



Chippy's Chatter

March is "knocking on the door"—can Spring be far behind?

It is unbelievable how fast the months are flying by. The children are enjoying sledding, making snow castles and looking for tracks—the deer, turkey and squirrels have made it easy for us!

February 2010

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January and February Themes

January themes began with **winter birds**. Through the use of puppets and pictures the children discovered how winter birds are adapted to be able to survive and find food in the winter months.

This was followed by **winter weather, snow and tracks**. The 4yr old classes seemed to enjoy making tracks in plaster.

All the classes enjoy looking for tracks in the snow, and the turkey, squirrels and deer make the search fun!

Next came the popular **reptile** unit. Many of the children brought in their favorite stuffed rep-

tile and books to share.

Turtles, snakes, alligators and crocs were discussed.

Did you know that alligators have brown colored eyes and that crocodiles have green colored eyes?

The final unit for the month was **Rainforest**.

Again, we had many children bringing in books and stuffed animals to share with the class.

The children appeared to enjoy our rainforest taste test! Ask your child what their favorite rainforest food was.

February Themes

Space, Sun, Moon, Constellations, Planets, Michigan, Weather and Clouds

March Themes

Wind, Rain, Lightning
Rainbow, Maple Sugaring, Trees in Spring, Spring, Spring Birds

Nests



Maple Sugaring Field Trip for MWF Classes

On **Friday, March 12th**, the **MWF classes** will be going to the Nature Center for a Maple Sugaring field trip.

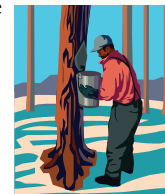
Morning Class: 9:15-11:30

Afternoon Class: 12:45-3:00

- Meet in the main parking lot at the Nature Center
- **Dress for the weather—the majority of this field trip is OUTSIDE—Boots are a must!!**
- Please meet at the

designated times for each of the classes

If you have any questions, please ask!



Mark Your Calendars!

- **Mid-Winter Break—2/26/2010 No School**
- ♦ **March 12—KNC field trip for MWF classes**
- ♦ **Maple Sugar Festival at KNC**
- ♦ **No School Monday, March 22**
- ♦ **March 29th-April 5th—No School—Spring Break**
- ♦ **School Resumes April 6th**

**Exploring...
Learning...
Growing...
Nature's Way!**



2010-2011 Enrollment

Enrollment for next school year is in progress. If you know of someone who is interested, please let Mrs. Mohill know. Thank you!

KNC Maple Sugar Festival

March 20 and 21st is the Nature Center's Annual Maple Sugar Festival.

This is a fun family event!

Please check your Nature Center Newsletter for further information.

We hope to see you there!

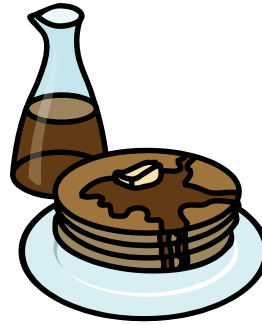
Pancake Days

On Monday, March 15th and Tuesday, March 16th we will be having Pancake Days at Nature's Way Pre-school.

The children will have the opportunity to mix the batter, with adults doing the actual cooking.

Parents who have already signed up will be notified.

Thank you!



Spring Break

Spring Break is March 29th through April 5th. School resumes Tuesday, April 6th and Wednesday, April 7th.

We hope you have fun with family and friends!

Family and Children's Services

We continue to collect non-perishable and personal care items for Family and Children's Services.

We appreciate your donations and generosity during these hard times!

Some suggestions:

Canned meats

Soup

Juice

Canned fruit

Canned vegetables

Diapers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

Thank you!



March 2010



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

1 Wind	2 Wind	3 Rain	4 Rain	5 Lightning
8 Rainbow	9 Rainbow	10 Maple Trees Trees in Spring Maple Sugaring	11 Maple Trees Trees in Spring Maple Sugaring	12 Maple Sugaring Field Trip at KNC AM—9:15-11:30 PM—12:45-3:00
15 Spring Intro	16 Spring Intro	17 Spring Birds	18 Spring Birds/Nests	19 Nests
22 No School In-Service	23 Insect Intro	24 Insect Intro	25 Butterflies	26 Butterflies and Moths
29 No	31 School	31 Spring	April 1 Break	April 2 School resumes 4/6