

CHILDREN'S HOUSE CHATTER

Wednesday, September 2, 2009.

WELCOME to school year 2009-10. It is nice to see both new and returning children. We hope everyone had a lovely summer.

SEPTEMBER PTO MEETING & OPEN HOUSE will be held Tuesday, September 15. Please make plans to attend both events.

PARENTS, please keep your information cards up-to-date. Let us know if you have a new address or telephone numbers, especially emergency telephone numbers.

SWINE FLU The Arkansas Department of Health urges parents and teachers to be alert but not alarmed about the presence of the new H1N1 influenza A virus Swine Flu. Since Little Rock public schools resumed in August cases have been reported to DHS. Parents are asked to monitor their children carefully for signs & symptoms of the flu and keep them home **until they are well**. Signs & symptoms of the flu are:

- fever of more than 100 degrees F
- cough
- sore throat
- body aches
- headaches
- vomiting, nausea and diarrhea.

If your child displays any of the above symptoms, you will be called to immediately pick him/her up from school and we will appreciate your cooperation.

A child may return to school once fever is **gone for 24 hours without the help of fever-reducing medicine such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen**.

(Children under the age of 19yrs. should not be treated for fever with aspirin).

SCHOOL POLICIES & PROCEDURES Please read the copy of School Policies which was placed in your child's folder. If you have any questions, please call the office 664.5993.

FOOTWEAR Please do not send your child to school wearing 'croc's', flip-flops, or other types of ill-fitting footwear. The children do lots of running and climbing on the playground, which means falls and scrapes happen. Children should wear shoes that either buckle or tie

OUTSIDE CLASS Ms. Jasmine, Ms. Courtney & Mr. Lonnie

We are excited about the coming school year. The children are orienting and adjusting in the classroom. We have introduced many new lessons. Also, we will be doing some food prep lessons. Please feel free to send an orange to squeeze, a banana to peel & slice, a carrot to pare etc. or, check with Ms. Jasmine about what to bring.

DOWNSTAIRS CLASS - Ms. Amy, Ms. Emily, Ms. Juliette & Ms. Corri

We would like to welcome all our new students, some of whom have graduated from the toddler class. Everyone is adjusting beautifully and we have been able to dive right into our lessons! At group time we have been practicing the bird calls of the Cardinal, the Blue-Capped Chickadee and the Mourning Dove. Today we made a 'fruit pizza'. Thanks to Emma & her family for bringing such a fun snack! Please, please bring one or two photos of your child. We use them in several social activities throughout the year. Also, if your child is potty-training please check his/her cubby for any soiled clothing to be taken home and laundered. Thanks!

JUNIOR ELEMENTARY Ms. Sheila Kuonen

The Juniors are working hard with Montessori lessons, and we have started a study of Alaska. Please check your Junior's homework folder each day for letters or work. Letters will be sent home with our September activities calendar & permission slips. Permission slips should be signed and returned as soon as possible - we have to reserve seats well in advance for the Arkansas Symphony's Children's Concert. The Juniors will entertain their parents at the Open House, and have been practicing songs. We look forward to seeing everyone!

UPSTAIRS CLASS Ms. Nancy, Ms. Beverly, Ms. Fannie & Ms. Mary We welcome new and returning children to our class. The children are settling in well, with the older children showing the classroom and lessons to their new friends. We look forward to seeing everyone at Open House.

