MRS. MARCELLO'S CLASS NEWS

March 26, 2008

The early Easter has left me longing for spring. I am so ready to get out in my yard and clean up from the winter. We can now put Easter bunnies and leprechauns out of our minds and think about flowers and birds. Grades close this week and developmental records come home on April 8. I am starting conferences and will try to work around your schedule. The only day I am here late is on April 9. I will be sending home confirmation of time/date this week. If you can not make the time on the paper, please let me know and I will look for something that words better. Have a great week!

What's Coming Up? ..

Grades close on March 28, 2008.

Developmental records come home on April 8, 2008.

Homework
Homelinks – 8.1 and 8.2.

Themes and Skills

Reading

Our story this week is THE WILD WOODS by Simon James. We are responding in reading journals after we have read and reread this story. The children are using a 3 point rubric to get a score on their writing. Our sight words this week are find, long, down, day, and did. We are finishing up our long vowel work as we find and sort long and short vowel words. Our winter unit in picture writing finishes this week and we will be celebrating our new book next week.

Science and Social Studies

We have started an evaporation experiment as we work on the water cycle in science. We know about single parent and foster families in social studies.

MATH
Our new math unit will work with mental math, money, and fractions. The children should be able to work simple = and – problems mentally as well as skip count forward and backwards. They are calculating values of groups of coins, comparing them for who has more, and finding out how much more. We are working on flashcard strategies. Look in the clear sleeve in their Wednesday folder for updates on how they are doing.