

The Lion's Roar

Tate Woods Elementary School



The Weather Report The Climate at Tate Woods



Dear Tate Woods Families,

What a chilly spring we've had. I certainly hope the weather will warm up soon and we will hear the squeals of children riding their bikes and playing outside.

We continue to address kind ways to treat one another and ways to be nice and caring at Tate Woods. We are pleased to share that our learning center has built a "Social/Emotional/Behavioral" section where teachers can go to find resources and children's books to support our proactive approach to making sure our students feel safe and valued.

In April, our first grade at Tate Woods enjoyed a trip to the The Peggy Notabart Nature Museum and on May 10th, first and second grade along with our PreK students will visit Brookfield Zoo. We are so fortunate to have these experiences with our students. Chicago is such a great resource for museums and learning and we appreciate your trust as we use that resource to support your student's learning.

Don't forget to plan ahead for summer fun! Activities can be found through the Lisle Park District or Lisle Library. The summer reading program through Lisle Library is an excellent way to keep kids reading over the summer and the Park District offers many different options based on your child's interest. The important part is to keep your child reading and doing some simple math activities over the summer. This will assist them in starting the next school year off in a positive way. Thank you for your commitment to your child's education both during the school year and in the summer months.

As we look ahead, we are currently gathering the data to see how we've done with the goals that are outlined in our School Improvement Plan. While the complete document can be found at lisle202.org, the highlights of the goals are:

Academic

- Continued improvement of our balanced literacy program and our intervention program to meet the needs of all learners.
- Additional focus on stronger implementation of our new math program and Common Core Standards based instruction

Social Emotional Learning:

- We have implemented our building wide expectations and re-taught those expectations as necessary for student success
- Our Building Leadership Team will review our discipline policy outlining expectations for pro-social behavior and aligning developmentally and appropriately with the expectations at Schiesher.
- We build in a proactive response to directly teach students how to treat others and support that plan with a progressive discipline system to support students who are not successful.

Communication

- A concerted effort has been given to highlight and celebrate the fantastic educational opportunities and programs being provided to your children through local media and internet resources.

Financial

- We continue to be fiscally and environmentally responsive through recycling and reduction activities
- Continued efforts on conservation of resources with such initiatives as our virtual backpack and the beginning utilization of Google Docs/LiveBinders for internal communication

We will review our school improvement plan in the fall and update goals as necessary for 2011-2012. We look forward to sharing those results as they become available.

As always, we thank you for trusting us with your little ones. We are so fortunate to have teachers, parents and other school staff who are smart, caring and willing to work together for the benefit of the students! We care deeply about your children and their education.

Love and Hug One Another,

Mrs. Gosselink, Principal

Newsletter Date
May 2011

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**Last Day of
School
June 6th
Dismiss at
10:15am**

**See Back Page
for Important
May/June
Dates**

***Have you
moved recently?
Phone Numbers
Changed?***

If you have had any changes in your contact information or that of your emergency contacts, please take time to **call us at 630-493-8050** or send a note with your child and share the new information with us. In the event of an emergency, we want to have updated information so we can reach you quickly. Thank you for helping us keep our records up-to-date.

NOTE: These updates will also be added to our emergency calling system.

Step Up Day at Tate Woods

We are very excited for May 26th. We will be hosting our annual Step Up Day. This day is a special time for our 2nd graders to visit Schiesher and the 3rd grade teachers and for our Kindergarteners to visit Tate Woods and our 1st grade teachers. Other grade levels will “Step Up” as well in their own buildings.

This day is designed to introduce our students to the next grade level or school. Students will work as a whole grade level group when they visit 1st and 2nd grade. They will find out who their teachers are in early August, so this is the day where they meet all the teachers at that grade level and participate in an activity at their new grade level.

We are so pleased to be able to provide this experience for our students. It is so beneficial to them to be able to see, hear and touch their new school or grade level before the first day in the fall.

Please feel free to talk with your children about this special day. They can expect to read a book, see our building and do a small activity while they are here.

Butterflies, Butterflies Everywhere...

What has two wings, six legs, two body parts, and flies?

Look up in the sky...is it a bird...is it a plane...no it's a butterfly.

First graders at Tate Woods School are learning about butterflies for their life science unit this spring. Besides a field trip to the butterfly haven at the Peggy Notabaert Nature Museum in Chicago to build early knowledge, the students are raising caterpillars in their class room, anxious to learn about metamorphosis or the life cycle of this insect. Later they will release the painted lady butterflies into the surroundings at 1736 Middleton Avenue.



Using the science skills of observation and recording, the students draw and write in their journals every few days. Some of the learning has included that these caterpillars release silk to be able to climb from one place to another, have hairy upper parts to discourage predators, and shed their skin as they grow. Often students see the butterflies come out of their chrysalis during school time.

If you see a painted lady butterfly in your backyard this spring, chances are it came from the nursery at Tate Woods School.

Warmer Weather

Even though the weather is warming up, we still have some days where it may be cool. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather as we go outside daily. We do not have the extra clothing as we do in the winter to loan children who aren't dressed appropriately. Thank you for making sure your child has a jacket daily and other outerwear as needed for the day.



Last Day of School Information

The last day of the 2010-211 school year will be

Monday, June 6th

Dismissal times are:

Car Riders = 10:05am

Busers = 10:15am

2011-2012 Registration

In late April you received a registration packet for next school year. These registration materials need to be filled out and returned to school no later than Friday, May 20, 2011. If you are unable to pay the registration fees or will be applying for free or reduced fees, we will still need your packets returned to us by May 20th. Simply return with a note that payment is not enclosed. We will follow up with you. Note that we are NOW ABLE TO ACCEPT PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARDS as well as cash or check.

Students who do not register with the school will be unable to attend until all registration materials are received in the office. If you will not be attending Lisle School District 202 next year, please let the office know.

Thank you for your attention to this. We use this information to plan ahead for your students.

A Friendly Reminder

The Speed Limit on Schwartz is 25 MPH.
Please be sure to stay at the posted speed limit
when driving toward Tate Woods. Thank
you for your help in keeping kids safe and our
neighborhood safe.

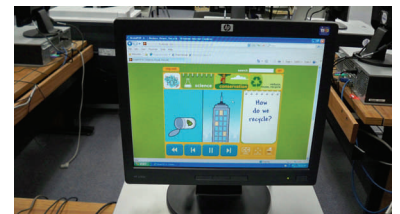


Our Earth Needs Our Loving Care

On Wednesday, April 20th, students at Tate Woods celebrated Earth Day with a No Waste Lunch and special activities relating to Earth Day and ways to take care of our Earth.

Have old tennis shoes...bring them in and add to Nike Mountain. They will be recycled.

Reduce - Reuse - Recycle



Introducing...

Ms. Candy works with our 3-5 year olds in Miss Diane's room in the morning and with Ms. Marino in the afternoon. You will never see Ms. Candy without a smile. She is a wonderful member of our Pre-School team.



Mrs. Brand is an assistant here at Tate Woods. She spends most of her time in Mrs. Russo's room helping students individually and in small groups.



Mrs. Diane Jung is a wonderful part of our staff of teaching assistants. Her patience is never ending and she always has a smile and a kind word for students. Thank you, Mrs. Jung.



Mrs. Marijo Hermann works with our 3 and 4 year olds in the morning in Miss Diane's class and then works with our first and second graders in the afternoon. We are pleased that Mrs. Hermann is a part of our staff.



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Congratulations!!

To Mr. and Mrs. Wiertel.
They are welcoming daughter #2. Mrs. Wiertel will be out for the month of May and until October of 2011. We look forward to her return in fall 2011.

Congratulations to all our students for a great year. We are so proud of all the progress you've made.

Important Dates in May/June

May 10th	First/Second and PreK to Brookfield Zoo
May 11th	LEHSO Meeting @ SES 9:15am
May 11th	Officer Friendly
May 16th	Board of Education Meeting
May 20th	11:45am dismissal
May 26th	Step Up Day
May 30th	No School
June 2nd	Field Day
June 6th	Last Day

New Staff Members

We will be welcoming one new teacher to the Tate Woods team during the 2011-2012 school year. Please watch for this new face in the fall and welcome him/her to Tate Woods.

We will be sending letters to announce your child's new teacher in early August and will be sending a small introduction of any new staff members at that time. Please watch for this mailing which will include:

- 2011-2012 teacher assignment for your child
- Information on procedures for 1st day of school
- Bus stop information
- New staff introductions
- And MORE...

May's Featured Author is

Steven Layne

We will welcome Steve Layne to Lisle in September 2011 as our guest author.

His books include:

Teacher's Night Before Halloween

W is for Windy City

Share With Brother

Love the Baby

