

**WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD**  
**“BUILDING BETTER FUTURES FOR SAN ANTONIO’S CHILDREN”**  
**APRIL 22- 28, 2007**

Since it falls right in the middle of Fiesta, we have added a local bend to the national theme of “Building Better Futures for Our Children” for Week of the Young Child sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. We have planned several special events to honor the lives and needs of young children and their families as well as celebrating Fiesta with San Antonio’s children of all ages (even adults)! Children not attending on the days of an activity are still welcome to come join us as long as a parent or other adult stays with them.

**Sunday, April 22 – Friday, April 27 (ALL WEEK)**

“Love and Comfort Drive” of items to nurture the children from birth through teenagers under the care of Child Protective Services that have been recently removed from their homes. The downstairs classes (rooms 1,2,3) will collect small teddy bears and stuffed animals while the preschoolers upstairs (rooms 4,5,7) will collect socks, underwear and blankets. Collection boxes will be in each class.

**Monday, April 23**

Be sure to check out the mural on the fence of art work by all the UPCC children to kick off our week of events. Each class has also planned special activities on Monday to focus on the friendships in their class and on the playground. Check your class newsletter for more information. Parents are also invited to join their class for their music time with Angela which has been moved to Monday this week.

**Tuesday, April 24**

**9:30: UPCC Annual Parade**

Come celebrate Fiesta with us for our annual Fiesta Parade with mariachis leading us around the lawn. Children may bring decorated push/pull toys, wagons, doll strollers or even “box” floats (no tricycles or bikes for safety reasons please) from home to use in the parade as the mariachis leads around the church front lawn. We’ll enjoy nachos, fruit kabobs and lemonade as the mariachis serenade and lead us in dancing after our parade.

**Wednesday, April 25**

**Wacky Wild Wednesday all day and Balloon artist at 2:00**

The children are encouraged to dress “wild and wacky” in mismatched clothes, crazy hats and wild socks for a day of fun and laughter. We’ll also have watermelon for snack and end our day at 2:00 with a visit from “Silly Filly,” a balloon artist that will create wacky animals for us.

**Thursday, April 26**

**9:30: Parent Coffee - The Early Years and Early Literacy**

This is an opportunity for parents of children of all ages at UPCC to meet one another and celebrate the early years of parenting. Cindi Catlin will also share information on early literacy and helping your child discover the wonderful world of books and keep that interest alive through childhood. Please call the office if you will need childcare. After words, parents are also welcome to join the classes for the story time with Miss Anastasia.

**10:30: Story Time with Miss Anastasia**

The storyteller from the Red Balloon (and mother of Tully in Room 7 and Conley in Room 2) will bring the children’s all-time favorite character “Max” for a special ending to our week of celebrating children.

**Friday, April 27**

**Battle of Flowers Holiday**

Enjoy the day with your little one celebrating the joy of being a child in San Antonio!