

Little Arrows News May 2010!

Important dates...

Mouse Group - May 25th 6pm

Frog Group- May 26th 6pm

Eagle Group- May 27th 6pm

All Ceremonies are at the Farm School!

May is Space Month at Little Arrows! We have learned so much this year, starting low to the ground with Bugs, then Animals, People, Plants, Cultures, Civilization, Natives, Earth and Sky and now we expand even farther to the final frontier- SPACE. We will learn the about the other planets in our galaxy, the Milky Way. We will understand our relationship with our Sun, seasons, and the perfect distance away that makes life possible here on Earth and other place in the stratosphere too, which our Little Arrows explorers will someday know. We will learn about our Moon, its phases and its relationship with our oceans and gravity. We will expand our minds as scientific thinkers to embrace the enormity of and our place in the universe. We will nurture the children's natural curiosity of what is beyond us as well as the creative elements of spaceships, space friends, and new developments of future ideas and wisdom. What will this Earth be like in 100 years?

Artist of the Month is Alexander Calder!

Alexander Calder was born in 1898, an American sculptor and artist, most famous for the invention of the mobile. At nine years old he spent much of his time in the family's cellar in Pasadena, California creating copper wire toys from scraps he found in the street. He was also influenced by the floats of the Pasadena Rose Parade to create his later works of giant circus-like sculptures. He studied mechanical engineering and later kinetic and abstract art, inspired by the French Surrealists. His work since childhood has always been an exploration of balance, movement, space and playfulness. As well as experiencing and being awed by his art at School, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art will be having a special exhibit on Calder and the Modern Art Mobile opening June 25th. In my experience (Kari) - children love modern art and the SFMOMA is a great place. Open M-F not W, 11-5:00 Adults \$15-kids \$0!

Scientist of the Month is Frank Oppenheimer!

Frank Oppenheimer was born in New York City and a student of physics. He was an innovative science teacher during the strained political climate of the 1950's. He became aware of the need of a hands-on science museum in America while traveling and studying in Europe. His proposal was accepted by the Palace of Fine Arts and the Exploratorium was built and opened in 1969. Frank's insistence on excellence, indefatigable desire to look at things a new way, respect for invention, and play continues across the Golden Gate Bridge. The Exploratorium is open T- Su 10-5, adults \$15, kids \$10!

Thank you to all who came on Earth Day! Guide Alissa continues to plant our growing vegetable starts - tomatoes, popcorn and many others. Volunteer in the garden!

Graduation! Join us for a fun and festive celebration of completion. Look for sign-ups!

Remember to apply sunscreen on your Little Arrow at drop-off. We re-apply as needed!

An update on Guide Kari! "Hi everyone! I am still here at my folks' house, recovering slowly. I had my follow-up exam at Stanford yesterday with the wonderful doctor who did my surgery. He said everything looks great, and I am prescribed to start Physical Therapy in two weeks. I begin by slowly putting weight on the injured foot, range of motion exercises and so forth. I should be walking in about 6 weeks! As far as my return to school, I will return fully in the Fall but will come in for short periods over the summer. I wouldn't miss the momentous event of my Frog's Graduation on the 26th. Thank you again to all who have come to visit, called and contributed with food and money. I feel so incredibly loved."

