

## **PTA Enrichment Activities for EC**

### **Owly Shadow Puppets Program--Cost: 150.00**

This program would be completed in the beginning of our study on Shadows. Students will be developing an understanding of the following basic concepts during the study:

- There is a connection between an object and its shadow.
- Light has to be blocked in order for there to be shadows.
- Light rays travel in straight lines; they do not turn corners.
- Shadows are the absence of light.
- People can change a shadow by changing the positions of objects and the light source.

Students will learn how to make shadow puppets and then plan, practice and perform their play for their peers. By viewing a shadow puppet show, students will experience a fun, interactive way to celebrate their learning. Students will be encouraged to plan, practice, and perform their own shadow plays in class.

### **Chicago Botanic Gardens –Cost: 240.00**

This trip would be done during our study of plants. During the plant study, students focus on the following basic concepts:

- Plants and flowers need certain things to grow.
- Plants and other living things depend on each other.
- Flowers and plants are living things with special characteristics.
- People use plants and images of plants in many ways. (art, decoration, communicate feelings)
- People have jobs working with plants and flowers.

Students will attend a program for Pre-kindergarten students at the Chicago Botanic Gardens. They will participate in an interactive hands program done in a station style learning atmosphere. Students will practice matching and fine and gross motor skills in addition to making a take home project to continue their observations of nature.