

## Silent Auction Raises Money for Child Development Center

- **Crafts Made by Kids**

(May 1, 2003) There are abstract paintings and stationery. Decorated flower pots and coffee cups. Photos and special soaps.

More than 300 handcrafted items, made by the 80 kids at the Gateway Child Development Center, are up for sale through Friday, May 9.

It's the Center's annual Spring Art Auction and, according to Mona Jones, Parent Advisory Group fund-raising team leader, the goal is to raise \$4,000 to \$5,000.

Auction proceeds will be used to provide educational materials and speaker programs, teacher uniforms, professional education and other incentives.

Other fund-raisers – a children's book sale, a cookie dough sale – are held throughout the year.

Some silent auction items have been placed in the MTA Headquarters lobby, but the great majority are on display in the Child Development Center.

Potential buyers write their names on cards next to the items they are interested in. The highest bidder wins the item. Items that are not sold by bids will be auctioned at 5 p.m., May 9.

For more information about the silent auction, call the Child Development Center at 922-4453. The Center is located directly east across the Plaza from the HR Employment Office.

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Proud of the greeting cards they made for the Child Development Center's silent auction are Douglas Martinez, 4; C'Terra Carter, 3; and Ellen Tsukagoshi, 4.



Center Director Esmeralda Ortiz talks with three budding artists, from left, Ellen Tsukagoshi, 4; C'Terra Carter, 3; and Douglas Martinez, 4, about the items they made for the silent auction.



MTA Custodian Sue LeRoux admires "Niagara Falls at Night," a watercolor by the two-year-olds at the Child Development Center. This and other paintings are located in the MTA Headquarters lobby. Other items are on display at the Center.