



School news Summer 2006

We have had a great start to our summer program, including welcoming into our building a classroom from Bernice Wright Nursery and some new students who will continue with us in the fall. In addition to many of our regular school year staff, we are lucky to have with us a number of skilled and energetic college students as members of our classroom teams as well as four Masters' students from Syracuse University doing their preschool internships.

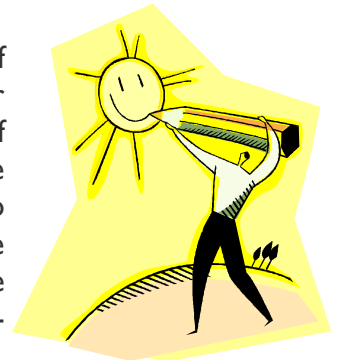
Summer Schedule Remember that our program runs through Monday, August 14. We know that this is an odd day to end, but it is a result of starting mid-week on July 5th after the Federal holiday of the 4th. If your child is not going to be with us on the 14th, please let the teachers know.

Summer Carnival On Thursday, August 3 we will have an outdoor Carnival planned by our therapy staff from the Secret Garden. The theme is Rockets! Each child should bring a paper towel roll with them on that day.

Fall Enrollment We have a few more openings for typical students ages 3, 4, (& 5) in our 9-1 and 9-2:30 classrooms. (Girls especially welcome; we are trying to balance our rooms!) We have been calling families on our waiting list. If you know any families who might be interested in a tour, please have them call Hope Wallace, Jowonio Social Worker, who is helping us with the enrollment process (445-4010 x151).

Fall Forms! If your child is enrolled for the fall, be sure to have your forms returned to Connie in the next 2 weeks. Since New York State requires immunizations (or an approved exemption), we must have your child's physical form (done within 12 months) in order for your child to enter school in September. Please be sure to make an appointment for a physical over the summer if your son or daughter has not had one. Call us at 445-4010 if you have questions regarding the forms.

Board Members Needed Both the Jowonio School Board and the Friends of Jowonio Board are seeking new members for the term beginning in October 2006. The Jowonio Board relates to the programming and fiscal management of the school, while the Friends Board is focused on fundraising to support the school and its building. These boards meet monthly and members are asked to participate in one committee. Membership is open to anyone committed to the welfare of Jowonio, and individuals with fiscal and human resources experience are especially needed. Call Karen Burns, Board Development Chair, for information and to indicate interest (445-4010 x114).



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A Summer Bar-B-Que Fundraiser is being held by the CNY Chapter of the Autism Society of America at Ryder Park in Dewitt on Sunday, August 6th from 12-4 p.m. Food, music, children's activities, and silent auction and raffle items. Admission is free and food is \$5 plate for everyone over age 5. Please join us for a great time and to raise money for a good cause!

Hairstyles for children with special needs are the specialty of Maria Bradshaw. She will come to your home. For information or to set up an appointment, contact Maria at 652-9060; leave a message if no answer and she will call you back.

Donations Requested At Jowonio much of what we have accomplished is the result of the time and materials donated by families and members of the larger community. We try to keep you apprised of our needs through this newsletter and other notices home. Sometimes the contacts you have can be invaluable, as well as any direct contributions of funds and items. Right now we are sharing WISH LISTS for The Studio, our creative arts program run by Iver Johnson; the Magic Bookshop, our library; and the playground. Anything you can donate is very appreciated!

The Studio

Multi-colored rubber bands	Milk bottle tops	Pipe cleaners	Corks
Buttons	Costume jewelry	Sunglasses	Tape
Costumes	Clean Styrofoam trays	Colored Easter grasses	Wood scraps
Craft sticks	Glass beads (Dollar store)	Sea shells	Beads
Paper towel tubes	Broken Crayola crayons	Ribbon	Seed pods
Colored chalk	Wire	Feathers	Glycerin
Balloons	Straws	Sponges	Screws/bolts
Batteries (AA rechargeable)	String/yarn	Old keys	Paper of different colors/weights
Small broken machines (watches/clocks)		*Be sure all items are clean and not sharp or toxic.	

The Magic Bookshop Last year, thanks to the contributions of the Luchsinger family and their friends, we were able to create a library for our students. In addition to gently used books that their children have outgrown, many parents gave new hardback books in the name of their child and we placed them in the library with a bookplate with the family's name. We encourage you to donate books to continue the growth of the Magic Bookshop. We also are seeking to have individuals help us with the initial coding and shelving of the new books and regular reshelving and organization over the year. Call into the office and let us know if you'd like to help.

Our Outside Environment and Playground Our playground is a work in progress and we continue to add equipment and work on the structure of it. Recently we installed a spring seesaw and soon are adding a playhouse, both of which were paid for by donations, from grandfathers of students. We are working with a landscape architect to help us create a safer set of stairs cut into the hill. Eventually we want to add a trike track, amphitheater, and possible nature trail. We could use your contacts for fence companies, nurseries, or gardeners or garden clubs; please call Ann Sutherland in the Friends of Jowonio office (445-4010) if you have ideas. Shrubs, trees and perennial flowers are also welcome! We are seeking people who will be part of an ongoing Playground Committee. In addition we are encouraging families to contribute to the presence of art at Jowonio, both indoors and out, including at least one large piece of art, visible from the street, that will identify the building as a place for children. Please call Ann if you know sculptors or other artists or if you have thoughts on financial support for such projects.
