

# CLEMENT TIMES

May - June 2009 Issue

Dear families,

This has been such a beautiful start to spring! I hope you are venturing out and enjoying the lovely weather. This has also been a truly fabulous year for Clement: Our days have been full of learning and laughter. Shortly we will host our Mommy and Me and Daddy and Me parties. We look forward to seeing you on these special days.

Each year I marvel at the tremendous amount of support and warmth that we receive from our Clement families and it is with a full heart that I say your sentiments are both heart-warming and appreciated. To the Moms and Dads who have made suggestions, worked with us on fundraisers, and supported our school – we couldn't have done it without you! To the Clement staff - you have watched over and cared for our children as if they were your own, bless you. For the teachers, whose hard work and dedication make the curriculum both fascinating and effective, you have my respect as well as my gratitude. And to the children who bring our school to life, since September you have shown us how a little song, a splash of paint and a hearty dose of laughter can brighten the cloudiest of days.

"I'm not retiring from life, just from a job." Sharon Simmons has decided to start the latest phase of her life – fulltime grandmother. She has been with Clement 16 years and has been invaluable to me and the school throughout those years. She has always shown a fierce dedication to the school and its children and will be missed. The staff and I wish her many happy hours with her grandchild and that she lives a life happy, wild, and free!

We are very happy to welcome Maria Nugent to our staff. Maria will take over Sharon's responsibilities. She is busily learning her duties and will begin working during Summer School. Maria has two elementary school children (2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade) and comes from a business background. She is excited to be working in a school environment.

We look forward to seeing you next year and for those children marching off to Kindergarten, you will be remembered in the hearts of your teachers, staff and me. Your enthusiasm, curiosity, and innate sense of wonder are the reason we are here and will remain for years to come. We look forward to seeing you all at graduation and the days in between, until then, be safe, be well, and have a wonderful summer!

Mrs. Shahana Shah  
Mrs. Susan Gardner

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## Important Dates

May 5:	Cinco de Mayo
May 7 & 8:	Mommy and Me
May 13 & 14	<b>Lunch Bunch</b>
May 14 & 15:	Sing-A-Long
May 20 & 21:	<b>Lunch Bunch</b>
May 25	Memorial Day - No school
May 28 & 29:	Daddy and Me
June 9 & 10:	Year End Events
June 22:	Summer School begins



## Mommy and Me ---- Daddy and Me Days



The children are busy preparing extra special events for their extra special Moms, Dads, and caregivers in celebration of Mother's Day and Father's Day. Please mark your calendars:

Mommy and Me on May 7 and 8. Your teacher will tell you the time. *This is an early dismissal day (11:30am).*

Daddy and Me (also known as FUDGE Day – Father, Uncle, Dad, Grandpa, etc.) on May 28 and 29 from 10:45–11:15am. Please be sure your teacher knows of your attendance. *This is an early dismissal day (11:30am).*

## May Items of Study

**Themes:** Jungle, Ocean and Sea (Pirates)  
**Holiday:** Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, Memorial Day  
**Shape:** Review all shapes      **Numeral:** 10  
**Letters:** Jj, Kk, Zz              **Color:** Purple, Pink  
**Preposition:** Top, Bottom      **Math:** 5 Size Seriation



## June Items of Study

**Themes:** Graduation, Summer Safety, Parent Appreciation  
**Holiday:** Father's Day              **Letters:** Xx, Yy  
**Colors:** Review all colors      **Preposition:** Next to, Between  
**Math:** Rhyming

## Teacher Appreciation Week

May 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> is Teacher Appreciation Week. We hope to encourage parents to write a note of appreciation to your child's teacher and send it in anytime during that week. These kind words mean so much to us – they become treasured keepsakes.



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## Last Payment

Our final tuition payment is May 2009 – this will be half of your regular payment.

## Summer School

We still have openings in our “Our World Outdoors” summer program. Clement is offering a 6 week summer program. You can choose either one of the two 3 week sessions offered or sign-up for the 6 week session. Summer School will run from June 22 through July 29. Brochures are available in the office.



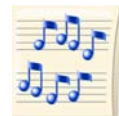
Session 1: June 22 – July 10 – 3 weeks -- \$248

Session 2: July 13 – July 29 - 3 weeks -- \$248

Session 3: June 22 – July 29 - 6 weeks -- \$495

## Sing-a-Longs

Join us 9:40am on May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> for our last Sing-a-Long.



## JR Kindergarten Newsflash

In April, parents and classes enjoyed a field trip to Emma Prusch Farm. Everyone enjoyed seeing the baby chicks and goats. We even made our own butter and spread it on crackers for our snack! In May, we are looking forward to Mother's Day Tea, Father's Game Day and an exciting visit from the San Jose Police Horse Academy. We will also be observing the life cycle of the Painted Lady butterfly and silkworm in our classroom by watching them burst from their cocoons.

## May Items of Study - JrK

**Themes:** Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Tea, Father's Day Event

**Holiday:** Memorial Day, Mother's Day

**Phonics:** Site words and A-Z phonics review

**Letters:** Xx, Yy, Zz

**Colors:** Pastel colors

**Math:** Count 1 to 90 value and recognition, counting and review



## June Items of Study - JrK

**Themes:** Ocean & coral reefs, Pirates, Father's Day

**Holiday:** Father's Day

**Phonics:** Review

**Letters:** Review

**Colors:** Review color site words

**Math:** Count 1 – 100 and review all math concepts

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## Fall Registration

We still have spaces available for this fall. Please get the word out to your friends and neighbors about our school. Tell them about our website and encourage them to visit our school.

## Art Work

We have some of the children's art work on display at the Pearl Avenue Library. Please take time to visit the library and enjoy the children's work. Thank you to Mrs. Gardner for making those arrangements and putting up the art



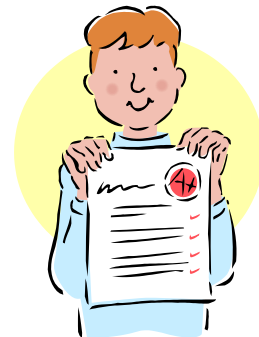
## Clothing Drive



City Team Ministries is doing a children's clothing drive. Their theme is the Power of 1 – one person can make a difference. There is a real need in the valley for children these days. Please bring gently used clothing, any child's size that is free of tears or stains, to the school either during drop-off or dismissal or to the office. We will have bins available. Thank you for your help with this wonderful program!

## End of Year Programs

Our end of the year programs will be held on Tuesday, June 9 and Wednesday, June 10. These are very special days for our students and staff. Be aware that there is NO regular school held on these days. Students must arrive at school with a parent/adult at the designated time (see schedule below). This is a time for our children to showcase their talents and present to you a culmination of circle time songs they have been practicing for your enjoyment. Everyone is invited to join in the fun. After the ceremony, we ask that you join us on the playground for juice and cookies.



Please note:

- Please keep all food items outside.
- There is no supervision on the play yard so we request you watch your children carefully.

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**Schedule for End of the Year Programs**

**Tuesday, June 9, 2009**

**10:00 am**

Mrs. Khona  
Mrs. Prabhakar  
Mrs. Walker

**Wednesday, June 10, 2009**

**9:00am**

Mrs. Aitken  
Mrs. Breen (MWF class)  
Mrs. Khona  
Mrs. Penner

**10:30am**

Mrs. Breen (T-TH class)  
Mrs. Prabhakar  
Mrs. Sosa  
Mrs. Walker

**Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Osborn, and Mrs. Petulla:** All Jr. Kindergarten programs will be held on Wednesday, June 10 at 9:00am

**Congratulations to our Clement Graduating Class of 2009!**

