

●●● Big Partner Little Partner ●●●

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Remember to say goodbye! As the end of the year approaches, start thinking about how you will say goodbye to your Little Partner. He/she may not understand that you will not be around after May (or in the future if you are a senior/studying abroad/would like a new LP next year). Make sure you start to bring it up well in advance (start now!) so there are no surprises and try to do one last activity together. Approach it cautiously, keeping in mind a child's perspective. Do not promise things that you cannot fulfill (keeping in touch over the summer/being their Big Partner next year). Remember, your LP looks up to you and kids are very astute at remembering certain things you say. We encourage you to keep in touch with your LP over the summer if you would like. Send a postcard/letter/give a phone call. Put your summer address on a couple of stamped envelopes and give them to your LP so he/she may write to you!

Pair of the Month:

John and Jorge



Jorge has been my little partner since I first started with the program my freshman year so this would be my third consecutive year with him. It has just been a blast getting to know Jorge over the past 3 years and to see him grow up as he is in the 4th grade now (and was in 2nd when we started). Jorge and I really enjoy going to the park when it is nice out and during the wintertime we usually hang out in the dive and play games, read, or go on the internet. The monthly events are always a blast because all the little partners get to see each other and hang out. We especially had a fun time at the bowling event recently. I like to think Jorge has learned a few things from me; we often talk about trying hard at school and how important his family is. In all actuality, I think I have learned just as much from him, mostly how to appreciate even the littlest things like taking time out of your day to go to the park for an hour. I look forward to my last year with Jorge next year as a senior and I hope that we can keep in touch for the years to come.

To all Big Partners, Little Partner and their Families,

Thank you all so much for making this year so wonderful! We made a lot of changes throughout the year and have been very pleased with the results, we hope you were too. Remember, it's never too late to express your concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us!

-Thanks from the BPLP 2005-2006 Coordinators

****DON'T FORGET THE END OF THE YEAR PICNIC: MAY 9th IN THE ARB, FREE FOOD AND FUN!****



Rain

I opened my eyes
 And looked up at the rain,
 And it dripped in my head
 And flowed into my brain,
 And all that I hear as I lie
 in my bed
 Is the slishity-slosh of
 the rain in my head.

I step very softly,
 I walk very slow,
 I can't do a handstand -
 I might overflow,
 So pardon the wild crazy
 thing I just said -
 I'm just not the same
 since there's rain in my
 head.

-Shel Silverstein

Fun Springtime Recipes: Bubbles and Chalk

$\frac{1}{4}$ c. Liquid detergent
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Water
 1 tsp Sugar

Mix all ingredients in a flat container such as a dishpan or baking pan. You can make bubbles with purchased wands, but it's much more fun to make your own bubble blowers from items you have. For example, poke the bottom out of a paper cup and dip the end in the mixture; also try a slotted spoon and/or straws.

1 c. plaster of paris
 1 c. water
 Powdered tempera paint

Find a mold for your sidewalk chalk (paper cups, toilet tissue rolls, etc). Mix the plaster and the water. For colored chalk, add powdered tempera paint to achieve the color you want. Let stand for a few minutes and then pour into mold. Set aside and let dry completely (time depends on the size of the mold). Once dry, remove the chalk from the mold. If it is still moist let air dry for another 24 hours.

Double the Fun: Bowling and the Science Museum

Thanks to help from the Alphas Fraternity, 30 BPLP pairs bowled for free at Bowlero Lanes at the beginning of April. There were even prizes! As you can see from the pictures, everyone had a great time.



Additionally, 15 BPLP pairs took a trip up to the Minnesota Science Museum to learn more about weather, the body, animals and much more! They also got to see the Omnimax show Baja Ocean Oasis.



Need ideas for your last couple times together? FUN IDEAS FOR MAY →

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo (May 5th)Decorate the sidewalks with your home-made chalk**Jump in puddles in or after the rain**Water balloon toss**Watch a baseball/softball game**Visit Seven Mile Park**Have a picnic!**Visit Tremendous Park**Make ice cream sundaes**Make a gift for your mothers for Mother's Day (May 14th)**Play hopscotch**Set up a lemonade stand**Plant some seeds**Head out to the arb and draw/paint/color**Make frozen lemonade pops**Make a fort**Tie Dye tshirts/socks/bandanas**