



The Country Childrens Center's After School Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

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- * Important dismissal procedure information for John Jay Middle School
- * Bedford Hills re-opens their school store!

Hi! I'm Sarah and I'm in 4th grade at Increase Miller Elementary School. I like CCC because everyone is very nice and I always have something to do. Going outside or to the gym is one of the options we get to do and we also do lots of crafts and play other indoor

games. I like the different snacks we get each day too. One of the activities I love most is the CCC talent show. Last year was so much fun and I can't wait to see what we do this year! CCC is never boring because the staff are always playing or talking to you. They

make everyone feel welcome and we all have a lot of fun in the afternoons. I love CCC!



INCREASE MILLER STARTS 2012 WITH A BANG!

2012 is already starting to shape up to be a good year here at Increase Miller. We are fortunately able to continue going outside, enjoying this unseasonably mild weather! Hopefully this keeps up for awhile longer but at least we always have the gym to fall back on. We have fun playing various tag games as well as bas-

ketball when we do get to the gym. Having Ms. Victoria around has been wonderful and she is doing a great job. The children love her and the fun energy she brings to the group. Not to mention all the great games and crafts she does with the kids which are a big hit! The kids also enjoy the weekly Spanish

lessons that they have been getting. Their ever expanding vocabulary is really impressive and we hear them using some of that new found knowledge even when they don't have Spanish lessons. Muy bien! We look forward to seeing what the spring brings!

MIGHTY MORPHIN' KATONAH CUP STACKERS!

Katonah Elementary Kids is their name and cup-stacking is their game. These colorful drinking apparatuses have been a big part of CCC this month. Some of the kids even decided to use the cups in a friendly competition! These competitions require strategy and patience making sure they stack the cups properly and accurately. Others who feel more in tune with their artistic side decide on a different approach and have been building large and extravagant structures with the vessels. They use both teamwork and a dream to build cup-stacking castles as far as the

eye can see!

On a different note, Power Rangers are back and better than ever! The children have been using their imaginations and decided to put their Power Ranger action figures in motion. Zip lines have been installed from chair to chair, allowing the Rangers to fly and save the day. Although it has been a fun-filled month here at Katonah Elementary School, all the kids are sad to see Ms. Rachelle leave! We will miss her and the wisdom she bestowed upon us all! Good luck, Ms. Rachelle!



One of many creative cup castles!

JOHN JAY KIDS FIND A NEW CREATIVE OUTLET: WRITING!

We are at the half way point, only five more months till June! Time is flying by quickly! Winter so far has been a blast, we just can't believe it's coming to an end.

Normally, each month we pick a new game, whether it be a card game or type of board game, to learn and play. Instead of sticking to our usual routine this month, the kids had a vision and de-

ecided, as a group activity, to tap into their creative side. They have thrown themselves into a imaginative world and putting their pens and pencils to work, by writing stories. They have come up with some great literary pieces covering an assortment of genres and themes.

Since most of you are new to JJMS CCC A/S Program, I have outlined the procedure we follow in accordance to

the school district and CCC in case of dismissals and cancellations (page 4). There are 3 instances that could happen; cancellations of after-school activities, unscheduled emergency closings, and half day dismissals. Each follow a different procedure so please take the time to look them over and go over them with your child. If you have any questions, please let us know. Thank you.

LEWISBORO

Dear Lewisboro & Meadow Pond Parents,

As we move from winter into spring, the weather will always be unpredictable. Please, send your child with a sweater as the afternoons may get chilly than the mid-day. We have been enjoying much more time outside due the mild weather we've been having and we will continue to go out

especially since spring is knocking on our door. Kids and staff alike always look forward to the many hands-on projects Ms. Lauren brings to the group. Everyone has enjoyed the seasonal projects as well as projects that are already becoming favorites which we have done a few times, such as the shaving cream on the tables! There are many great choices

we have available in the upcoming months.

Sincerely,
Lewisboro CCC Staff



BACK TO BEING BUSY AT BEDFORD HILLS!

We were excited to get to see all of the smiling faces again and hear all about everyone's fun vacations when we got back to CCC in the beginning of the month! After taking some time to share our stories with each other, we were able to get back into the swing of things.

So far this month we've had a blast playing outside in the cold, playing quick sand in the cafeteria, and playing tag games in the auditorium. We brightened up some of the dreary days by painting with neon colors bringing a burst of light to the dark day, some children even made Jackson Pollock type paintings having fun splatter painting! To celebrate Chinese New Year we made dragons and lanterns. Fuse beads continued to

be a big hit and dominos too. The room has been filled with laughter as we've been playing some of our favorite card games this month like War, Castle, Pig, Uno, and even learned a new game Phase 10. We even had some high towers built while playing Jenga!

The 5th grade girls reopened their school store and have been having fun playing

games with the younger children. The boys have been making Bay Blades out of Legos and having a blast seeing whose will be the winner!

We'd like to thank everyone again for your continued support and your understanding of our changing location around the school.

Just a reminder, as the weather begins to change please send your child dressed appropriately for out door play! As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or comments please don't hesitate to ask us.



So many eager customers at the CCC school store!



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John Jay Middle School CCC Dismissal Procedures

If during the school day you receive a call saying that **ALL** after school activities at JJMS have been canceled, CCC is unable to use the JJMS building and therefore JJMS CCC will be held at the White House. Children enrolled in CCC can take bus MS 4 to the White House. Pick-up is normal time at 6:00pm.

If during the school day you receive a call saying that JJMS is closing early due to an unscheduled emergency/early closing, JJMS CCC is at the White House and bus MS 4 will drop them off. Pick up on these days is 2 hours from the time of the dismissal. Anyone enrolled can use CCC as their emergency location on any day; even if the dismissal occurs on a day when your child does not usually attend.

On half days (**please mark your calendars** -May 8th, 15th, & 18th & June 13-22) JJMS will dismiss at 9:45am. JJMS CCC is held at the White House and again, bus MS 4 will drop them off. Please make sure to pack lunch, snacks, and drinks. Pick-up is normal time 6:00pm.

On these days, bus MS 4 is located outside the theater entrance and the driver's name is Doreen. Please review these procedures with your child. Thank you!