

## **Monthly Report –February 2008**

Angeles Baldanza, Director

### **Overview of Activities for January**

- Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, we offered care during the 2 hour delay
- Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, closed for President's Day
- Feb 19<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup> - Open at Taft for the February vacation days
- Kindergarten Childcare Registrations have begun-11 Registrations have already been received.

### **Program Activities**

- Taft Kid's Club along with Whitin and the Kindergarten were busy and active during February vacation. The week was presented in thematic days; Tuesday was Game Day-the children made games that they would later use during winter carnival. Wednesday was Beach/Luau Day-we made a summertime lunch and wore Hawaiian gear. Thursday was Movie/Pajama Day. The kids and staff wore PJ's and watched movies on a projector screen. Crafts and games were going all day. Friday was the Winter Carnival. We played carnival style games and ate cotton candy and popcorn (from machines loaned to us by the Town of Uxbridge First Night Committee).
- At the Whitin EXTRA Program, they have been enjoying the rare use of the gym and have been concentrating on physical fitness along with their continued attention to homework and homework skills. The group made beautiful games and prepared prizes for presentation during the winter carnival that was held at Taft during February Vacation.
- The Kindergarten children are studying the Masters in Art. The children are replicating the styles of artists such as Picasso, Van Gogh, Mondrian, Monet, and Michelangelo. The children especially enjoy crawling under the tables and painting on the "roof" (paper taped under the tabletop) as if it were the Sistine Chapel.

### **Professional Development:**

Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Brodeur and Mrs. Baldanza went to legal issues training presented by Tim Morris. Mrs. Baldanza and Mrs. Brodeur is looking forward to attending the I-PASS training on March 7th

Mrs. Baldanza continues to participate in NEDDS and MSAC, and is planning to attend the PEAR conference at Harvard in April.

Respectfully submitted by Angeles Baldanza

**Upcoming Events:**

March 7<sup>th</sup> I-PASS Training

March 21<sup>st</sup>- Good Friday- Child Care closes at 4 PM

In collaboration with the After Hours Program, the Taft Kid's Club will be sending 10 children (no cost) from Taft Kid's Club to an after school Karate class, in exchange for giving up use of the gym during that time. This is the first time the Child Care Program and the Enrichment Program have had the opportunity to combine programs in this fashion and we hope the collaboration will continue.

One Staff member is resigning to move out of state-we will try to fill the opening with staff already on hand.