All Saints Pre-"Scoop"

September 2011

Preschool is off to a an "udder – ly" wonderful start!

It was a pleasure meeting with you at the Parent Meeting and Get Acquainted Hours. The Preschool staff extends a warm welcome to all our families. Whether this is your first or last year with us– we are SO glad you are here!

As we get ready to "moo-ve" into the new school year, there is so much to explore and adjust to. It's time to make new friends, reacquaint with our old friends, learn the preschool rules and expectations, follow the routine, and most importantly have FUN!

✐ As we begin to explore thematic units throughout the year, and as children create their art and craft projects, it is vital that we appreciate their art through the eyes of a child! Even the simplest "scribbles" carry meaning. Children need to express themselves and their art projects provide an opportunity for them to create. "It is the process, not the product that makes the difference!" Our 'lil artists will be bringing their art and craft projects home regularly to display their creative talents. We know you will enjoy their original creations!

Preschool is "moo-ving" into the school year exploring life on the farm. Our barnyard buddies will interact with their peers as they learn to share their feelings, and create friendships. We will teach the children compassion and tolerance as we expand our worldly views. The end of September will get us in the "moo-ed" to "moo-ve" when we engage our bodies in healthy habits and "moo-vement!"

No "horsing" around... Gallop on in for the

All Saints Preschool Open House

Tues., Sept. 20th

* 3 year old 2-day classes: 6:00-6:30 PM
* 3 year old 3-day class: 6:30-7:00 PM
* 4 year old AM PLUS class: 6:30-7:00
* 4 year old PM class: 7:00-7:30 PM
* Enrichment classes: 7:00-7:30 PM

Bring the entire family and come explore your child's new world of learning.

NOW FEATURING

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On a monthly basis we will focus on a color and shape. Our art projects and classroom activities will reinforce this concept. This month we will focus on the color, RED or ROJO in Spanish, and the shape, CIRCLE or CIRCULO in Spanish.

Each month a fun thematic song, fingerplay, or rhyme will be included in the newsletter so you too can learn along! Here's a catchy tune we use time to motivate our farm hands to help with the clean-up chores:

The Clean-Up Song

(sung to: "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star")

Twinkle, twinkle little stars, time to clean up where you are. Put each thing back in its place; keep a smile upon your face. Twinkle, twinkle little stars, time to clean up where you are.

☺ SMILE …

IT'S PICTURE DAY

Mark your calendars for Fri., Sept. 2nd and Tues., Sept. 6th. We will take the children to have their pictures taken during Preschool class hours. Please see attached information and order form for details.

☎ If you would like to contact any of the Preschool staff, the most effective way is by phoning the direct line to Preschool and Child Care number at 298-9844. You are also welcome to e-mail the staff, however, please understand that the staff is not always at their computer so any messages sent may not immediately get to them. We will do our best to check the e-mails on a regular basis and respond to you as quickly as possible. Please remember though any immediate communication should be phoned in to the school.

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PLEASE NOTE:

Snack Guidelines

ALL snacks brought to preschool must be either whole fruits or snacks that are commercially pre-packaged in factory sealed containers. Homemade snacks are not acceptable.

Preschool is discouraging carrots and grapes for snack due to the potential risk of choking. Although they are a highly nutritious snack option, we are concerned with the risk of choking and the timely preparation they require for serving.

Preschool remains a **"Nut Free Zone.** Children who are allergic to nuts and nut products, such as peanut butter can have allergic reactions that may be severe and even life threatening so we are requesting that NO snacks containing peanuts, any kind of nuts, nut oil or peanut butter are allowed in preschool.

We appreciate your cooperation in keeping Preschool a safe environment for ALL the children.

☑Check this out…

☑ Please remember to call Preschool (298-9844) if your child is ill or if there are any changes in address, phone number, emergency contacts, etc.

☑ Preschool Class Directories will be sent home mid-September as soon as all classes are finalized. This will be a handy reference to set up play dates for the children, as well as an opportunity for parents to get to know one another.

☑ We encourage you to visit the All Saints School website where we will post the monthly newsletter and calendar. **www.crareacatholic.com/allsaints/index.htm**

☑ On a regular basis, you will receive an All Saints School Newsletter and E-news updates. This information is intended to keep you informed of school wide happenings. Welcome to the All Saints Parish School Family!

NO PRESCHOOL

* Mon., Sept. 5 Labor Day
* Wed., Sept. 14 Early Out - NO Enrichment class
* Wed., Sept. 28 Early Out - NO Enrichment class

Thanks for sharing your children with us at All Saints Preschool ♥