

## *January 2010 Monthly Update*

*"Everything is complicated; if that were not so, life and poetry and everything else would be a bore."*

*--Wallace Stevens, Letters of Wallace Stevens, 1967*

*Dear Parents,*

*These may be complicated uncertain times for many of us as we educate our children at home and keep a household going. The realization that a child is a complex learner or that extended family responsibilities are challenging to juggle during the school day are examples of the interesting educational lifestyle we have chosen. I am certain few of us know of a boring life. What we do know is of God's love and care for us during these changing times.*

*Jesus reminded the disciples of the Father's ongoing and personal care for each of them by describing the Father's love for the creation: "...consider the ravens...God feeds them" and "...consider how the lilies grow...if that is how God clothes the grass of the field...". Then He reminds us of the Father's tender care for each of us, "...do not worry about your life...", "...how much more will He clothe you...", "...do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink...", "...do not be afraid, little flock..." Luke 12*

*I am hopeful of what God will do in each of your lives as He shows all of us through these complicated times. The Deerstream leadership continues to lift you up in your work and home life, and the concerns and joys you have for your children. We look forward to an interesting start to the new year, full of poetry and life!*

*Fondly,*

*Amy Chauncey*

**Monthly Reminders:**

***Monday, January 4, 2010 Monday classes resume.***

***Monday, January 4, 2010*** Even though the weather outside might be frightful, you are welcome to join other families and friends on the playground for our informal monthly picnic from 12:15-1:15.

***Wednesday, January 6, 2010*** Wednesday morning classes resume. **NO AFTERNOON SESSIONS!**

***Wednesday, January 13, Cafe and Play and afternoon sessions start.*** Remember to pack a snack and a lunch for those that are staying. We currently have 1 space in Spanish and several spaces in the art class for older students.

***Monday, January 18, NO Monday classes.*** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

***Wednesday, January 20, Parent Coffee from 9:15-10:00.*** Last month we had about 10 moms that stayed and visited with each other and board members. Several topics of discussion were: curriculum challenges, finding a dance class during the morning, reluctant readers, and next year at Deerstream. Please feel free to drop by for 10 minutes or so!

***A general reminder regarding our inclement weather policy is below:***

*May 17 and May 19, Snow make-up days to be used if 3 or more class days are canceled due to inclement weather.*

*If the Chapel Hill Public Schools are closed, so is Deerstream.*

*If the Chapel Hill system has a delayed opening, Deerstream meets as usual.*

***Safety is our top concern, parents should use their best judgement in deciding whether roads are safe to travel.***

***Please be sure to dress your children warmly during these winter months as we will continue to go outside during recess.***