



October 2010

Dear TTH Parents,

September is about to give way to October and we are in for a fun and busy month. Before we tell you about all that is planned, let us first take the time to express to you our joy in getting to know your little ones! It hasn't taken long to have developed that special feeling for each and every one of the children. Each is a unique and treasured promise and we thank you for your support and trust. For your understanding we also thank you as we gradually worked into the full 2 1/2 hour day. This transition is the main reason we see primarily well-adjusted preschoolers who have adapted to our program so well. It helps the teachers become better acquainted with your child more quickly. We will continue to reinforce our expectations for the safety and happiness of each child. The children are listening and responding well.

Now the month at a glance.....October, of course, gets Fall into full swing. Thoughts of colored leaves lingering on the ground, orange pumpkins and sweet aromas from the kitchen abound. And, of course, we can't forget that many pretty pumpkins find themselves transformed into jack-o-lanterns!

LABELING: Please remember to label EVERYTHING your child brings to Preschool – clothing, personal treasures, cups, lunches, snack bags and totes!

OCTOBER PLANS: We have some special days planned using pumpkins and apples. We will make apple prints and taste apples. We will carve pumpkins and compare pumpkin sizes and shapes.

CLASS PICTURES: Tuesday, October 12th: Our photographer will be coming to take class and individual, candid pictures of the children. More information will come home in a flyer.

STAFF PLANNING DAY: Tuesday, October 19th - T1 and T2 teachers meet over the limited lunch hour to do age-level planning for November. Please promptly pick your child up on this day and leave the classroom as quickly as possible. Thank you for helping us out!

HALLOWEEN: We keep the Halloween celebration very low key. Children may wear costumes if they wish on Thursday, October 28th, but it is optional. We discourage any scary masks, as some children do not realize that a friend is behind a scary mask. We want it to be fun for all the children. We will offer face painting. We will sing a few songs during planning time at the beginning of class if parents would like to stay. If a few parents are interested, they can contribute healthy Halloween snacks for that day and napkins can also be sent. There will be a sign-up sheet posted soon.

WHEN SENDING SPECIAL TREATS TO PRESCHOOL: When special holidays occur, we often ask parents to donate treats for the celebration. We usually request healthy snacks, such as cheese, crackers, veggies and fruit. However, for very special celebrations, sweet treats are OK. (We only do this 2 or 3 times a year.) Because we are dedicated to making Mt. View “nut” free, please do not use any kind of nuts, almond extract or M&M's (the candy coating has some nut ingredients) in any of the treats. We want to keep everyone safe! Thank you!

MUSIC: Robin Bostley is TTH's new Music Enrichment teacher this year. She will be visiting twice every month in the TTH classes, bringing lots of musical fun and excitement. Her October visits will be on the 7th and the 21st.

When you come to pick up your child, please come in the open door, check your child's cubby, collect paintings and projects and remain in the room to avoid congestion. Please remember to label all your child's belongings. The Mt. View Lost & Found is already “attracting” many misplaced articles.

Sometimes plans for the day are altered due to weather and the availability of materials. All classes will have the same activities each month but not necessarily on the same day.

From all reports, the **Parent Coffees** were a great success. It's nice to have an opportunity to meet the other parents in the class. Special thanks to our wonderful class reps: (T1) Gretchen Hernandez (303-443-5018) and Beth Lev-Tov (303-499-0847) and (T2) Kelly Fitzgerald (719-352-1801).

SIGN-IN & SIGN-OUT: Please remember to **INITIAL** your child's (and any carpool children's) box on the class attendance chart when **DROPPING OFF AND/OR PICKING UP** children at preschool. This is a very important safety measure that must be completed each day. Thank you for your cooperation.

CLASS STARTING TIME: Please remember that our classes do not officially begin until 9:00 AM. Often times we are still setting up before that time and we cannot give our full attention to you and your child until we are “officially” ready to start the day. (This policy is a regulation of the State Department of Social Services.) If you arrive early, please feel free to enjoy the playground with your child until 9:00 AM. Thank you for your cooperation!

BEING A “GOOD NEIGHBOR”: For the sake of safety, please watch your children as you arrive and leave the preschool building. The children seem to be attracted by the “child's eye level” windows on the lower level and have

been “peeking into” meeting rooms and offices while they are in use. Gravel is also being tossed at the new windows and dropped down important air holes for the boiler. Please remember to use the Preschool entrance instead of the narthex area (the Church’s main doors) for “coming and going” as the narthex is a “quiet area”. Thank you for helping us to respect the Church grounds and building.

FROM THE PRESCHOOL COMMITTEE:

A PLACE TO BE: Our new program, “A Place To Be” is well underway. APTB offers additional preschool hours beyond a child’s standard Mt. View class time. The program is play-based, hands-on and child-centered. It includes stories, songs and free flow art with a focus on co-active learning. Outdoor play is also offered.

You may choose to add 2 to 4 days per week – Tuesdays through Thursdays - on a regular basis. Whichever days you add will be in addition to your traditional Mt. View classroom time. The hours are 9:00 - 11:30 AM with a Lunch Bunch spot as a separate charge if you desire to add the additional time until 1:00 pm. The cost for APTB is \$21.50 per day, with a \$9.75 additional charge if you opt for LB. **Additionally**, you can have a permanent spot 1, 2 or 3 times a month (examples: 2nd Tuesday, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, etc.). If you want to have a permanent spot, please contact Judy Schineller (303-682-1749 or jschineller@comcast.net).

NOW THAT “APTB” IS ESTABLISHED, WE WOULD LIKE TO OFFER THE PROGRAM AS A DROP-IN OPTION FOR PARENTS. We ask that parents reserve a spot one week in advance so that the appropriate number of staff members are available. Please contact Marlo Schimpf (aptb2010@yahoo.com or 7520-274-0206) to sign your child up.

MONDAY AFTERNOONS: We are offering permanent spots in the Monday MA program as an additional opportunity to extend preschool hours on Mondays. Your child can attend from 1-3:30 pm every Monday. This option is open to all students. Please contact Judy Schineller (303-682-1749 or jschineller@comcast.net). If you have questions concerning the program, contact Donna at preschool (303-494-3557) or home (303-530-0736).

IF YOU SHOP AT ALBERTSON’S: Pick up a Community Partners Card in the entryway (on the bulletin board above the credenza). Every time you shop, have them scan your card. We get 5% back in cash!....**it’s free money for Mt. View!**

RECYCLE PRINTER CARTRIDGES: We recycle printer cartridges at Office Max for in-store credit to purchase office supplies. Please place your cartridges in the special box on the entryway credenza. Thank you for your help!

COMMITTEE MEETING: Wednesday, October 13th – 9:15 AM. THIS IS A CHANGE FROM THE YEAR’S CALENDAR. Everyone is welcome to attend.

ENROLLMENT: Carrie Sakai is in charge of Enrollment for Mt. View. If you have any “little ones” that you want to put on the waiting list for future years, please contact her at 303-325-3413.

LUNCH BUNCH: We still need Lunch Bunch “short and long notice” substitute teachers. **This is a paid position.** Contact Sue McGrath if you’re interested in working (303-665-6043). Please do not send GoGurt or Squeeze It’s in your child’s lunch. Anything that can be squeezed seems to land on the floor, not in mouths!

Mt. View T-shirts and Tote Bags: We’re still waiting for our delivery!!! Life is what happens when you have other plans! Thank you for your patience.

UP-COMING EVENTS.....

The Barnes & Noble Book Fair is scheduled for December 10th from 9am-1pm, so mark that date on your calendar! More information about this event will be coming in the next newsletter and your child’s cubby.

SAVERS: 6 – 8 ounce plastic containers with lids.

We’re ready for the month! We hope you are too!!!

Joy, Janet, Debbie, Patsy, Sue and Anita



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I dreamed I stood in a studio and watched two sculptors there.
The clay they used was a young child's mind and they fashioned it with care.
One was a teacher - the tools he used were books, music and art.
The other, a parent, worked with a guiding hand and a gentle, loving heart.
Day after day, the teacher toiled with touch that was deft and sure,
While the parent labored by his side and polished and smoothed it o'er.
And when at last their task was done, they were proud of what they had wrought,
For the things they had molded into the child could neither be sold or bought.
And each agreed they would have failed if each had worked alone.
For behind the parent stood the school and behind the teacher, the home.

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