

## Susan & Pam's Class

We are approaching the end of a wonderful school year. In the next couple of weeks we'll begin to take artwork down, clean shelves and toys, and put final touches on portfolios. Doing these activities with the children rather than for the children will help to put closure on the school year. They will soon be moving on to summer activities and then, in fall, new classrooms, teachers, and friends. An end-of-year project we will be working on is our class book. The children will have this as a keepsake to remember their friends from CNS.

Our class picnic will be held on Thursday, May 31st at Purvis Park. We'll meet at the park around 9:30 a.m. for a picnic brunch and then end the picnic at 11:30. Unless you need to pick up for carpool, we'll dismiss right from the park. Our room parents have put up a sign-up sheet in the hallway for items we'll need. Pam and I will set up a spring art activity at the park.

I would like to thank all of you for sharing your children with Pam and me. It has been a pleasure watching them learn and grow throughout the year. They show each day how they've learned about each other as individuals and how they take care of each other. Their portfolios, which document the school year through journals, artwork, and photographs, will be coming home soon. I know you'll enjoy going through them together as a family.

And now, to all of you: thanks for your support and generosity. Although I cannot list them all, here are just a few of the ways you've helped us this year.

- Library reading and checkout.
- Stickers and envelopes and stationary for our writing table.
- Books and gifts for the classroom.
- Treats for special days.
- Coordinating carseats and driving for field trips.
- Helping with activities in the classroom.
- Sending in recyclables and materials for all those art projects.

As always, thank you, Pam, my forever partner at CNS, for another great year—for your support, friendship, and humor. Thanks also to our floaters for answering so many walkie-talkie calls for help in the classroom.

It is always hard to say goodbye to the children and families who have meant so much to us over the school year (so...we won't, quite yet). A gentle reminder: Keep those plans for next fall low-key. There are a few weeks of school left and a whole summer of fun ahead. Relax and enjoy!

To our families who no longer will have children at CNS, Pam and I expect frequent visits and updates.