



From the director:

Just when you think that you cannot put on another jacket, snow pants, boots, hat and mittens, spring arrives bringing change and new hope. The children have spotted buds on our trees, and the bulbs that were planted are growing. Inside our classroom, the pre-k class has been observing and anticipating the mealworm transformation, as well as handling and learning dilly worm facts. The children in all our classes are changing too. Our babies are about to walk, several toddlers have transitioned to preschool, and many preschoolers are trading phone numbers and arranging play dates. There has been so much growth this year.

It's time to register for September classes online. If your child is returning this fall, it will help our planning process if you register promptly. If you want to register your baby, just let me know as you cannot do this online. We plan on running all our programs next fall. We will discontinue our full day option as of June. Our full-day hours next year will be 8:00 to 3:00. Don't hesitate to call me with any questions or concerns at 533-4522.

Happy Spring!
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Summer Program

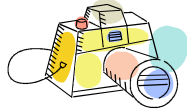


Registration forms for our summer program will be out next week. We will offer 8 weeks of summer fun and you can sign up for as little as 1 week or as many as 8. Feel free to choose the days you want and we'll do our best to fit everyone in. Our summer hours will be 8-3 with a full-day option on Fridays 'til 5:00. There is no online registration for the summer.

Make-up Policy

Any make-up days acquired this year must be used before the end of this school year and cannot be carried over into the summer schedule. We are in the process of changing our policy starting this summer. It has been difficult tracking each family's days. It would help us a great deal if your time was taken in 3 hour chunks. Make-ups are available for April 19.

School Pictures



It's that time of year and Christopher from Studio C is coming to take class and individual photos on April 13 & 14. Please just drop your child off for a regular school day and no money is required until you see the results and decide to buy them. If your child doesn't attend the Playhouse those days, you will be given a scheduled time to bring him/her in for his/her photos.

Donations

Thank you to all our families who donated baby items, books, and toys to our program. Thanks also to parents who shared their time and talents with their child's class. We so appreciate your efforts.

Scholastic Orders



I've attached the May order forms to this newsletter. This will be our last order for this school year. You can also order online if that's easier. We'll continue this program next September. Thank you, Ms. Betsy.

Baby Program

We plan on offering our care for babies through the summer and next fall. We need your help to spread the word to other moms looking for gentle care for their babes. Please take a packet with

flyers to your local supermarkets, libraries, gyms, doctor & dental offices, and playgroups. Packets are located as you enter. Let other parents know why your child attends the Playhouse. This program has brought such joy to all our teachers and children. Tell your friends!

Preschool Presents



If you're thinking about teacher presents at this year's end, please remember our Helping Hands program which offers scholarships to less fortunate families so their children can attend our baby, toddler, or preschool program. Checks can be made out to The Playhouse.

Celebration

We will close out this year with a celebration for all our children and their families. Children returning will receive a medal and those moving on will receive a trophy. If you're leaving us, please sign your child's name to the poster board as you enter so we know how many trophies to order.

Important Dates

April 13 & 14- Picture days
April 19-23- Closed for vacation
May 31 - Closed for Memorial Day
June 10 - Last day of classes
June 11 - Our celebration (rain or shine)
June 14-August 13- Summer program
September 7- First day of school