



News! News! News!

Calvin Hill Day Care and Kitty Lustman-Findling Kindergarten

April 2007



Here Comes the Sun



Special Visitors and Departing Friends

Over the years, we are so pleased when old friends drop in to visit Calvin Hill; likewise, we are always sorry to see trusted friends go. We have recently seen two returning visitors, and we look mournfully ahead to the departure of a good friend of the school.

Jane Blatt currently lives in Glasgow, Scotland, but is currently in the United States with her husband, who is on sabbatical at NIH. She taught here 25 years ago, with Winnie, Helen, and John; she now works with special needs children. She came for a whole week in the classrooms, helping, observing, and visiting.

The Kindergarten, also, had a visit from a friend of Calvin Hill's, Frank Self. He brought with him a friend from Japan, who helped the children make kaleidoboxes with materials he brought along. It was great fun and the view from the kaleidoboxes was amazing.

Elizabeth Smith has been the chair of the Parent Committee basically forever. This year, her youngest child is graduating from Calvin Hill. We will miss her wise leadership and enthusiasm.



Thank you so much, Elizabeth, for all you have done over so many years!

Mark the Date!

April 29 (Sunday) 4-6 pm
Last Pot Luck Supper of the year

May 19 (Saturday) 8 am - noon
Final parent workday: if you haven't gone to one yet, you're heartily invited (and, indeed, expected)!



Visions of spring, indoors and out (drawings courtesy of the Kindergarten)

What did the zero say to the eight?
Nice belt!

Why is six afraid of seven?
Because seven eight (ate) nine!

-- contributed by Jessie and Rachel Goodwin (Kindergarten)

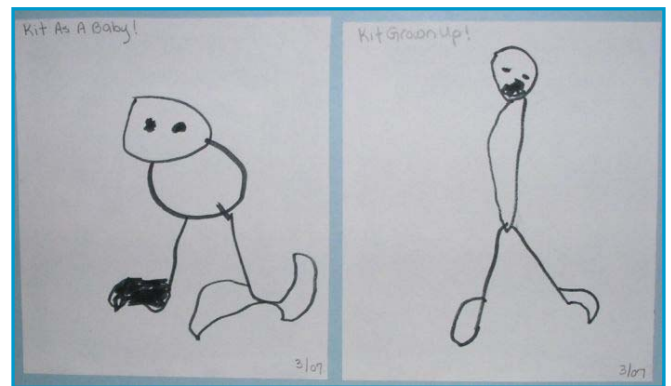
2007-2008 Enrollment

We continue to attract wonderful families: The Threes classroom has already filled, with new kids that include seven siblings of current or past students, and a milestone: the first alumna to come back to Calvin Hill with her own child!

The Preschool has also filled, with four students remaining a second year, twelve coming up from the Threes, and ten new students.

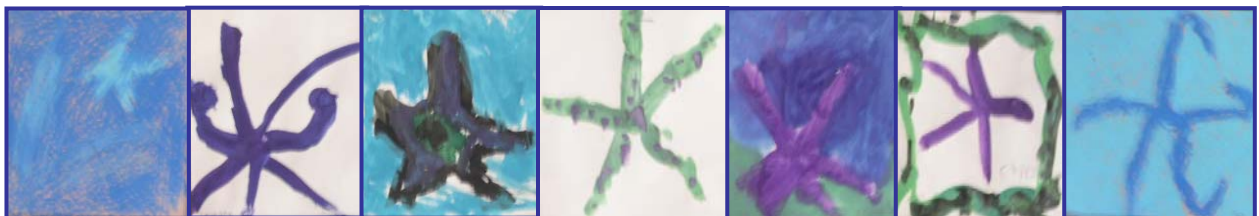
The Kindergarten does have a few openings left. If you have any friends or neighbors who might be interested in visiting the school to see if it might be a good match for their kindergarteners, invite them to contact Carla (203-764-9350) or visit the school!

- The ever-popular Calvin Hill Plant Sale is coming up: look for order forms in your email, or contact Andie Asnes (Preschool parent). The Plant Sale offers a convenient opportunity to buy high-quality spring plants and raise money for the school at the same time. Plants will be delivered May 10, just in time for Mother's Day on the 13th.
- Teachers will soon be contacting you to set up spring conferences to discuss your child's progress. Come with questions and comments!



The kids in the Threes classroom have been thinking about growing up. Here, Kit shows how she has changed since she was a baby.

Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!"
~Robin Williams



Odds & Ends

- It's not too late to contribute books for the Calvin Hill Book Drive. Bring your new and gently used books to school by Friday to help promote literacy for underprivileged children!

Volunteer Opportunity!

Have you ever looked at this newsletter and thought, "I could do it so much better!"? If so, this is your lucky chance! The current editor (and writer and photographer) is moving away. If you have maximal enthusiasm (and minimal experience), please contact me (kristin_south@yahoo.com) or Carla as soon as possible!