

*Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up.*  
*- Pablo Picasso*

In December, we distributed a Parent Survey using the Survey Monkey online tool. We received 47 responses and we thank you for taking your time to complete the survey. As a result of your feedback, we have already made changes in our program and used your input to inform the Strategic Plan. One such change has been to add office coverage in the morning.

At our Parent Partnership meeting on April 20, we will review the survey and share with you the 2017 Strategic Plan. Survey results and suggestions you gave us at our last meeting were all considered in the planning.

The meeting is open to anyone who desires to attend. We hope to see there.

As a NAEYC accredited center, we have the opportunity to celebrate NAEYC's Week of the Young Child every April. This is a week designed to celebrate early learning, teachers, and families while recognizing programs that meet the needs of young children in our community. We look forward to celebrating this week with the children and families here at ALC.



Students enjoyed celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday throughout March.

### **Bev's Corner**

I hope you enjoy this month's article on painting with your child. NAEYC describes the characteristics of appropriate art experiences as:

- no step-by-step instructions
- no sample for children to follow
- no right or wrong way to explore and create
- The art is focused on the experience and on exploration of techniques, tools, and materials
- The art is unique and original
- The experience is relaxing or calming
- The art is entirely the children's own
- The art experience is a child's choice
- Ideas are not readily available online

We have taken some of your children's art to Red Rocks for the Week of the Young Child Art Show, open from April 15 to April 19. Families are invited on April 25th, 4:30 to 7 PM for a special celebration.

### **SPRING 2017 CALENDAR**

Parent Meeting	April 20 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm
Earth Day Celebration	April 21 <sup>st</sup>
NAEYC Child Art Show	April 25 <sup>th</sup> – May 5 <sup>th</sup>
NAEYC Week of the Young Child	April 24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup>
Teacher Appreciation Week	May 1 <sup>st</sup> – May 5 <sup>th</sup>
St. Jude's Trike-a-Thon	May 12 <sup>th</sup>
Muffins for Mom	May 12 <sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am
National Bike to Work Day	May 19 <sup>th</sup>
Closed for Memorial Day	May 29 <sup>th</sup>
Summer Program Begins	May 30 <sup>th</sup>

