



Toddler Times

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Notes from Jude

We are well into 2009 now! The old saying is really true - how fast time flies when you're having fun.

Despite some record cold days, and too many of them in a row, we have not been too stir crazy. We have witnessed the blooming and tightening of many friendships and are always filled with joy to see such social interest, care and love from these young people. They are cooking together; offering us tea, taking care of the babies, cuddling in the swing together and running around to shake off their cabin fever. We've been singing and dancing lots and as always, reading lots of books.

At the end of January we were happily surprised to have Jenna Wright return for another semester of internship for a TC3 child development class. Just the day before Connor had been saying "Jenna, Jenna" as he went to sleep! Welcome back Jenna!

I would also like to give a public thank you to the Gehrke family for the gift of our new gate - and to Keiko for installing it! Although we had gotten used to it, it is great to no longer have a threshold to step over in our hallway. We really appreciate your thinking of us.

February Holidays

Winter Break
Feb. 16-20

to re-open Monday,
February 23

LET IT SNOW!

Please remember to let us know as early as possible if your child will not be coming as this could affect our staffing needs.

Calls taken as early as
5:30 a.m.! Thank you.

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LABEL CLOTHING

It seems silly with so few children in our group, but we do forget at times... please take a few minutes to label your children's clothing - it really does help!

Thank you.

WELCOME!

Jasper Farmer began attending WHE in December.

Jasper is getting more comfortable by the day and is showing interest in the other children here. He can be seen smiling lots as he explores his new school.

Jasper has an older sister named Lucy who attends Under Cottonwood Group Family Day Care Home. His mother, Amy Reading, is currently researching and writing her first book about early 20th century con men. His father is a patent agent for Novomer, Inc. Jasper's family helped us find our winter CSA - thanks - and welcome!

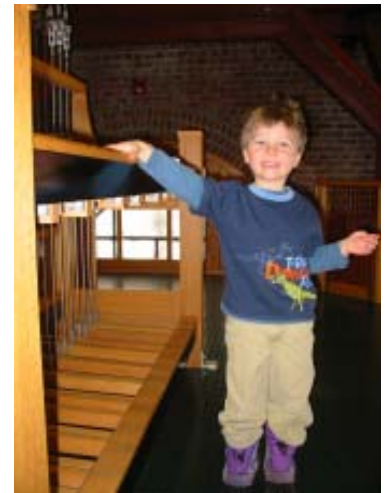


Visit the Clock Tower



When Kieran was young he used to love climbing the many steps to the top of the Cornell clock tower. It occurred to me that this might be a fun and FREE adventure that some of you might not have thought of. It is a great winter activity..

When you make it to the top of the tower you are able to watch the chimesmaster play the chimes and you can even make requests! It is a great winter activity and a real treat that all members of the family can enjoy.



For more information:
<http://www.chimes.cornell.edu/about.html>

Items from Home

Toys/items from home can be fun, but can also cause some difficulty at 'school.' Somehow stuffed animals and transitional blanket-type items don't cause the same difficulties for other children - they understand that a child may have his/her own 'lovee.' When deciding whether or not to bring something from home please adhere to the following guidelines:

- first suggest leaving the item at home
- if that causes more struggle than you are willing to endure, suggest bringing it but leaving it in the car - for safe keeping

If you bring the item in:

- please be sure the item is safe - meaning rated for 0-3 and without small pieces that may come off
- please also let your child know that Sandy and Jude might ask that s/he keep it in her/his cubby if it's too hard to let someone else play with it.

WHE Now Serving CSA Produce!

We are happy to announce that West Hill Educare is now a CSA-member of Blue Heron Farm.

We have already enjoyed two new types of carrots, beets (I would never have purchased them otherwise), potato leek soup, brussel sprouts and more!