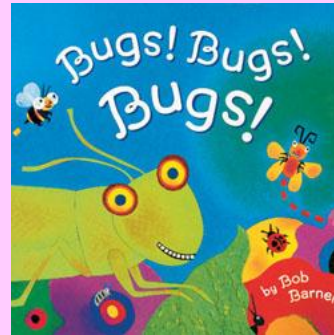
If you ever have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to talk to a teacher or our director in person, through email or by phone. We care a great deal for the little ones and we want you and your child to be happy and comfortable during their time with us.

Food Fun!
I Heart Turkey!



A plain ol' turkey sandwich (or any kind of sandwich) gets a little love with this heart-shaped version! (Kid not a heart-lover? Stars or dinosaur shapes work, too!) Use a deep cookie cutter to cut the sandwich into a fun shape. The more fun lunch is, the more likely it is that your child will eat it.

Book of the Month!



[Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!](#) by Bob Barner is a good book for little ones interested in bugs. Various bugs are introduced with a fun fact about them, and the coolest part of the book is the page with the life size illustrations of all the bugs. The illustrations are bright and fun and the length is perfect for toddlers and young preschoolers. Pretty ladybugs, fluttering butterflies, creepy daddy longlegs, and roly-poly bugs are some of the familiar creatures featured in this whimsically illustrated insect album.



Look What My Little Artist Created!

Your child creates a lot of wonderful art at Wee Wisdom. One way to share their talents with family and friends is to create greeting cards! Simply cut your child's artwork into pieces the size of your card, glue the pieces to the front and you now have beautiful original greeting cards made by your little artist! To let your recipient know who the art was made by, write the info on the back of the card.

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