



OPEN DOOR PARENT CHILD CARING CENTER

Toddler Newsletter

SUNSHINE, BLUE SKIES, AND WARM BREEZES,

have allowed us to take full advantage of outdoor play. As often as possible, the children have been given the opportunity to ride bicycles, play in the sand, blow bubbles or run up and down the grassy hill.

We have been discussing the weather, particularly talking about the "wind". When reading the story, "Amy loves the Wind", the children learned that wind can make things move. At our circle time, each child was given his/her own straw. Feathers, pom-poms and paper were placed on the floor. By blowing through their straws, the children moved these articles using their own wind. We then set out a large bowl of soapy water. All the children used their straws to blow together as a group. We created a mountain of bubbles, some overflowing from the bowl.

At our art table, the children enjoyed blowing on different colors of paint on paper, to make interesting designs.

By running and marching outside with our windsocks, we created a parade of color. It was easy to see that the faster the children ran, the stronger the wind blew the streamers hanging from their own windsocks.

After using our flannel board pieces to tell the story, *The Wind Ble*", by Pat Hutchins, the children danced around the room to music, pretending to be floating in the air.

We are keeping our fingers crossed that the month of May continues to provide us with this gorgeous weather!!!

Miss Elisa Miss Laurie Miss Marilyn