

# CHILDREN'S HOUSE CHATTER

Wednesday, September 14, 2011.

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Welcome to a new school year at Children's House – our 38<sup>th</sup>!!!!  
Please read your copy of **School Policies & Procedures** which was placed in folders this week. Also, if you have not already done so, please fill out and return the **emergency information cards** which were placed in folders. **Parents' Directories** will be available soon; if you have any changes that need to be made to your entry, please call the office.

**OPEN HOUSE & PTO MEETING** Our first PTO meeting for the year will be held on **Tuesday, September 20 at 6:00pm** to be followed by Open House. Please make plans to join us.

**TODDLER CLASS** We have had a great first week of school. The new children have settled in and are adjusting to their new environment. We are currently working on Grace & Courtesy – saying please and thank-you, taking turns and respecting each other's space. We are also working on the work-cycle – choosing one lesson at a time, bringing it to a table or placing it on a work mat on the floor, focusing on the lesson and, finally, returning the lesson to its proper place. Parents, please remember to label all of your child's personal items (cups, lunch-boxes, all clothing etc.) We hope to see everyone at our Open House!

**DOWNSTAIRS CLASS** We hope everyone had a wonderful summer! We would like to welcome all new and returning students. The children are adjusting well and getting to know each other. Please remember to check your child's folder frequently. If you do not know where the folders are located, please ask and we will be happy to show you. Also, if your child is potty-training, please remember that **we do not use pull-ups**. Please send many changes of shorts/pants and underwear, but no pull-ups. We would also like to remind you to send bug-spray for your child if you would like us to spray him/her for outside play. We look forward to seeing everyone at Open House and during the school year.

**JUNIOR ELEMENTARY CLASS** The Juniors have been studying elements of Art. We have been reading about famous artists and studying famous pictures. We have also made some beautiful pictures to decorate our hall. \*\*\* Please remember: If your Junior is going home with someone else, you must tell us in advance. You may write a note or tell the person who greets you in the morning or call the office. We must have your oral or written permission to allow your child to leave with someone else. Even if that person's name is on your child's pick-up list, we need to be told in advance. \*\*\* Our first spelling test will be given this Friday. Please note we are going to Fletcher Library by bus on Thursday, September 15 instead of September 22. The librarian re-scheduled our day. Also, please add to your calendar Monday September 19 – we will walk (weather permitting) to Allsopp Park to have a pizza lunch to celebrate Max's birthday. I will send the Arkansas Art Center schedule home soon. We did not have enough drivers sign up for some of the plays so as they fall in each month I will ask parents for help again to drive/chaperone. We thank Clay Shuffield and Cornelya Dorbin for volunteering to chaperone/drive for our play on September 30. We will leave school at 9:30am.

**UPSTAIRS CLASS** The children are settling in well. They are enjoying exploring new and old lessons. Many of the older children are working with the decimal system (bank game), making maps and reading & writing. The newer children are very excited about practical life lessons, and water, water, water!! We are glad to have Ms. Brooke back from maternity leave - she works with our class in the afternoons. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Open House on September 20.