

September Newsletter

Milford Preschool

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“An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.” Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790) American Statesman, Inventor and Writer

WELCOME

Welcome back to our returning students and hello to any new friends!! We are looking forward to a fun and exciting year.

CURRICULUM

The month of September we will be focusing on helping the children transition from home to school and also settling into a daily routine. Being on time for arrival and dismissal will help the children with this process. Please remember to bring in a picture of your family as we utilize them on the Family Photo Board. The children love to admire and show off their families. This photo board of familiar faces also helps provide reassurance during their school day. With our programs main focus on social skills our curriculum will start with building a classroom community. We will be making new friends and learning to share and appreciate the similarities as well as differences in each other. Hand eye coordination and fine motor muscle development will be increased with the use of scissors and small manipulatives. To enhance phonological awareness we will be recognizing and generating rhymes and rhyming songs. The children love to master these skills.

Supporting these concepts at home will aid in their growth.

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch is an optional extracurricular activity, offered for all classes. This popular lunch period offers the children a wonderful opportunity to socialize with their peers in a relaxed atmosphere. What could be better than having a lunch date with your friends! This is a fun way to increase knowledge of nutrition and table manners. Preparation for the elementary school cafeteria begins here with the opportunity to amplify confidence and independence in managing the contents of their lunch boxes. At home you can let your children open their own yogurts, cheeses sticks and juice boxes. Watch your children beam with pride over their achievements. Lunch Bunch will begin on, September 11, 2007 for the Mon., Wed., Fri. class and on September 29 for the Tues., Thurs. class. Lunchtime begins at 11:30 and ends at 12:20. There is an additional fee of \$5.00 a day. You can sign your child up by adding their name to the lunch roster and leaving their money in an envelope with their name on it in the tuition basket. Lunches should be nutritious and packaged in non-breakable containers. Refrigeration is not possible, so please take

this into consideration.

Remember – please do not send your child to lunch bunch with peanut butter or nut products in their lunch bags. We need to ensure the safety of all of our students.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Open house is scheduled on Wednesday, October 7th, 7:00 – 8:00 PM. For the M., W., F A.M. class

Thursday, October 8th for the M, W, F- P.M. and T,Th classes



BOOK CLUB

Order forms for the Scholastic Book Club will be available in the classroom or you can order online. Online order information will be distributed and we will try to set up a link on our website. The children love to order new books for home, and it gives us the opportunity to accumulate points that we can trade in for educational tools for the classroom. The order for September will be placed on September 28th.

Don't miss your chance to order.

NO SCHOOL

In observance of Yom Kippur, there will be no school on September 28.

BIRTHDAYS

Celebrating their birthdays in the month of September are:

Olivia Coddington

Bridget Dwyer

Isabella Russ

Sabine Wadadli



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

If your child is celebrating a birthday and you would like to bring in a special treat, please be sure to notify the teacher.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September is National Dog Week and we will be having a visit from Officer Rick, Milford's Animal Control Warden. He will visit us and discuss the proper care and treatment of animals. To help raise community awareness, we will be collecting donations of cat and dog food and also any old blankets and towels. You may bring in these donations any time during the month. Be sure to send in a picture of your family pet for our Pet Photo Board. Thank you in advance.

SNACK TIME

Please sign up on the snack calendar. **Please remember to avoid peanut butter or peanut products.** Snacks and juice should be nutritious and fun too!!

REMINDER

If you have not already done so, please bring in your child's extra clothing, including socks, in a zip lock bag with their name on it.

Also, don't forget a disposable camera with your child's name on it to capture candid precious moments during our school year. If and/or when changes occur in your child's environment, please let a teacher know so that we can understand and help support your child in these times.

The second tuition installment and activity fees are due September 15. All consecutive payments are due on the first of each month with the tenth final payment due May 1. There is a \$20.00 late fee for all late payments.

Please be on time to greet your child for dismissal of class. Children often feel anxiety at the end of the day when they are eager to be reunited with their families and they are not picked up when their classmates leave. This is also not fair to the teachers who all have busy schedules with commitments to tend to. There is a \$5.00 late fee for the first 15 minutes accruing by \$5.00 each consecutive 15 minutes.

Please feel free to refer to the Handbook for any Preschool Policies or

question a staff member if you are unsure of something.

WISH LIST

As we discuss fall and the changes in nature, we are planting in our playground. If you have any overgrown plants you are moving in your yard and are looking for a new place for them, we would love to have them.

COOKING

Throughout the year we will be cooking in class. Many times it will be in conjunction with a lesson or story. Cooking is a fun way to explore nutrition, math and science, as well as enhance vocabularies and literacy concepts. Measuring, mixing and following recipes will be explored in this activity. (Don't forget the best part...tasting!) We will list the ingredients on the board and your contributions are greatly appreciated.

PERSONAL NOTE

Miss Sheri, Miss Amy and Miss Bonnie look forward to an exciting new year for your children. We strive to foster a trust and love for school and nurture your child's desire to learn.

COME ONE COME

ALL

You and/or a family member are cordially invited to come in to share a story, special craft, recipe, or a hobby with your child's class. The children love to have their parents, grandparents, or even babysitters share their day. Please feel free to talk to a teacher about making a date to experience preschool with us!!!