



The Playhouse Preschool – September 2007

From the Director:

Dear Playhouse Parents,

A warm welcome to all our new and returning families. The teachers and I are honored to be a daily part of your child's learning community. We are excited to plan and set up a stimulating environment each week and offer programs for toddlers to kindergarteners.

Our first week went smoothly and after a few tears, everyone started to settle in and play. Our toddlers have been saying "so long" to their moms and are beginning to follow their daily routine. Our preschoolers are also learning to trust that their moms will come back and are busy playing and making friends while settling into their busy schedules. Our pre-K children have been forming groups for dramatic play, reading stories about friendship, and practicing cooperative play. It was a full week, but we all survived. It's good to be back!

Happy Fall, Ida

Family Information Forms

Parents of our new children are required to complete the full packet of forms by either downloading them from our website or picking them up as you enter The Playhouse. Parents of returnees must fill out the top page of the packet; also found as you enter preschool. All children need their doctor's form completed along with their list of immunizations. Please return ASAP.

Parent Conferences

Parents can sign-up for a meeting with their child's lead teacher any Friday morning from 8:30-1:00. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board as you enter school.

Scholastic Book Club



We will offer this book club again this year. Ms. Betsy will collect your orders and whatever you buy earns The Playhouse points for free books. The order envelope will be posted on the bulletin board with a deadline date.

New Teachers

Ms. Therese has transitioned to Golden Goose for a full-time position and Ms. Melanie will be our assistant teacher in the preschool on Tues., Wed., and Thursdays. Ms. Melanie is a friend of Ms. Marie's, a mom of three, and a marathon runner. We are so lucky to have her in our classroom on such short notice. Her daughter, Abby, will

accompany her on Wednesday mornings.



Vacations/Holidays

When in doubt, please check the complete list on our website. We'll also post upcoming days off on our door as you enter and exit. We do not follow the Hopkinton school calendar exactly. Our next day off is Monday, October 8th.

Music, Movement, and More

Ms. Pamela will be returning in October for another 10-week course on Tuesday afternoons from 1:15 to 2:00. Your child can stay for lunch at preschool (\$10) and then join the music class. You don't pay for The Playhouse during your music time. Parents are welcome to participate also. Help yourself to a registration form as you enter preschool.

Workshops

Barbara Capaldo of Insight Education will be back to run a series of workshops at The Playhouse. The first, *How to Get Kids to Listen*, will be held on Tuesday, October 30th from 7:00 – 9:00. Please see attached flyer to register.



Just a few reminders:

- Please send extra clothing and diapers to store in your child's cubby for the school year.
- Please send in a family photo (pets too) for our bulletin board.

- Don't hesitate to send your child's comfort item to school. We can keep it in their backpack to use as needed.
- We'll have family visiting night in October. The dates and sign-up schedule will be posted soon.