

Did Someone Say Vacation?

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Where has the time gone? It has been one amazing year and to witness first hand the great strides many of our students have made in academics, social skills, improved behavior and so much more, has been exciting. Yesterday while visiting room 4 children were hard at work at Centers. While navigating the room you started off at the Computer Center where children had their headphones on and were able to manipulate the mouse to click on the correct response while others were copying in their journals the morning lesson from the Smart Board. There was yet another group reading quietly at their desks, yet I said reading. Our

first graders and even our kindergarten students are so proud of their work and new abilities and Truman Moon staff is so proud of them. On June 3, 2010 our first graders visited Maple Hill Elementary where they met their new principal, Mr. Radogna.

June 11, 2010 our students performed their last Musical performance to an audience of hundreds of parents, grandparents, siblings and family & friends. There were special readings by selected students who graced the stage to share in the wonderful world of reading to an audience—no easy feat. A per-



(L to R) Nayeli Rivero, Cameron Little, Arianna Sarantapoulas, Alexis Olivo, Katelyn Mapes. Room 34

formance with kindergarten and first grade classes takes a lot of hard work, dedication, and our word of the month—Patience. Ms. Patrick pulled it all together to offer a wonderful experience for the students and their families. Great job Ms. Patrick!

Special points of interest:

- There are many great summer programs to choose from to keep your child occupied during the summer. Many programs offer limited scholarships for families who meet their financial requirements. Parents can speak directly with the summer program staff regarding such.

Farm Day

On June 2, 2010 the children at Truman Moon enjoyed Farm Day right at school. Through a collaboration with the 4-H program there were various stations with animals that classes navigated through. There was a brown baby cow who laid down through the 10 minute presentation while the

children were told he was just five days old. His legs are still wobbly but when he gets his strength he will be able to walk and run like the others. There were different types of rabbits, ducks, sheep and goats. At the goat station as the young presenter shared her wealth of knowledge with our students,

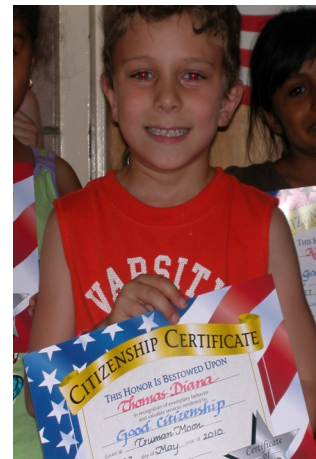
the sheep walked up to Tyler in room 3, stared at him for several seconds than let out a big “BAAAA!” The children quite surprised, laughed at the experience. Many great learning experiences were brought to our school this year through 4-H and Cornell Cooperative Extension to name a few.

Good Citizenship Awarded

Congratulations to all of our Good Citizenship Award winners for the month of May. We are so proud of you and all the children who have shown exceptional good character this school year. Our May winners: Thomas Diana (3), Isiah Warren (4), Angel Velasquez (5), Ashley Lupin-Reyes (6), Karyme Salcedo (7), Gianna Kozlowski (8), Madison Johnson (11), Andrea Fritzsich (12), Julia Angus (13), Thomas La-Forge (15), Sebastian Collado

(16), Aaliyah Mercado (17), Lillian Brooks (18), Anastasia Yupa (19), David Gonzalez (20), Logan Araque (21), John Grande, Juan Delgado (23), Gianna Ulloa (33), Jennifer Javier (34), Jaclyn VanSickle (35)

Pictured at right is Thomas Diana from room 3. Thomas also received the Honesty award in November 2009 for his classroom.



Patience is a Virtue

When angry count to ten before doing anything, and when very angry, count to a hundred. —Thomas Jefferson

The character word for the month of June is Patience. Now that June is here we have to patiently wait to begin our summer vacation. The children have been doing so well with learning and demonstrating each character word that is given a month. They have proudly posed for their group picture and get to see it hanging in our school. Please use this article as a prompt for a

discussion with your children about the word patience. Patience means you are willing to wait for things you want. You can calmly wait without complaining or whining. Patience is being able to see what you would like to have and having a willingness to work hard to get them. When you are patient you understand that things take time.

Remember Patience means:

- Being able to practice self control.
- Waiting your turn.
- Not complaining or whining when you endure a tough situation.
- Being able to forgive others and yourself.



Alexis Herrera and group mates smile proudly in front of Mrs. DiDio's Cookie Cottage at Truman Moon.

Estimation Jar Winners

Mrs. DiDio's Math students and kindergarten and first grade students throughout Truman Moon have been estimating cookie amounts. Fourteen students estimated the correct number of cookies of various sizes and shapes in the cookie cottage jar. Each child won a box of cookies to take

home along with a special congratulatory card. Mrs. DiDio's winners were: Enrique Martinez, Sammie Wheeler, Alejandro Perez, William Rutherford, Alexis Herrera, Alton Graham, Nakya Mapes, Deryus Pollard, Malik Wallington, Jeremy Santos, Emani Christiano-Rivers, Zakariya Surillo, Nay-

mani Foster and Clara Ornelas-Lara. Congratulations to all of the Truman Moon Estimation Champions!

Submitted by Mrs. DiDio our Comp Ed Math Teacher.

June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30			

Schedule of Events

- June 2, 2010 Farm Day
- June 11, 2010 Spring Concert
- June 15, 2010 Kindergarten Field Day
- June 16, 2010 First Grade Field Day
- June 23, 2010 Half Day for Students. Dismissal will begin at 11:40am
- June 24, 2010 Half Day for Students. Dismissal will begin at 11:40am and Summer vacation begins.

All clothing items left in the building in our Lost & Found after June 23rd will be removed.

What's Happening on the Moon?

Students in Room 14 and all over Truman Moon have witnessed the life cycle of butterflies right before our eyes. Thanks to our partnership with 4H, we started with the tiniest caterpillars about four weeks ago. We took care to give them food and safe environments and we watched them grow. After perhaps ten days, they crawled to the top of their containers and magically turned to chrysalides. We waited and watched and then came in one morning to find a dozen beautiful Painted Lady butterflies had emerged. We,

of course, released them outdoors so the cycle can continue. Many thanks to Ingrid at 4H for her expertise and support.

Submitted by Mrs. Moffett

June 14, 2010 some of our classes performed on stage in front of an audience of their peers and teaching staff to Folk Tale stories like Little Red Riding Hood and Snow White. The children adorned in costume and improvisation did a wonderful job reading scenes and saying their lines.

June 15 kindergarten student enjoyed Field Day. June 16, 2010 our 1st grade classes participated in Field Day.

Pictured at right is kindergarten student, Sebastian Collado handing out programs to the many visitors who came to watch our last Music Concert of the school year on June 11, 2010.



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The mission of Truman Moon Primary Center is...to be safe and contribute to the safety of others...to be partners...students, teachers, staff, parents, families, administrators and community members, all who are responsible for our educational growth...to do the right thing by setting examples of personal responsibility and moral conduct...to grow by developing intellectual, physical and artistic abilities...to try our best and reward efforts so that small steps turn into long strides...to be part of a team whose members are willing to give help as well as ask for it...to be happy in a positive, creative environment...to be inspired to learn through the continuous discovery...to belong to the family that is Truman Moon.

Counseling Groups Are Ending...

The Counseling groups facilitated by Mrs. Wall are coming to an end but the lessons learned will last a lifetime. Like a life cycle to the butterflies, frogs, and plants that our children learned about first hand this school year, there is a life cycle to our groups. In June the termination process begins in preparation of the end of the school year and the start of the children being equipped with new skills on how to handle frustration, sadness or anger, apply appropriate social skills and good friendship skills. Mrs. Wall works with children on a number of different issues throughout the school year and one of the main functions of those groups are to teach and build appropriate skills that the children will be able to apply now and rely on later in life. As part of the group's year end project each child was asked two main questions. The first question was, "What did you learn in Lunch Group this year? The second question: "What was your favorite part of group?" It is amazing the memory the children have and how they actively applied those new skills throughout the year. Here are several of the responses the children gave to the first question. Please

remember the children are 5, 6 and 7 years old. Let their comments amaze you.

I learned that being nice is the way to behave. Also that being nice to friends is a good way to show you care.

I learned friendships and good citizenship, feelings and helping people. I learned about not making fun of people and giving people a chance to talk. I learned you don't talk when the teacher's talking. My favorite part of group was playing with Mrs. Wall's toys.

I learned that you don't be mean, you take care of other kids, and you don't hit any kids and no making

faces. My favorite part of group was playing in Mrs. Wall's room.

I learned about taking care of people, and about happy, sad, and mean. I learned you get some time for free time.

I learned about being a good citizen, being good and doing great in school. We worked on doing great decisions and the best thing of all—Listen to your teacher!

I learned to behave and to respect, to talk to kids nicely and not fight with kids. I learned you don't steal snack money from other people.

I learned about being respectful, to listen to your teacher, do not talk back to the teacher and do not tell other kids what to do.