



Parker-Chase Newsletter

PCPO (Parker-Chase Parent Organization) News

May, 2012

Annual Parker Chase Picnic:

Our annual family picnic is just around the corner! *See the article below for details.*

Teacher Appreciation:

PCPO's Teacher Appreciation Committee have been busy putting ideas together for all of the teachers for our annual Teacher Appreciation Week May 21-25. There will be a different theme posted for each day of the week. We hope to provide our teachers with a spectacular week of appreciation and need your help to make the week a complete success. Some of the activities the Committee has planned involve volunteers helping facilitate the event and other activities involve preparation by children and their families at home before the actual day. Watch for emails and



notices on the PCPO Bulletin Board for opportunities to participate!

Book Fair:

Thanks to **Eilene Gold** (Upper Pre-school teacher) for coordinating another successful Book Fair. Books remain a favorite among our children and the Book Fair is a great mechanism to keep fresh books flowing into our classrooms and

the old favorites on the shelves. All of the classrooms really appreciated parents purchasing the books on their "Wish Lists"—those are some of the children's favorites!

Soles4Souls:

Our Community Service project during the Week of the Young Child was Soles4Souls. Soles4Souls collects new shoes to give relief to the victims of abject suffering and collects used shoes to support micro-business efforts to eradicate poverty. Your re-

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Mark Your Calendars

- ☺ May 3—Ms. Natalie's 10-Year Anniversary (Infant II)
- ☺ May 5—Ms. Kaylan's Wedding!!
- ☺ May 9—Ms. Kirsten's Birthday (Pre-K)
- ☺ May 9—12:00 Release for Plano ISD
- ☺ May 10—Picnic @ Russell Creek Park
- ☺ May 11—Cookie Dough Fundraiser Begins
- ☺ May 11—Rain Date for Picnic
- ☺ May 13—Happy Mother's Day
- ☺ May 19—Ms. Eilene's 21-Year Anniversary
- ☺ May 25—Cookie Dough Fundraiser Ends
- ☺ May 28—Closed for Memorial Day
- ☺ June 1—Pre-K Graduation at 4:00 p.m.
- ☺ June 2—Dance Recital 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Fling into Spring—Family Picnic May 10

The annual Parker-Chase Spring picnic to attend. This relaxing and fun evening is scheduled for Thursday, May 10th from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Russell Creek Park in Plano. (Rain date is Friday, May 11th.) We encourage Parker-Chase parents, teachers, and children



is a great way to introduce yourself to parents, get to know the teachers, and to see your children have a wonderful time with their

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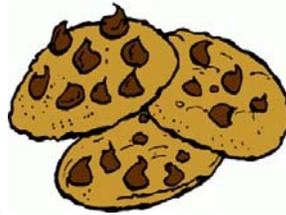
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sponse was outstanding for a cause that is simple—to get shoes to those in need. Thank you for your support!

Fundraising:

Spring Flowers: A BIG thank you to Ms. Eilene for putting together the Spring Flower fundraiser—allowing each of us an opportunity to brighten our yards and spend quality family time gardening with our children. Every year Ms. Eilene uses this opportunity to plant flowers around the school—so children will be helping her spruce up our flower boxes as well! The funds raised go into the Teacher Appreciation Fund.



Cookie Dough Fundraiser: Once again this popular fundraiser is being held just in time

for Father's Day and Fourth of July baking! This fundraiser begins Friday, May 11 and runs until Friday, May 25. You will have these cookies and treats back on Friday June 15. If you haven't purchased this delicious product, you should give it a try! Our cookie dough is unique in that butter is used in the product rather than shortening. The taste is amazing—the pure ingredients make a much tastier cookie! The cookie dough is in pre-portioned balls so that you can prepare only as many cookies as you need. That means that if you buy multiple flavors, you can prepare two of one kind, one of another, etc. So easy and so delicious!!

PCPO Meeting:

PCPO will not meet in May because of the

Annual Picnic. ♥

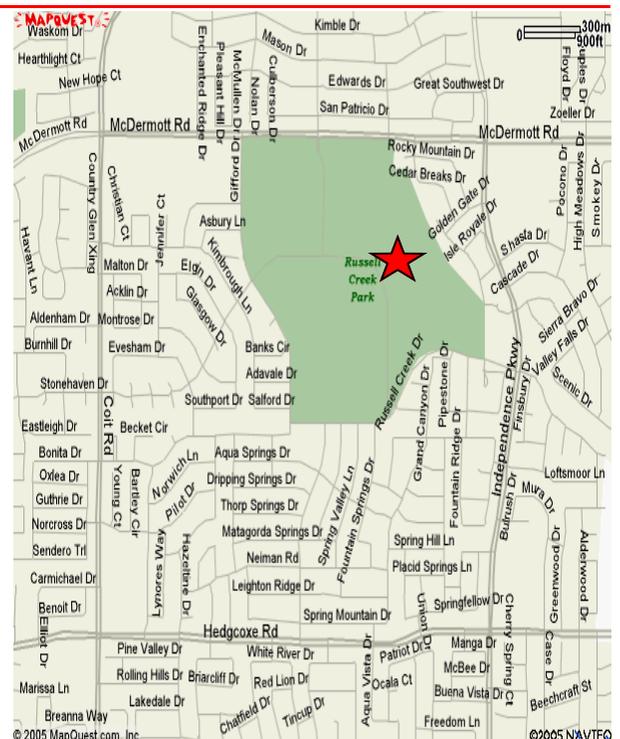
*Don't worry that children never listen to you.
Worry that they are always watching you.
-Robert Fulghum*

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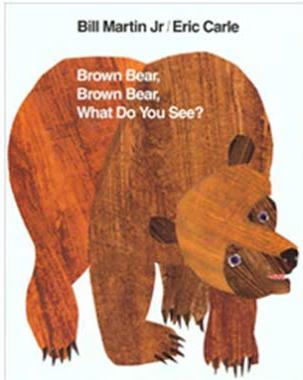
peers. This year we're going to try something a little different—*Subway® Restaurants* and the PCPO organization will be sending out reservation forms for you to reserve *Subway®* sandwiches for your dinner at the picnic. There are *Subway®* Boxed Dinners for \$4 for both adults and for children. Those reservation forms will go out soon so that you can pre-order your dinner—and are due back by **Monday, May 7th**. Your dinner will be waiting for you here at Parker-Chase the day of the picnic. If you want to make another choice, you are encouraged to bring a dinner for your family. Russell Creek has a lot of picnic tables, a lake, and a playground. Bring bicycles, tricycles, skates, kites, rockets, airplanes, hoola hoops, bubble makers, and anything else that brings huge smiles to your children's faces when they are outside. Trust us when we say that you don't want to miss this exciting evening with the family!

Russell Creek Park is located at 3500 McDermott Road - between Coit and Independence roads. See you on Thursday, May 10th at 5:30pm. ♥



Must-Read Classics

Has your child read the classics? Check out a sampling of beloved, must-read books for babies, toddlers, children, and teens, by the likes of Louisa May Alcott, Beatrix Potter, J.R.R. Tolkien, and E.B. White. They're sure to enchant and entertain your child and live on in our libraries for generations to come.

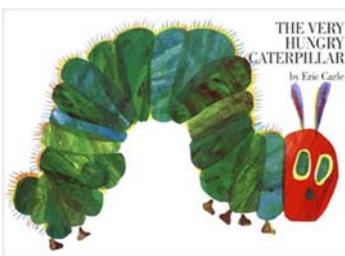
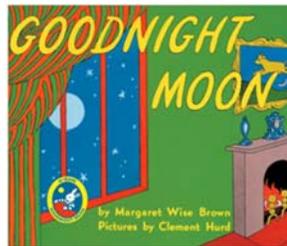


Ages 0-3: *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin

This 40-year-old classic introduces tots to a variety of colorful animals and takes them on an adventure full of rhyming words. It will quickly become one of your child's favorite books.

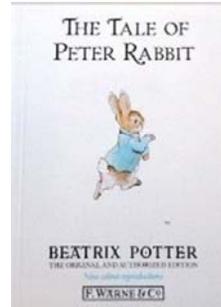
Ages 0-3: *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Brown

In a great green room, tucked away in bed, a little bunny says goodnight to all the familiar things that surround him. Children love this soothing rhythmic book at bedtime and beyond.



Ages 0-4: *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle

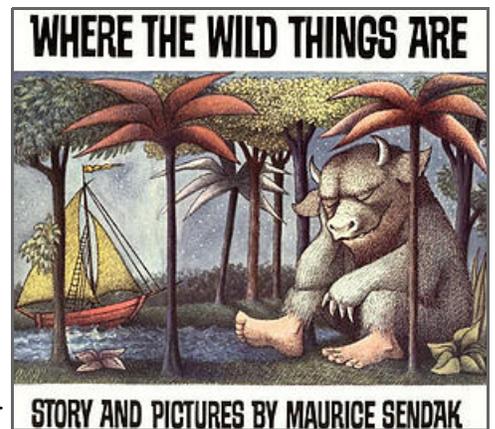
This is one filling read! A young caterpillar eats his way through all kinds of food before *spoiler alert* becoming a butterfly at the end of the book. This ever-popular book has been translated into more than 50 languages.



Ages 2-4: *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter

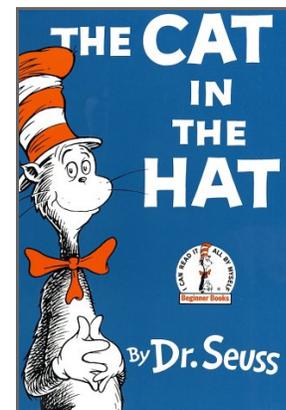
This classic cautionary tale reminds naughty little rabbits to stay out of the neighbor's lettuce patch. Published in 1902, it was Beatrix Potter's first of 23 animal tales for children.

Ages 2-6: *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak



This 1964 Caldecott

Medal Winner is a wild romp for both kids and adults alike. Join Max — who's wearing a wolf suit, of course — as he dreams of sailing away to a colorful world of Wild Things.



Ages 3-8: *The Cat in the Hat* by Dr. Seuss

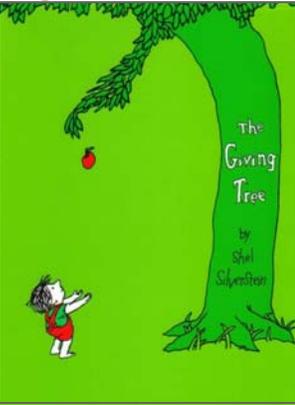
Dick and Sally have the rainy day blues — until the Cat in the Hat shows up and leads them through a magical and messy adventure. On your next rainy day, check out any of Dr. Seuss's 46 zany children's books.

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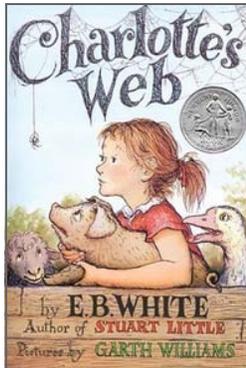
Ages 5-8: *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein



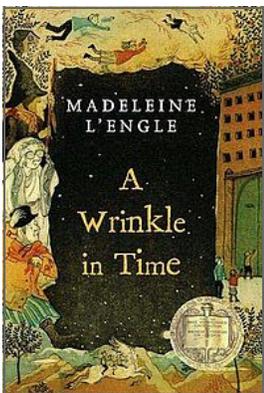
Think of this heartwarming book as Philosophy 101 for kids. It's about the gift of giving and the capacity to love, told throughout the life of a boy who grows to manhood, and a tree that selflessly gives him her bounty through the years.

Ages 9-12: *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White

After reading *Charlotte's Web*, every kid will hold a place in her heart for Wilbur the pig. Wilbur's future seems bleak when he discovers that he is destined to be the farmer's Christmas dinner — until his wise spider friend, Charlotte, decides to help him.

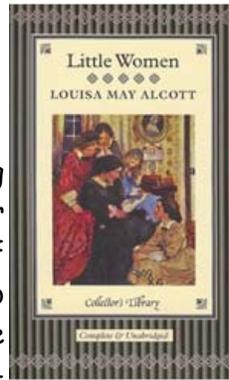


Ages 9-12: *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle



This classic page-turner introduces children to the exciting genres of mystery and fantasy. Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who

disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

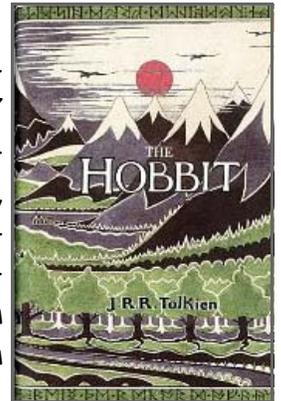


Ages 9-12: *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott

First published in 1868, this is one of the most beloved novels in American literature. It's a story of family ties, youthful dreams, and coming of age as four devoted sisters search for romance and find maturity in Civil War-era New England.

Ages 12-18: *The Hobbit* by J. R. R. Tolkien

Get drawn into Tolkien's fantastical world with this 1937 classic. Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to share in an adventure from which he may never return.



Reminders:

- *Week of the Young Child* was SUCH a FUN week! Be sure and check out the pictures posted to Shutterfly! If you need the log-in information, check with Ms. Sherry or your child's teacher.
- We will be closed for *Teacher Work Day* on August 24th this year. Be sure and mark your calendar now for this important day at our school—the day that teachers to prepare their classrooms for the new school year!