



## Taking the Step Towards Equitable Wages

By Susie (Thomas)

**W**hat is a quality early childhood program and how much does it really cost? Many different factors make for a good early childhood program. Some indicators of quality are:

- happy and thriving children,
- families who are viewed as partners in care,
- small group sizes,
- low adult/child ratio,
- educated and experienced teachers.

In order to attract and retain qualified teachers, the program should offer competitive pay and benefits, including health benefits. Unfortunately, most early childhood programs struggle with offering teachers reasonable salaries because in most cases, the majority income of the program comes from tuition. Everyone suffers when salaries remain low. Teachers subsidize the program with their low wages. They often leave the field altogether. Children and families deal with high turnover rate and poorly qualified teachers when salaries remain low.

The quickest and the seemingly easiest way to increase the income of the program is to increase group size which increases the program's income. But everyone suffers from this option as well. Larger groups often lead to more regimented routines, less flexibility, and children receiving less individualized attention. Teachers have to stretch even farther to meet the needs of children and families which contributes to their own "burnout."

In most cases, the government does not offer any financial support to early childhood programs as it does for schools for older children and young adults. So, while we know that early childhood is a fundamental period in the development of human beings, it is not supported by public funding. It's up to us, as parents and teachers of young children, to urge our local and national government to designate taxpayer dollars to support early childhood programs for all young children.

At HFP, we are part of a early childhood community that offers an exceptional program for our young children. Susan has twenty years of experience in the field and has completed her master's coursework in human development. She is a fully qualified teacher who is gifted in working with adults and children. We are privileged to be a part of such a community that offers so much to us and our children.

This year, we've taken a step in the direction of supporting the full price of quality. During our contract negotiations, it became clear that we want to compensate our teacher fairly and be a program that families can afford. Our community voted to raise tuition to support an improved salary for our teacher. Although the salary increase is still not at a rate that reflects the

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## A Letter from our Incoming Board President

Dear HFP Families,

As my family's first year at HFP winds down, I am already excited about next year. My daughter Vega's time at HFP has been wonderful. Teacher Susan and the HFP community provided an enriched preschool experience full of fun, love, laughter, and friendship. I've enjoyed watching Vega's imagination grow to take her on new adventures with her classmates that carry over to home. She absolutely adores Teacher Susan and her classmates. I feel very lucky to have found HFP. With the support of a wonderful community and an exceptional teacher, I look forward to Vega continuing to blossom, build self confidence, and become prepared for a positive elementary school experience and beyond.

Being part of the HFP community takes time and energy. While balancing the needs of family, work, and life, I applaud all of our families for their choice to participate in their child's school experience. I know for my family, it often takes juggling schedules and childcare. However, it is all worth it when I see Vega enjoying herself and being proud that her momma helps in the classroom or brings snack. I know it matters to her. Whether it is supporting a fellow family through a transition, trading childcare, or simply having energy for 14 high-energy kiddos in the classroom, our community continues to inspire me. We worked hard and had a blast making this year a success. I am grateful to have found such a supportive community!

Next school year I am excited to take on a new role for me, President of our wonderful school. I look forward to continue supporting Teacher Susan in her quest to provide an exceptional preschool environment where children and families flourish. Carissa Carneiro, our current President, has done an amazing job in her 5-year tenure with our community. For the past three years Carissa has held a lead role at HFP, serving two years as Treasurer and this past year as President. If I can do only a fraction of what she has done for HFP, I will be happy with that performance. A big THANK YOU to Carissa for all the love and hard work she has contributed to HFP. I will certainly look to her for guidance and support as I learn more about my new role. Vega will start her second year at HFP this Fall in the M/W/F class. I am so excited to see her develop new ways to learn and play with friends. I look forward to all the new friendships in front of me and growing the ones that I've made this year!

Beyond HFP, I am a hard-working momma nurturing my family, which consists of my husband Todd, Vega (3), and Jackson (1). Outside my family, I am a freelance writer, graphic designer, and creative marketer. I am also passionate about the outdoors, gardening, crafting, and most of all...relaxing with family and friends!

A warm HFP welcome to all our new families. I wish you the best as you begin your family's preschool experience. I look forward to meeting everyone park hopping on Tuesday mornings this summer!

Warm regards,  
Jeannette Shupp

## Play After Play Update

Play After Play held three events at HFP. Afterward, we received several comments from parents about both the performance and the play. Here's a sampling!

"I am struck by the harmony of movement and music. The story is told simply, with short phrases/paragraphs... allowing room for imagination to fill in even more."

"I noticed the theme of gentleness (in the performance) and appreciated how the sounds and movements denoting gentleness differed from the sounds and movements of the violence."

"My boys were captivated by the music- 'dom-tikki, tikki!'"

My daughter was "very shy but interested in the play afterward. She loved having Marc play with her teddy bear" as a way to honor and include a child that was too timid to come out onto the mat without her mother.

"I loved the play afterward. I felt excited about and loved watching the kids seeing the variety in the play and individual responses to playing and being invited to play."



# Power Struggles Dissolve with Laughter

By Patty Wipfler

Sooner or later in our lives as parents, we find ourselves locked in a power struggle with our child. It can happen over being fed with a spoon when a baby is just a year old. It can happen over getting dressed in the morning, over brushing teeth, and over going to bed.

Our children, like any self-respecting human beings, like to make decisions about their lives. And we, like any self-respecting parents, need to make sure they eat, dress, bathe, sleep, learn to use the potty, and are strapped into their car seats. So these power struggles are inevitable. They spring from what looks like competing interests of loving people at very different ages and stages. The fact that you and your child get into power struggles means that you and your child are each doing the most appropriate thing you can think of. Your job is to be the parent, keeping life safe and somewhat ordered. Your child's job is to keep from feeling helpless in the face of so many decisions that are out of her hands.

There are easy, fun ways to help dissolve the struggle through play. The following approach is based on the idea that when your child feels connected to you, loved by you, and safe, she won't feel so inclined to oppose the things that must be done. She'll want to cooperate with reasonable and respectful requests.

Sometimes, a child's opposition springs from not feeling close to you at that moment. Even though you're available and loving, she may not be able to feel it at the moment, because she's been alone in sleep, or without you at day care or school, or has watched you pouring attention toward her sibling. Or, she may be digging in her heels because she has had some bad experience that is jangling in her mind, making her feel mad, sad, or frightened.

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## Pastor Linda Saves Twinkle Star

Pastor Linda had a squirrel living in her roof. She set a live trap with the plan to capture and then release the squirrel on church grounds. During Tuesday's class, she invited us to participate in this humanitarian effort. When Linda drove by in her station wagon, I alerted the children in the play yard that Pastor Linda had returned with the squirrel. Chase games stopped in their tracks, climbers scurried down the branch wall like squirrels, and everyone dashed to the gate. Never have I mobilized children so effectively.

We rounded the corner to the grassy area where Pastor Linda and her husband, Peter, lifted the caged squirrel, preparing for its release back to nature. They opened the cage, and the squirrel scampered to freedom.

As the squirrel ran off, Pastor Linda invited us to name it. We settled on Twinkle Star. Live long, Twinkle Star. Shine bright forever.

## Equitable Wages *(cont'd from front cover)*

qualifications and work of our teacher, it's a step in the right direction. Our progressive move has prompted other cooperative preschools to examine the possibility of moving toward more equitable wages as well.

We also agreed to try a new sliding scale method for charging tuition. A wide range of incomes exist and families differ in how much they can afford to pay in tuition. Adopting the sliding scale model makes it possible for each family to pay what they can afford and a sliding scale enables us to draw families with a range of income levels. Tuition assistance continues to be available to families as needed.

To reach the full cost of quality, early childhood teachers must be paid a fair and equitable wage. As it stands, early childhood teachers are paid far less than public school teachers, who should also be paid more. Early childhood teachers make far less than paralegals, computer technicians, medical record clerks, and many other professions. Does our society place more value on computer health and record keeping than on our children? Salary comparisons certainly seem to reflect that we do. Fair compensation for teachers and good quality programs are goals worth working toward. Children and their teachers are worth it.

***Susan Eisman and the families of HFP are leaders in the movement to create greater equity for early childhood professionals. Susan has provided other local co-op educators with valuable information about HFP's teacher advocacy work. In turn, many of us have passed that information on to our Boards with the hope of raising awareness and increasing action.***

***I am inspired by the outcome of your work to create a sustainable quality program model, but even more inspiring to me is the process that HFP is taking to get there.***

—Sandy Hodge, Hancock Street Preschool

# Teacher's Corner

By Teacher Susan Eisman



## Parenting in a Co-Op Preschool

At Hawthorne Family Playschool, we believe participating in a parent cooperative, while lots of work, is deeply rewarding.

Children have an early learning experience in which their own families are central and valued, bridging the gap between home and school. Children feel safe as their teacher knows and partners with their entire family. Children benefit from their relationship with their teacher and from their relationships with all their friends' parents.

Parent members benefit considerably too, as we:

- Participate in our children's early and foundational experiences of exploring relationships with peers, using play and nature as primary building-blocks for learning.
- Support and learn from the experienced leadership of HFP's dedicated, innovative teacher.
- Learn and reinforce skills that help build a foundation for self-confidence and lifelong learning with respect for our children at the center.
- Build relationships with other like-minded families for ongoing collaboration, fun and sharing.
- Grow a sense of pride and gratification in joining a project to partner in our child's learning and to help create and maintain a school that is a leader in early childhood education.

Ivan's Robot



## Recommended Reads

Kirsten (Anika) and I have been reviewing and compiling a list of quality children's books. This growing list has become a valued curriculum resource for our classroom. We understand that everything young children encounter, including the books they read, influences their thinking. Therefore, as we choose books, we consider our values for raising children:

- Issues of equity with just and varied representations of people,
- Reverence for the natural world,
- Stewardship of the earth,
- Appreciating the interconnectedness of all living things,
- Self-awareness and self-appreciation,
- Conflict resolution and problem-solving,
- Making friends and treating them well,
- Recognizing a range of emotions,
- Playfulness, zest and vibrancy,
- Creativity, expression and art,
- Risk-taking, trust and growth,
- And more.

As I continue this project next year, I plan to work with HFP's school librarian to share exceptional books in our newsletter. While there are many adequate and/or good children's books in circulation, sometimes exceptional books are less known. I hope to spread the word about these remarkable books and to encourage readers to seriously consider the values conveyed in each book. Pictures and words convey meanings and values, influencing our children's growth and development. I'm delighted to encounter books that nourish, reflect, and stretch our children.



One of my favorite books this year is **Big Wolf and Little Wolf** by Nadine Brun-Cosme and Olivier Tallec. The text and pictures together beautifully portray uncertainty, friendship, attachment, sharing, loneliness, departure and return, waiting, and longing which ultimately turns to joy. I particularly appreciate how

the author uses an array of emotions that are significant for young ones, including "worry," "reassured" and "uneasy." Ultimately these creatures open their hearts to include and rely on each other.

Another quality book about a caring relationship is **Frog** by Susan Cooper and Jane Browne. This book is packed full of complex feelings and experiences, touching upon teasing, fear, feeling out of place, empathy, care of a living creature, compassion, comparison, risk-taking, and accomplishment.



## A Note from Sylvia!

I still remember my first day at HFP. Teacher Susan was rushing around as I walked in at 9:00, and after a brief introduction, she invited me to stay the rest of the day. I plopped down in a seat across from Ethan, who was quietly concentrating on some beading he had been working on. We sat there till circle time, one quiet and focused, the other quiet and a little nervous on her first day. At circle time, Ethan sidled up next to me, and I knew at that moment I had found a lasting friend. It was moments like these that made my heart swell three times its size, moments I experienced from my first day to my last.



I wish I could share every story, gush about every amazing moment I have had at HFP. My experiences taught me that being a teacher isn't just about teaching children, but realizing that children have a lot to teach you too. So to all the kids I want to say thank you, and especially to Teacher Susan, who was a great mentor and wonderful teacher. I miss you all!

—Sylvia Walter-Caldera, Student Teacher Lewis & Clark College

## Power Struggles (cont'd from page 3)

In either case, your child can't cooperate because she's got feelings that have come between you and her, and she can't remember what it is like to feel good and close. So, to reconnect with her and to begin to dissolve the power struggle between you, try playfully taking the less powerful role.

For instance, if your baby refuses to allow you to feed her with a spoon, you can give the spoon to her and let her feed you. Let the food dribble down your chin when she misses your mouth. She will giggle and enjoy her newfound power.

If your child refuses to dress herself, you can spend a few minutes saying, "Want this sock on?" with an eager expression. When she says, "No!" you can say, "OK, away with the sock!" and throw it up in the air and across the room. Then you ask, "Want these pants?" eagerly. When she says, "No!" you say, "OK, away with the pants!" and throw them up high, perhaps so they'll land on your head. If your child won't brush her teeth, you can yelp and complain while she brushes your teeth over and over.

When you are lighthearted enough with games—playing the goofy "victim" or the poor, surprised target of your child's "plot to get you"—your child will laugh and laugh. She'll want to play the game many times. This is progress. The laughter helps dissolve her feelings of powerlessness, and the distances she feels from you. It helps connect the two of you in good fun.

These kinds of games are silly, yet deeply sensible. You play the one having trouble, and your child plays the one totally in charge. This reverses the power structure for five or ten minutes, or longer if you have the time. Your child sees that you love her, and sees that you don't always insist on being in charge of everything. She benefits from the wonderful release laughter brings. After playing a bit, you can then say, "OK, we do need to do \_\_\_\_ now," and you are much more likely to have a child who wants to follow your lead.

Sometimes, after you've had a great playtime centered on an issue the child has been balking on, you'll set out your expectations again, and your child will have a big cry about still not wanting to brush her teeth or eat her food or get dressed.

This is to be expected. She's taking one more step to dissolve the feelings of powerlessness that get triggered by your requests. Stay close and listen. She's offloading big feelings that, when gone, will help her see you as her ally instead of her warden when you are asking for cooperation from her.

Here's how it can work: When my son was about twenty-one months old, he started to hate having water poured over his head when I washed his hair in the bath. He would scream and scream every time, even when I was meticulously careful not to get any suds or water in his eyes.

After a few weeks of this battle, I remembered what Patty told us about Playlistening. One night, during his bath, but before washing his hair, I took the special hair-washing cup and (discreetly making sure it was empty first!) held it upside down over my head. I shrieked, pretended to cry, and shook my head back and forth.

My son howled with laughter! He kept handing me the cup over and over again with a big smile on his face, and he laughed uproariously as I feigned intense distress. In between mock cup-pourings, I would smile at him to let him know I was okay. Gradually my hair got wet from the traces of water in the cup, and he was fascinated to touch my wet hair and rub the top of my head, which was now quite wet.

Later in the bath, when I washed his hair, he clearly did not enjoy it much, but he sat still and did not actually scream. Over the course of the next week or so, I always preceded washing his hair with play-washing mine, complete with loud shrieks and cries. He continued to laugh with abandon, and touch my wet hair with fascination. Now he has taken control of the cup, and insists on being the one to hold it over my head! It took three or four baths, but now he does not object to his hair being washed. In fact, what was once a torture session for both of us is now one of his most gleeful games. In the evening when I say, "Bath time!" he runs into the bathroom to get the cup, and runs over to me with it, laughing and holding it out to me.

([www.handinhandparenting.org/news/58/64/Power-Struggles-Dissolve-with-Laughter](http://www.handinhandparenting.org/news/58/64/Power-Struggles-Dissolve-with-Laughter))

# Auction Party: Hard Work *and* Play Pay Off

What fun I had at the auction! I wanted to write a sincere note of thanks and appreciation for all the detailed work and organizational intentions. I've now attended and helped out at 5 HFP auctions, and each year the whole idea of what this event means to the community is more and more clear. This year, by far, was the most fun as a community builder, and as a successful money maker. I would like to single out a few people in particular; without whom the auction would not have been possible.

**Shannon C.:** You took on this volunteer auction task better than any wellpaid professional, and with dedication and passion to the very end. From the business letters, to the invites and thank you notes, your desire to connect with the local community is apparent. From the early and often reminders to our folks to get their donations in, to the encouragement to hawk the tables one last time before they closed, your desire to involve and inspire the HFP community is apparent. You never ceased to be hopeful and positive.

Your understanding of the whole picture is evident through and through. Your ingenuity in recognizing your team's skills and not micro-managing them is a true inspiration. The food was undoubtedly amazing, and more than enough! While sitting for a bite to eat, an alumni and friend commented that there is nowhere else in the city that you can go to get such amazing food at a potluck! HFP is truly blessed to have you as our Fundraising Chair this year and next.

**Jenny:** How you possibly manage school, work, two children, and all the time you share with HFP is remarkable. Your creative spirit enlightens everything! You expanded the children's area from last year's blueprint, yet it wasn't imposing. With the creative space and materials, I saw that children were engaged and truly enjoying themselves. I didn't know that all those activities could even be possible in such a small space, but you did it! And, Jenny, your dad's amazing! I remember him from last year loading and setting up and hauling, and I noticed him again this year. HFP is lucky to have you as the Auction Leader next year. Your experience and dedication will assuredly create an event as successful or even more so, than this year.

**Jeannette:** HFP is truly blessed to have you on board for next year in such an integral role. I loved the designs that you created for the auction posters and postcards. You took on a big piece of the "face" of the event with seeming ease. I know you must have spent many hours designing, integrating many people's ideas and feedback, and the end product was great! You secured our entertainment for the evening, and I was impressed!

**Shelley and Chris:** You have some superb friends and family! Shelley, your sister was amazing as a check-in pirata! She really got into the feeling of the event, and seemed to have a great time as well! Your mother's presence at caring for the children is testimony at how this event is truly family focused! Your accounting team stepped up to the challenge, volunteering their time and talents to our community; we are so thankful. I enjoyed watching you both, working so well together, communicating clearly with each other, and helping to create a sense of calm and collectedness in the middle of all the hustle and bustle.

**John:** I'm not sure which "team" you were on, probably all of them, but you're always around to help out. It's like you're a helper elf. You see someone carrying something large and you quickly help out, you see a need and quickly help to solve it. You, among many others, were there early and stayed late. Your dedication to this community is apparent and appreciated.

**Christine:** Your photography is delightful! I was struck with the beauty of the collaged picture poster that greeted me as I came in. You shared many many hours shooting, fine tuning, editing, printing, and designing. The photo tree was stunning, I wished that was an auction item! Your dedication and professionalism is apparent and appreciated.

**Karin:** Thanks for all of your meticulous accounting work. I know that it takes quite a while to input all those numbers!

To everyone involved with this huge event, accolades all around. We pulled it off, and did so splendidly. It's testimony to how this community is a collective of forward thinking and talented individuals and families. Working together for a common goal, to support our children's growth and development in a community of people who care and who are compassionate, led by an amazing educator, Teacher Susan. HFP is only able to thrive as it does with each and every one of you.

In gratitude and cheerfulness,  
Carissa (Adriano), HFP Board President



**Fishing in the play area**

## Dollar\$ and Cents (We did it!)

- Our fundraising goal for the Auciton was \$5,000. We made \$6,500!
- Our fundraising goal for the year was \$7,300.00. So far we have raised \$10,500!



**Rick Huddle rocks the house!**

## Great Memories Too!

The day of the event was electric with everyone helping to set up tables, decorations, food prep, the little ones area was “SPOT ON” as teacher Susan said! Greasy Kid Stuff got the party started, Rick Huddle was AWESOME as my high energy Elias laid on his tummy and watched the whole 20 min show with a huge smile! —Shannon (Elias)

Rayley said, “That party was super-duper-huper fun! My favorite part was making my own trophy.” —Jenny (Rayley)

We really enjoyed Rick’s performance. It contained a nice mix of songs and stories, and stories within songs. He has great energy and was very engaging with the entire group, young and old. Super fun! —Matt (Olive)

Rick’s performance was engaging for kids and adults alike. He was funny and talented, a great storyteller and performer. It was fun to watch the kids jump and dance to his music and laugh at his songs and stories, and it was fun for me to enjoy them as well! —Antoinette (Eli)

We would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to these individuals & businesses that have made this year’s auction possible!

Trader Joe’s  
Laughing Planet  
Barley Mill Pub  
Rick Huddle  
Greasy Kid Stuff  
Oaks Park  
Hopworks  
The Zimbabwe Art Project Carrie  
Treadwell/Chinook Books  
Sara & Shayne  
Deb & Cliff  
Pickathon  
NW String Summit  
Swirl Yogurt Shop  
Deek & Bryan’s Next Adventure  
Portland Glass Blowers  
Lawrence Family  
Zim Zim  
Laurelhurst Movie Theatre  
Bamboo Sushi  
Karin McTeague  
Laurelhurst Market  
Belly Timber  
Por Que No  
Les Schwab  
Oregon Ballet Theatre  
Lil Kickers  
Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream Shop  
John Manning Contracting  
Jim & Chris Stinson  
Saint Cupcake  
Johanna Wright  
The Joinery  
Acme Donuts  
Dana Buhl LMT  
Susan Wilmoth LAC  
Beth John LMT  
Sharon Gaynor Amestoy  
Rudy’s Barber Shop  
Wild Root Salon  
Kidding Around Photography  
Christine Richmond Photography  
Portland Nursery  
Opal Creek  
Dennison Farms  
Papa Murphy’s on Woodstock  
Harmony Baking Co.  
Cosmic Monkey Comics  
Veritable Quandary  
Toast  
Oregon Shakespeare Festival  
Oregon Forestry Center  
Portland Trail Blazers  
Pix Patisserie  
Plue  
Nossa Familia Coffee  
Happy Knits  
Woodstock Eye Clinic  
Petite Provence

Spring Pilates  
Amirta Sanctuary  
Nomad Piercing Studio  
Shannon Rhoads  
Shelley Carmichael  
Kristen Krem  
Wunderland Avalon  
New Deal Café  
Oregon Children’s Theatre  
Apizza Scholls  
Liz Eisman, LMT  
Music Millennium  
Grasshopper  
Mink  
Starbucks Coffee  
Fenouil  
Candice Tinat  
The Bhaktishop  
Polliwog  
Megan Montero Hair Stylist  
Art Heads  
Gail Churchill  
Ela e Carioca  
Sunnyside Swap Shop  
3 Doors Down  
Mako  
Kids at Heart  
Rick Barry  
Lindsey & Josh  
Water Lily Facial Salon  
Cutting Crew  
The Portland Spirit  
Simpatica  
Radish Soup Designs  
Lucky Loo Loo  
Efficient by Design Amy Myers  
Daily Café  
Pink Martini  
Gail Cunningham, Artist  
Johanna Wright, Artist  
Murder by the Book  
Wild Carrot Herbals  
Dr Judy Neall  
Lorraine Barry  
Blue Cloud  
Jeannette Shupp  
Skylor Powell  
Hawthorne Street Fish House  
Bridgeport Ale House  
Greg’s on Hawthorne  
Sheri Louis  
Felted Cupcake  
Sock Dreams  
Mick Richmond  
Zenana Day Spa  
The Circuit Boldering Gym  
Barre 3  
Katherine Deumling  
Ellen Eisman Love Knots

## 2010 HFP Dates

May 26-27	Wacky Days	June 11	Annual Cake Walk, 5:00-7:00 pm
May 28	Bike Day at Sewall Crest Park	June 11	Last day of Friday class
May 31	No school, Memorial Day	June 14	Last day of M/W class
June 2-3	Pajama Days	June 15	Last day of T/Th class
June 4-6	Annual Board Retreat	August 21	Family Potluck and Campout, Champoeg State Park, 5:00 pm potluck
June 9-10	Strawberry Picking, Kruger's Farm, 10:00 am		

### Plus, don't forget Summer Park Playdates!

During summer months we meet at a park once a week to play. This year we'll be meeting on Tuesdays starting at 10:00 am (many families stay for a picnic lunch). Dates and locations TBA.

## Work Party Fun!

At our recent work party we addressed our ongoing goals of:

1. Beauty & Order: Added woodchips, weeded, planted sunflower seeds, cleaned, organized & raised storage shed.
2. Physical Challenges: Built an additional climbing branch wall bringing to life the spider web area of the play yard.
3. Provide Year-Round Outdoor Play Options: John (Ivan) has church approval to build a transparent shelter above the gravel area in the next few weeks.

**"When I was a kid,  
I didn't know how to climb like this."**

—Eli O.



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Please share this newsletter.

## Thank you, thank you!

- ★ Thanks to all who dined at the Barley Mill and HUB to raise money for HFP. What a marvelous way for businesses to support early learning programs!
- ★ Thanks to parent helpers for tenderly tending to children with projects, conflicts, snacks, toileting, conversations, etc.
- ★ Thanks to Shannon, Jeannette, Jenny and Shelley for an outstanding auction experience!
- ★ Thanks to Sharon, for producing yet another exceptional newsletter. You've even brought Twinkle Star to life.
- ★ Rick, thanks for embellishing the website and maintaining the list-serve!
- ★ Thanks to children's librarian Jane Corey for sharing her love of books at HFP's circle time.
- ★ Thanks to our student teachers: Sylvia, Emilee, Sarah & Miranda for all the time and energy you invested in our program.