

## I DID NOTHING TODAY

A common question parents often ask children, "What did you do today?" The following poem is a classic one. The author is unknown.

*When children come home at the end of the day, the question they are asked as they run out to play is "Tell me what did you do today?"  
And the answer they give makes you sigh with dismay.*

*"Nothing, I did nothing today!"*

*Perhaps "Nothing" means that I read a book,  
or with a teacher I got to cook.*

*Maybe I painted a picture of blue,  
or heard a story about a mouse that flew.*

*Maybe I wrote in my journal myself,  
or found a great book on the library shelf.*

*Maybe today I helped a friend,  
or wrote the letters beginning to end.*

*Maybe I sang a song right to the end,  
or worked with a special new friend.*

*When you are three, four, or five, your heart has wings, and  
"Nothing" can mean so many things.'*

Please, as parents, try to understand that so much is being absorbed in those little minds every single day (whether you know it or not!) Keep allowing your child to grow those "wings" and develop into an active and excited learner.

Have a great summer full of wonderful "Nothings!"

Jan



Baby  
BROTHER

## Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Mrs. Carmen, our Spanish teacher and the entire Weintraub family, who welcomed Seth Martin on April 29. Big sister Rachel is in Mrs. Pyzyna's class!



## News From the 3-6 Year Old Classrooms

### By Mrs. Ann Heineman

It's hard to believe that we are in our final month of school. However, the month of May brings us some of our most exciting activities. In April we learned about caterpillars, butterflies, praying mantis eggs and the always changing spring weather. This month we will continue learning about nature by planting seeds, flowers, and vegetables, as well as learning about the parts of a plant. We will also learn about different bugs and insects. The view from our classroom windows offer some of the most beautiful nature watching. We watch the trees bud and flower and have seen the squirrels, ducks and birds busy nesting and eating. We even had a hawk visiting for several days. The children are very observant and really enjoy letting us know when they see something outside.



We are also excited to have our kindergarten class graduate at the end of the month. The kindergarteners have worked so hard on all of their goals this year. It has been such a joy for us to get to know them over the past 2-3 years and we are excited to send them off to their new schools and all of the wonderful things that lie ahead for them. We will miss them very much and hope they will come back to visit their teachers and friends next year.

Although the weather has not been co-operating, we will try to get outside and enjoy our playground every day. Gross motor movement is very important for a child's growth and development. The children love running around the track and climbing on the monkey bars. We will also try to get over to the park at Olympic Park where they can also enjoy playing on the swings. Learning to pump their legs, so they can swing by themselves has been a fun challenge. During the last week of school we will also have Games Day on the grass area outside of the school playground. We will divide the classes into groups and have 5-6 games that they can participate in. T-ball, soccer, relay games and scooter races are a few of the games we will play. It is nice to have parent volunteers help us out. If you are interested, please let your teacher know.

Happy Spring!

# Spring Fling was a Giant Success!



*Lei Back...  
It's Spring*

**\$11,000 was raised for NSMS  
through this fabulous event!!**

A very special thank you to our co-chairs,  
**Toula Kourtis** and **Julianna Cucci**  
for their leadership and dedication to this event over the past several months.  
Planning for this event began last July!

**Thank you Spring Fling volunteers!**

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Thank you to Amy Tanner for the Raffle.  
Thank you to Maria Hogan for the Basket Donations.

Thank you to our families that have generously donated items,  
professional services, and even vacation homes!



## Upcoming Events:

Parent Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm

Plant Sale: Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

Graduation: Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00 pm

Last Day of School: Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

Memorial Day Parade: Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>

Piano Recital: June 4<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm