



THE PLAYHOUSE PRESCHOOL – JANUARY 2010

From the director:

Dear Playhouse Families,

Happy and healthy New Year to you all! It is good to be back to our preschool routine and schedule. Your children returned looking taller (after only 11 days?) and ready to play, learn, and connect with friends.

We have had some changes in our staff and schedule since December. Ms. Lynda landed a job in the Holliston Placentino School and Ms. Michelle will be one of our substitute teachers. Please welcome Ms. Donna (the other Donna) as an assistant teacher in our Wednesday morning preschool class. She will also sub when needed. Thank you, Donna, for your flexibility.

The other change is that we will be discontinuing our full day program as of February 26. We have not gotten the interest we anticipated for full day enrollment. We will offer care after 3:00 at the hourly rate, if enough children stay.

It is time to register for September 2010. We will be offering morning and afternoon classes in all our programs, as well as extended hours. Our updated website is ready for you to check out (www.playhouse-preschool.com). If you have any questions, see or call Ida at 508-533-4522.

12:00 PRESCHOOL (ONLY) DISMISSAL CHANGE

To relieve the chaos and ensure safety at this busy time, we ask that all parents/caregivers pick up their children (ages 3-6) at our backyard gate or back door. We'll have their belongings and backpacks ready to ease the transition. This will go into effect on Monday, January 25. Please make sure a teacher checks your child out on the attendance sheet. All other dismissals

remain at the front door. Thank you for your cooperation!

1:00 DISMISSAL CHANGE FOR ALL

We have several children who leave at this time. To ease this transition, Ms. Donna will collect the children and have them dressed and waiting on the hall benches for their parents. This will help us maintain the structure of our afternoon pre-k class. This procedure took effect on Wednesday, January 13. Thanks for your understanding!



WINTER ATTIRE

PLEASE send and LABEL boots, snow pants, and jackets daily, placing hats and mittens in the coat sleeve. It makes the process of dressing 20 children so much smoother if your clothing is labeled. Often, the children do not recognize their clothing or want to wear somebody else's. Permanent markers are available as you enter preschool.



DIAPERS/PULL-UPS

Some children are low or out of diapers. Please check your child's cubby or backpack and restock. We always have extra on hand just in case. Donations of unscented wipes are greatly appreciated.



SCHOLASTIC BOOKS

Ms. Betsy has been busy creating an online account for our school. She'll continue to place your orders as we reap the benefit of free books for our classrooms. She'll post our password soon. Until then, the order sheets are fine.



OUR BABY PROGRAM

We'll continue to advertise our "Gentle Care for Babies" program although we haven't received much interest this year. Please spread the word and take a flyer if you can. The babies have brought such joy to the Playhouse this fall; we would like it to continue. We only require 3 hours a week to participate. Please call Ida to register.



VALENTINES DAY

Your child is welcome to send in valentines but it is best to not put names on the envelopes, making distribution easier for your child and us. Please check with your child's teacher if you'd like to send in a treat.

FEBRUARY VACATION

We are closed Monday, February 15th but will be open the rest of the week. Please let us know if you will be attending school by signing our Preschool Vacation sheet posted in the front hall. The Toddler Vacation sheet is posted in the toddler hallway. We will be closed for April vacation.