



Center News Sunset Center

Dear Sunset Center Families,

First of all, I would like to thank all those that joined our field trip to the Conservatory of Flowers at Golden Gate Park. Fifteen participating parents helped make the event happen and ensured safety during public transportation.

Children from FDI have been studying gardens. From the webbing ideas of what children wanted to learn about gardens, we learned what plants need to grow and what kind of plants grow faster. Plants need water, soil and sunshine for growing. Seeds of wheat and beans grow much faster than apple and orange seeds. Using a plant runner is another way to have a new plant grow more quickly. In April, we will continue to investigate other ideas children would like to know, such as why snails move so slowly and why earthworms come out from the dirt after it rains. Hands-on activities for the PBS math and science study have started and will be continuing until the end of June.

Children from FDII have been learning concept around growing plants. We planted different seeds and watched them sprout, grow, and become new plants. We read books about how to plant. We sang and we did art work, such as making flowers with tissue paper and leaf printing. We visited one of the parent's home gardens to observe the blooming flowers, and we visited the Conservatory of Flowers exploring different kinds of plants. In April, we will learn about insects and spiders which including their life cycles. We appreciate any ideas related to the above topics that you may have, as well as your participation, such as reading a story or attending outdoor activities.

April 22 to 28 is Week of the Young Child. It is an annual celebration focusing public attention on the needs of young children and their family. We will keep you posted with updates regarding community events and activities. One of the classroom activities will be on dental health, and we will have a dental expert visiting on April 25. Children will learn more about how to care for their dental health.

In early April, Kai Ming will be partnering with San Francisco Head Start and Mission Neighborhood Center for a citywide Self Assessment. The purpose of our annual Self Assessment is to address and identify program strengths, compliance with regulations and impact of its goals. Continuous quality improvement is a central objective of our program, with the goal of meeting the Performance Standards and striving for excellence in serving children and their families throughout San Francisco. Outcomes of the Self-Assessment will provide information that will assist in planning for future program goals and objectives.

We are excited to announce the opening of our Clay Street Office in April. This office will be available to the community offering Head Start resources and applications to our program. The office is located at 943 Clay Street, between Powell and Stockton Streets. Please feel free to stop by and visit!



Lastly, your feedback to us is very valuable. Later in April, we will ask all parents to complete a survey about our program, and your feedback will be very helpful to us for future planning.

The center parent meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11 at 2:45pm followed by a Kindergarten Transition workshop. In addition, the nutrition workshops start on Friday, April 6 at 2:45pm. We will be continuing the nutrition workshop every Friday until May 18. All parents are invited to participate.

Sunset Site Manager

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Important Dates to Remember:

- April 6, 13, 20, 27 - Nutrition Workshops
- April 11 - Parent Meeting
- April 12 - Self- Assessment (FD2)
- April 22 - Earth Day
- April 22-28 - Week of the Young Child