



MEEP News

May 2010

MESSAGE FROM ARMEN DILANCHIAN

Dear Parents,

As we close this academic year, I wanted to share some of my thoughts and impressions of the 2010/2011 school year. It has been an outstanding year. We had much success as a program. I believe MEEP is a great place to grow and learn, and we have the potential to be even better. Our goal is to provide an excellent education and enrichment program for our students and to accommodate our families' needs. The staff and I thank all of you for your continuous support. We hope to continue to move forward in striving for excellence in all that we do.

I cannot possibly thank everyone in this letter that has volunteered, contributed, or supported MEEP this year because there are so many people. Whether it was coordinating and selling bake goods, or helping with our talent shows, or our annual film festival or simply giving us positive feedback or suggestions in the hallways. I thank everyone who has given of their time, talents, and treasures to support and improve MEEP. We could not possibly operate without the support of our parents and volunteers who give with a generous, loving heart.

I am also very excited to announce that next year we are going to introduce a new program! Next year our students from 2nd-5th grade will work on adopting a country and learn everything they can about that specific country. We are also going to get in touch with different schools in those countries so the kids can exchange letters with one another. We feel this a great way for our students to learn about the global community and understand and celebrate different cultures. We also feel that this is a great way to have first hand knowledge of how different children in different parts of the world live and play.

Our mission statement declares that our main purpose is to provide a stimulating and an enriching academic environment. We remain committed to that mission of serving our families by providing education and enrichment that is so critical today. Our number one priority has been and always will be working with our students as well as celebrating their individuality and ensuring we are in constant communication with you, the parents. That is what makes us different from so many other programs. We take great pride in our staff/teachers who really do care and love their students. MEEP is a place of learning caring, love and most importantly just pure fun.

We also know that everything is not perfect. We do make mistakes and we learn and try to make our program more efficient and more effective for our students and parents.

We have decided to improve our program's climate during the 2010 – 2011 school year. Our theme for next school year will be: "Changing the World---Starting With Me." Our world is truly hurting and as educators, we are going to encourage our students to make a difference among their friends, teachers and families. Additionally, we are in the planning stages of offering Japanese, Mandarin, and Spanish for the 2010/2011 school year.

We also must say goodbye to our 5th graders. We will miss our 5th grade graduates but we know they are well prepared for middle school and ready to move on. So we must say farewell and wish them the best. Some of the staff members and I have known the 5th grade students and their families since they started here at Miraloma as Kindergartners. Ms. Pam and I will miss seeing you afterschool and we hope you will continue to grow and just know we are always here if you wish to come back and visit us. Thank you for helping to make this year's program such a great success.

Please know that everyone who had the honor of teaching and working with your children here at MEEP is very thankful of your commitment to our program. We thank you for trusting us to teach and to enrich your children's lives We thank you for your support. We thank you for your openness and honesty. We thank you for your care and commitment. We thank you for your hours and hours of volunteering whenever you had the time. We even thank you for all the great tasting goodies that made it to our bake sales.

MEEP Reminders:

--MEEP will be closed on Monday, May 31st

--MEEP Summer camp registration is here! You can find the forms and information at www.meepinc.com

--Want to register for the 2010/2011 school year? All the information you need is at www.meepinc.com
WE ONLY HAVE A FEW SPOTS LEFT!!!

--Want to know where your student is when you come to pick them up? Check out the grade level schedules posted outside of the MEEP office!

--Tuition is due around the first of every month. Keep an eye out for invoices in your inbox!

--Please make sure to sign your student's out. We appreciate it!

I want to thank the MEEP staff for their tireless commitment and creativity. MEEP has been truly fortunate to have had great educators over the years and we will continue to ensure to keep talented educators and staff.

I want to thank Jacynth Roberts our Administrative Assistant for her commitment to our program and ensuring our families needs and questions are always answered.

Lastly I want to thank Ms. Pamela Robinson (Operations Director) for her commitment to MEEP for over 25 years. She is a dedicated educator and a wonderful mother to her daughter, Laniya. We certainly could not have grown and be able to offer so many wonderful programs at MEEP without her. Thank you Pam for all that you do!

I want to wish all of you a safe and a wonderful summer break!

MESSAGES FROM OUR TEACHERS

Kindergarten Corner:

Hello Everybody and Congratulations Kindergarteners! We've moved through the year and accomplished many great things along the way. The Kindergarteners should be very proud of their learning accomplishments and development as smart, kind, and creative children. They are totally ready for First Grade!

Each one is unique, smart and learning to be wise. They've learned all year that being wise means being smart with your head and your heart. They know how to practice mutual respect, attentive listening, honesty, and taking responsibility for themselves. They are developing a great sensitivity for the environment, themselves, living things, and other people. They've also gained confidence and persistence in accomplishing anything they set their minds to. This year has been fun, silly, busy, and great for all of us. It's been amazing getting to know each of the Kindergarteners and we look forward to seeing them blossom and grow in the years to come. -Mr. Daniel and Ms. Elizabeth

Here are just a very few highlights from our program this year. Start a conversation with you student about some of these things and see what they have to say.

This year as a MEEP Kindergartener I...

Learned that being wise is when you think with your heart and your head.

Learned what it means to make good choices for myself and others.

Read tons of stories from all over the world.

Learned all about solar systems, galaxies, the universe and super-massive black holes.

Learned all about DNA, atoms and molecules, and even made a candy molecule.

Learned to tie my own shoes!

Performed onstage at the MEEP Talent Show with a rainbow I made myself.

Learned to empower myself through my choices, words, and actions.

Made friends and played a lot!

Made lots of art projects and origami.

Learned to do homework and quiet reading.

Learned to work with a group towards our mutual goals.

Learned about geography, continents, countries, states, and what's inside the earth.

Learned about different types of energy and reactions: chemical, electric, and physical.

Learned about animal and plant cells and made my own "plastic baggie cell."

Learned about the major organs and systems of my own human body.

Learned about paleontologists and dinosaurs.

Learned soooooo much more...!

In May the class has been busy with some final art projects and a bookmaking project with Ms. Elizabeth. They also been doing the new MEEP Families Friday enrichment classes that include cooking, sports, clubs, weaving projects, and more!

Have a fantastic summer!

-Mr. Daniel and Ms. Elizabeth

First Grade Corner:

Well, it seems that the Year has ended as quickly as it has begun. This year we have had some fun and interesting times. Throughout the year the kids and us have had some good times doing some fun projects, like the story book with Ms. Elizabeth. The kids have bettered their math and reading skills via our brain bowl. Who knows maybe we'll see them on jeopardy soon enough! To finish the year off strong, we have planned a big surprise art project that is going to be tons of fun for everyone. Thank you for a fantastic year. Have a wonderful summer break!

Ms. Heather and Mr. Dominic

Second Grade Corner:

Dear 2nd Grade Parents,

As this year comes to an end Patricia and I would like to first say thank you. Thank you for your continued support of the MEEP program. It's been truly a privilege working with your students this year.

This has been one of the most special and memorable years for me working at MEEP. This particular class has brought me a lot of joy and lessons learned. They taught me continued creativity, new levels of patience, and most importantly they have taught me to understand. I can honestly say that I have grown very close with this class. As much as they have taught me I hope I have taught them just as much. I've noticed social and academic growth beyond belief with the 2nd graders. I feel that this might be due to the combination of our structure and open forum for the expression of feelings and concerns. This was a wonderful class of 2nd graders and I know in my heart they will become even more amazing 3rd graders next year. I also want to give a special thanks to Patricia. Her dedication and hard work has been tireless. I can honestly say I couldn't have done this job without her. Thank you from both us again and we hope everyone has a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ngo and Patricia

Third-Fifth Grade Corner:

So it's the last week of school and for some this marks the last week of elementary school for both students and parents. These past few weeks have been a whirlwind of activities and enrichments for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Graders. Some 3rd Graders participated in Ms. Patricia's hip-hop dance group that opened up the MEEP's 3rd Annual Film Festival. One of the featured films was "Field Trip Gone Wrong" starring and written by the 4th Grade girls is about what happen when three friends get separated from the group field trip and have to find their way back. The second film, "Miraloma's Ghost", written by the 5th Graders, takes the ghost genre to new extremes when a group of kids happens upon a ghost unable to leave the school.

Besides producing, writing, and starring in films, the 5th Graders had been busy preparing for both the Miraloma Talent Show and the Spring Festival. It was amazing to see them come together and play as Destiny Unknown through the entire set without any major setbacks. (It was also the first and only time they played through the entire seven song set list.) Besides rockin' out, the 5th Graders have helped to inspire the younger students to take up an instrument. And this was one of many goals we at MEEP set out to accomplish—students inspiring students. This year being their last, the 5th Graders are looking forward to moving onto the amazing experience that is middle school. Some of the 5th Graders have attended MEEP since kindergarten. Mr. D, Pam, and I have gone with them on this journey of elementary school every step of the way. Seeing them overcome challenges and excel, witnessing their success has been a joy for all of us here and we feel privileged to have been a part of it for all these years. Thank you to ALL the parents of MEEP for helping this year to be fruitful and worthwhile. Have a great summer!!

Pam and Coach Ray

Summer Camp:

MEEP SUMMER CAMP:

Summer is right around the corner. If you are looking for something fun for your kids then look at MEEP's Summer Camp! We are dedicated to fun, art, science, team building and fieldtrips. This year MEEP summer camp will be held at Miraloma from **6/14-7/23**.

We have received feedback about the times for our camp. Many parents have asked us if we could start as early as 8:00am and we have decided to grant that wish. Therefore, MEEP's summer camp hours will be 8:00am-5:30pm. We have decided NOT to raise the price for this extra half an hour