

CHILDREN'S HOUSE CHATTER

Wednesday, September 21, 2011.

PTO MEETING & OPEN HOUSE

Thanks to everyone who attended our first PTO meeting of the year, and stayed for Open House. We enjoyed visiting with parents, and the children always enjoy showing family around their classroom. Thanks also to Jennifer Martin, Emilie Rowland, Cornelya Dorbin and Margaret Albright who are doing such a great job with the PTO.

PARENTS' DIRECTORIES Please pick up your directory from your child's folder. If any information is incorrect, please call the office!

EMERGENCY INFORMATION CARDS If you have not already done so, please fill out and return the information cards which were put in the children's folders last week. It is of the utmost importance that we have accurate information and telephone numbers if we need to contact you. Thanks.

IMMUNIZATIONS It is time for us to complete our annual Childcare Immunization Survey from the Arkansas Department of Health. Each student's record will be checked; if your child needs any immunizations, you will be notified – a list will be placed on bulletin boards for you to check.

FOOTWEAR As you know, we don't have a strict dress-code at Children's House. However, we do have some rules about footwear safety. Do not send your child to school wearing open-toed sandals, crocks/clogs, flip-flops or cowboy boots. The aforementioned are not conducive to running and climbing on the playground. In addition, cowboy boots are incredibly noisy in the classroom; if your child insists on wearing them, please send other shoes to wear inside.

DOWNSTAIRS TODDLER CLASS Thanks to everyone who could make it to Open House. It was so nice to have the chance to talk to everyone! The children have been enjoying their new lessons. They've been learning names of different fish, and the parts of a fish, also wildflowers, and parts of a flower. Parents – if you have any questions or concerns, please call Ms. Courtney between 1 and 2pm. Thank you.

OUTSIDE CLASS The younger children are adjusting very well to their new classroom, and have been doing lots of Practical Life and Sensorial lessons. The older children have been working on sounds, spelling and numbers.

We are excited about our field trip to Motley's Pumpkin Patch on Friday September 30. Your child must have a signed permission slip in order to go on this field trip. All three-year olds must be accompanied by a parent, and they should meet us at the Farm. Older children and teachers & parents will leave from the school at 8:45am. (Please do not park in the driveway). We will return to school in time to have lunch.

JUNIOR ELEMENTARY CLASS We have added more art to our halls, including an impressionistic tree and abstract (Cuban inspired) tree.

Our first Family Project will be due on Tuesday, September 27. Families will choose something to do with art – perhaps a painting, a drawing, research on an artist, a sculpture piece, even edible or wearable art. Use your imagination and have fun! We have been studying geometry – our favorite lesson is the Geometric Sticks. Our October calendar will be sent home next week. Book orders will be sent home as soon as they come in.

UPSTAIRS CLASS We really enjoyed seeing so many of our parents last night at Open House. Some parents enquired about conferences and observing the class. After the first 6 weeks of school you may schedule an observation; you may also contact us by phone (664.5993) around nap time (1-2pm) or e-mail. Lead teachers' e-mail addresses are listed in the Parents' Directory, or you may e-mail the school at childrenshouse@sbcglobal.net

We already have a little collection of unclaimed clothing which we'd like to return to the rightful owners – however these items are **UNLABELED!!** Please label your child's personal items – all clothing, lunch-boxes etc. Thank you.

DOWNSTAIRS TODDLER CLASS A big thank-you to all the parents who attended Open House – it was a huge success! We really appreciate all the support and feedback! If you were unable to attend Open House and you have any questions, please feel free to call Ms. Leigh Ann between 12:30 and 1:00pm (when the children are napping). This week we continue to work on Grace & Courtesy – the children have been doing an amazing job of taking turns!