



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2010



Dear Playhouse Parents,

Thanks to all who attended our family visiting night. It was a pleasure to meet the siblings and extended family members of our students. We know it means so much to them to share their school experience with you. In the past, we've seen an increase in the comfort level of some of our more anxious students right after visiting night. I have to admit, we have very few children who are distressed at separation time this year.

It's just about November progress report time. After Thanksgiving break, you'll receive a summary of how your child has adjusted to school, their playmates, and what interests them. Your teacher may talk about their strengths as well as what may be challenging for them. Teachers are available for conferences on Mondays from 8:00 to 12:30. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board as you enter.

As the holiday season approaches, we'll keep the mood as low key as possible during preschool. We will emphasize love of family, appreciation for what we have, and sharing our "gifts" with others. We will talk, sing, and read about the holiday symbols and customs of our families. We will do projects and cook recipes related to the festive season. If you'd like to come in and read a story or share something your family does to celebrate your holiday, just let us know. We welcome your participation.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Ms. Ida

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Thank you for your orders last month which earned us many bonus points. November will be our last order in 2010. We've attached the book lists with the code for ordering online if you'd like.



wear what they recognize as theirs.

PLAYGROUND SECURITY

We've added a belt across the top of the playground entrance so that those children who can lift the bar cannot push the gate open. Sorry for any inconvenience.

JACK FROST APPROACHES

Please send your children with warm jackets as well as hats and mittens. All of our children go outside once per day, some twice. We have a bin of extra mittens and hats, but some children will only



TOOTHBRUSHING AFTER LUNCH



We will brush our teeth with water starting this week. Each child has his/her own personal toothbrush with their name on it. If you haven't sent one in yet, the Playhouse provided one. Hopkinton Pediatric Dental visited us this week to demonstrate how to care for our teeth.

CURRICULUM NIGHT

We will have an informational evening describing our curriculum and what your children are learning as they participate in free choice time, small group science/cooking activities, and large group story time. We'll schedule this in January.

CURRICULUM BOARD

Please check the information under "Curriculum News" to see what your children are learning about at preschool. Our dramatic play Doctor area has changed to a McDonald's Restaurant. We are discussing healthy vs. junk food as well as reading menus, writing down food orders, and practicing our serving/social skills.

Some children have been counting money and making change, although many meals are available for free.



MAKE-UP POLICY

Families are welcome to make-up missed days within a month's time. Time must be made up in 3-6 hour chunks. If you don't use it, you lose it. There are no make-ups for the December break or if you go away during the February or April public school

vacations. These are paid tuition weeks and, in Feb. & April, we are open.



IMPORTANT DATES

November 9/10- Hopkinton Dental visited
November 25/26- Closed
December 24- January 1- Closed

REST TIME

We have started to do a 20-30 minute quiet time for children who stay at school passed 3:00. Each child has their own mat where they relax and look at books.

LATE FEES

Parents who arrive later than 5:30 will be charged a late fee of \$1 per minute. This will be added to your monthly or quarterly tuition bill. We appreciate your efforts to respect this boundary.

NEW ASSISTANT TEACHER

Some of you may remember Ms. Melanie who taught with us at our Wood St. location. She will be joining us on Wednesdays and Fridays in the morning and afternoon preschool classes. Thanks to Jenn Bihuniak for her much-needed help and flexibility over the past few months.