



SEPTEMBER 2016

Dear Parents:

Fall is here at last! Well, almost fall. We are getting ready to say good bye to the summer heat and schedule. Some of the events coming up this month are:

Closed Labor Day, September 5, 2016

Open House, Thursday, September 15, Dinner at 5:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Come have dinner with us and visit your child's classroom to see and try some of the activities your child does each day.

Scholastic Book Club- Order due Thursday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

We are starting our school year with the Scholastic Book Club Orders. The books that Scholastic Books sells are all leading quality literature and award winning authors too. Having a library at home with quality books is one of the ways to encourage your child's excitement and curiosity for the written word and to help your child to find reading enjoyable. They can handle the book, get picture clues, can learn to predict and even create their own endings. You can order three ways. Cash, check or online. If you are doing the online order method, I encourage you to make a copy of your order and keep it until your order is complete. Sometimes they will have a back order for the popular books. This way if there are any problems you will have a record. Be sure to take the flyers to work with you. Our school will receive bonus points that can be used to purchase new books and educational materials for our classrooms. Bring in your orders by Thursday, Sept. 15th. Let me know if you have any questions!

S.O.S!

Emergency! Our supply of children's clothes and underwear are completely depleted. It would be a big help if your child has their own change of clothes including socks and underwear in their backpack. When wears our school clothes home (which are marked YES! by the way), we would appreciate having them back after you washed them so we can use them again in emergencies. Unless we have clothes on hand, we may have to call you to bring us a set of clothing. We would also appreciate your donations when your child out-grows their clothing.

SHOES

Since the weather is changing, I am sure your children will be back to wearing regular closed-toe in shoes. To insure your child's safety on the playground they are not permitted to use the climbing equipment. Jellies, sandals, flip flops and cowboy boots are slippery and do not have traction. If your child has a special beautiful pair of shoes they want to wear to school, they can bring their "tennies" and change when it is playground play time.

CALLING IN/ TUITION POLICY

Please take time to call our school to let us know when your child is ill and what the symptoms are, not attending the day, coming in later(if after lunch is served be sure to feed them) or if they need to be picked up or not after school.

Since we do not take drop in children in our program, it is important that your child attends on their scheduled days. If you need to change the day, please check with me in order to see if we have the space for that day. We have to comply with our teacher to child ratios. At the present time our enrollment doesn't have many openings and we do have a waiting list. If your child is scheduled to attend for certain days you must pay for those days each week.

Just a reminder regarding your tuition payment. Payment is always due on Monday and is past due after noon on Wednesday. There is a \$15.00 late charge after noon on Wednesday.

CURRICULUM CORNER

WHAT'S IN A SCRIBBLE

When your child hands you one of the many masterpieces created during the school day, you may not be aware of the potential of the piece of artwork. Each child approaching the age of two can scribble. (You may notice this at home on that newly painted wall.) Providing opportunities and materials for children to scribble is one way of encouraging eye-hand coordination and future picture making.

Take a look at the scribble and you will begin to notice the distinguishable states that child's art work progresses to. There is placement, shape, design and pictorial. Each stage provides insight for parents and teachers of the child's mental development. It is always exciting to see children begin writing letters and numbers.

Encouraging your child's scribbles can be as easy as saying "Tell me what is happening in your picture?" Take a minute to listen and share your enthusiasm for the story they tell. If you have time you can write down the story they said about the picture. This would also help them to see that words have meaning. This will encourage reading skills too. Find a place to display the work. If your refrigerator is about to fall over with the weight of all the artwork, send some to grandparents and relatives.

Since your child will be bring home mountains of work, why not ask which ones are "keepers" and which ones can be recycled. Please do not wrinkled them up and toss them in a garbage can in front of the child, they are important to your child. It is also a good idea to have a scrapbook to keep special masterpieces. Be sure to date them. This scrap book will be a priceless gift when they have their own children.

What's in a scribble? The whole wonderful world, according to your child's development and perception. Scribbles are the beginning of a great future. Enjoy!

See you at the Open House!

Dr. Fil

