

PARENT NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER - Room #4

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a year which promises to be full of fun, friendships, learning and growth. Your child will have lots of learning opportunities that include learning to share; expressing his/her needs; separating from Mom and Dad; using the toilet; washing hands; climbing; developing fine motor skills needed for writing; pretending; imagining; building; cleaning up toys; and using manners at the table. All this learning, while having fun!

Newsletters will be sent home at the beginning of each month with important dates as well as information about monthly themes in the classroom.

We want to do everything we can to make your child's beginning to preschool as happy as possible. If there is any change at home please let us know; a new baby, a new separation, a late night out, a bad dream, a lost pet, or a new fear. These usually make a difference in your child's emotions and disposition, so give your child's teacher a "heads up," so that she can better address your child's mood.

In September our focus will be to get to know each other and to develop a classroom community. We will begin by learning each others names through name greetings and songs. We will also learn the schedule and routines of the school day. I will be introducing the materials in our classroom and the children will be learning how to use and care for them.

Towards the end of the month we will be taking a very close look at apples. We will be dissecting apples and tasting all sorts of varieties. We will be learning about Johnny Apple Seed, a peaceful environmental hero of our American past.

Scholastic Book Club

You will receive book orders once a month. There are some wonderful books for a reasonable price that I know your children will enjoy. Each book you order will help your child's class receive free books for the library.

Parent Education Meeting

On Saturday, October 6th at 10am will be our first Parent Education Meeting. The topic will be, "What is Montessori? Part 1" It will be presented by our curriculum

director, Jo Eckerley. These meetings are a vital link to your child's teacher. You will be better prepared to make the important decisions ahead concerning your child's education. It is mandatory for all parents to attend this meeting.

Calendar

Thurs., Sept 6 th	T-shirt Orders Sent to Parents
Tues., Sept 11 th	T-shirt Orders due to Teacher
Mon., Sept 17 th	Book Orders out
Fri., Sept 21 st	Book Orders Due
Sat., Oct 6 th	Parent Education Meeting

Thank you,

Helen