

Dear Wild Iris Parents,

I hope everyone has heard, that I was out sick Thursday and Friday. I left Wednesday with an irritated throat. I thought maybe it was due to the cold weather and having an extended group time due to weather. After coming home I had some hot tea, my throat was becoming more agitated so I checked my temperature and it read 99. I laid down to take a nap and a few hours later I woke to feverish conditions and a temperature of 102. I got up and checked my throat again and discovered white spots on my tonsils. I called the school right away for a substitute. In the morning I saw my doctor and she confirmed I had Strep Throat. I am writing to you my symptoms because I wanted you to be aware of how sudden it can take you. My throat started feeling sore around 2:30 in the afternoon. 5 hours later my temperature at one point read 103. I took tylenol to help bring my fever down. My doctor informed me that the strain of Strep that I have if left untreated as a child can lead to heart failure as an adult. If your child is complaining of a sore throat and has a fever please take them to the doctor right away. Strep is like a cold and can heal within 4 to 5 days. But the strain I had needs to be treated. Please don't hesitate to take your child to the doctor. Today, is the first time I have felt good enough to venture out of the bedroom. I am sorry I missed school the last few days. I would rather have been teaching your children than being sick in bed :(

Stone Soup Feast

Bring what you've got and lets put it in the pot!!

<<https://origin.ih.constantcontact.com/fs096/1103615275117/img/80.jpg>>

Every year Anchorage Montessori School celebrates together the day before Thanksgiving. The children prepare a stone soup feast and we invite the parents in for a hot cup of soup. It is a lovely time and I hope each of you will be able to attend this Weds, November 23 at 1:30. If you are interested in bring food items for the feast, we need onions, celery, and potatoes. We also could use some rolls and some sparkling apple cider. If you would like to contribute please bring the vegetables in on Monday.

Any vegetables the children bring in, we will have the children clean and prepare for the soup (they are so excited to help). The rolls and apple cider can be brought in either Tuesday or Feast day. I hope to see everyone there. If you are unable to attend , please let me know.

Volcano

<<https://origin.ih.constantcontact.com/fs096/1103615275117/img/79.jpg>> We have started a volcano unit in our class. The children are very excited about how new earth is created and why we have earth quakes. It is my understanding that some of the children that attend my AM class have already studies volcanoes in their PM class this year, so I will be taking those students the next level in their studies if they choose. We will be creating volcano books with definitions of each part. Some of the second year students have been drawing volcanoes and tracing them from our light table. They are really enjoying themselves.

Aside from volcanoes the children are hard at work in their other studies. Some children have been working on maps, some have been working on their writing skills. We have been learning about skip counting in the AM class. We started to learn to count by tens.

Some children have started to learn multiplication. In language the students continue to progress in their skills of reading and writing.

<<https://origin.ih.constantcontact.com/fs096/1103615275117/img/76.jpg>> <<https://origin.ih.constantcontact.com/fs096/1103615275117/img/82.jpg>>

<<https://origin.ih.constantcontact.com/fs096/1103615275117/img/77.jpg>> <<https://origin.ih.constantcontact.com/fs096/1103615275117/img/75.jpg>>

Kevin in our PM class brought in his pet Guinea Pig during the week of "p" for sound of

the week. The children got a chance to feed and pet them. It was a good time.
I hope everyone has a great weekend. I will see everyone on Monday,
~Angie