

Mrs. Schubloom's Preschool News

September 2011



Welcome families to room 105! I am so excited to be working with you and your child this year. I have lots of fun activities planned and am looking forward to a year full of wonder and growth.

September Learning Theme:

It's All About Me! (Myself, My School, My Friends, My Health) It's all about your child this month and the many wonderful changes that are taking place in his/ her life. By sharing information about each other, we will get to know the new friends that are in the classroom. This month we will be focusing especially on friendship. We will be looking at how friends come in all forms, how friends share, and how friends have fun together at school.

Lesson Plans/Learning Themes:

Weekly lesson plans will be posted on the bulletin board outside the classroom door. There are seven content areas that are incorporated into my lesson plans. These include: Literacy, Art/Music/Dramatic Play, Social Studies, Health & Safety, Math, Science, and Technology. Each week we will follow a theme. Each theme will incorporate opportunities for children to learn and review numbers, letters, shapes, and colors in a fun and exciting way. Each day we will be reading a story, dancing, singing, and working on a project based on the learning theme for the week.

Beginning of the Day Routine:

At the beginning of each day, your child needs to hang up his/her school bag and coat, wash hands, and sign in. After these three things are accomplished your child may play with anything in the room (Free Choice Time). For the first weeks in September and October, you may assist your child in completing these tasks. Beginning in mid October, I will ask that you please say your good-byes at the classroom door. Attaining independence and responsibility are two of our goals for the year. Asking them to enter the classroom on their own will help in this process. I will always be at the classroom door to greet them and guide them if needed!

Teacher Mailbox:

Any forms, supplies, notes (change in transportation, upcoming absence, etc.) can be placed in my mailbox, which is located under the "Parent Information" board by the classroom door. Tuition checks and book orders may be placed in the locked box in the hallway by the stairs.

Snack Schedule:

The monthly snack schedule will be posted outside our classroom, it can also be found online at www.lakeharrietumpreschool.org. Each day one student will provide snack for the class and serve it to the other children. Snack time allows us to practice our manners and social skills as well as refuel our bodies. On your child's snack day please bring enough of the **same** item to share with 12 children. I ask that snacks be as healthy as possible. Sweets are popular with children, but I ask that they be saved for birthday celebrations only (please refer to the snack sheet to see some good examples of healthy snacks). If you need to switch days, please contact another person from the snack schedule to arrange a trade then let me know- thanks!

Birthdays:

Birthdays are a fun part of preschool- we love to celebrate them in our classroom! On your child's birthday (or half birthday for summer birthdays) he/she will get to wear a birthday crown, share a birthday snack (cake, cupcakes, cookies, or other favorite snack are all appropriate!) and invite a parent (or other special guest) to read a favorite story to the class. You will know when your child's birthday celebration is planned because the letter "B" will be after your child's name on the snack schedule.

Sharing Time:

The second Thursday of each month will be "Sharing Day". Each student can bring in one non-violent toy or special object to share from home. I will send a reminder note home the day before to help your child remember. Sharing is a great way for children to improve their verbal skills and develop confidence when speaking in front of a group. As the year progresses each child will have a chance to be the "Big Banana" during sharing time (I will send home more information in a few months).

Volunteer Opportunities:

Volunteers in the classroom are a welcome and wonderful addition to our preschool classroom. However, during the first few weeks of school, children need time to become comfortable separating from their parents and caregivers to learn the routines of their classroom. Because of this, I do not ask for volunteers in the classroom when school first begins. Once routines are established, sign-up sheets for various volunteer opportunities will be posted on the "Parent Information" board inside the classroom.

Dates to Remember:

September 12- Potluck Picnic/Open House (5:30pm-6:45pm)
September 13- First Day of Preschool
September 13- Welcome coffee for parents (9:00-AM & 12:30-PM)
September 20- Lunch Bunch Sign Up
September 22- Show and Tell (Me bags)
September 29- Apple Orchard Fieldtrip (8:45 – 11:30am)

I am thrilled to be your child's teacher! Please don't hesitate to speak to me if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at either school or home. My home number is (612) 824-1251. You may also contact me via e-mail. My e-mail address is darsuzanna@msn.com. Please save this newsletter to refer to as needed throughout the year ahead- it is full of good and practical information. I am looking forward to getting to know each family personally and am anticipating an exciting year ahead!

Sincerely,
Suzy Schubloom