



THE PLAYHOUSE PRESCHOOL – SEPTEMBER 2008

From the director:

Dear Playhouse Families

We've gotten off to a great start. It's only been two weeks but all the children have settled in, bonding with their teachers and getting acquainted with friends. The toddlers have been busy gluing collages, pounding play dough, and listening to a story during snack time. The preschoolers have been spatula painting, measuring sea creatures, and dancing to songs at group meeting time. It's quite a milestone to say "see you later" to mom and dad and focus your attention on exploration, discovery, and friendships. The teachers and I are honored to support and facilitate your child's growth and development as we become a community of learners.

Happy Fall, Ida

Family Visiting Night

We invite you, your child, and your families to visit us on Wednesday, October 15, from 6- 7:30pm. There will be a sign-up sheet for each class on our front door. See separate sign-up schedule in the toddler classroom.

Tuition Payments

This year, your tuition balance will be posted on our website for you to check anytime. If you pay tuition quarterly, the next payment is due November 15. If you pay monthly, your next payment is due October 1. Please pay for extended days on the day of service. The tuition envelope is hanging on the bulletin board as you enter school. Please visit www.playhouse-preschool.com and click on the customer portal to check your account.



Preschool Forms

Families are required to fill out all new forms each September. Returnees can skip the Developmental History section. Please get your forms in, including the physical exam and immunizations, ASAP. You can print off all forms from our website or just ask Ida.

Toddler Hours/Dismissal Procedures

This fall, toddlers are welcome to extend their day until 1, 2, or 3 o'clock. Children who do not nap may stay until 1 o'clock. Just let Marie know if you'd like to extend your child's day. Pack a lunch with drink and don't hesitate to send in a comfort item to use for naptime or other times of distress (binky, bottle, blankie, stuffed animal).

Please come through the white preschool gate to drop off your toddler but for dismissal (12:00) please go to the left, through the double doors to enter the toddler class. This helps traffic flow, and safety, during this busy, chaotic time.

If we are on the playground at dismissal time, please initial your child's name on Marie's attendance sheet before leaving. Last week, a toddler slipped into our school while a parent was coming out the back door into the playground. Please do not let any child, in or out, unless they are accompanied by a parent or teacher. Thanks for your cooperation.

Parent/ Teacher Conferences

Parents are encouraged to sign-up for a meeting with their child's teacher on Mondays from 8:30- 12:30. You'll have 30 minutes to check in and ask questions. All families will receive a Progress Paragraph at the end of November and a Progress Checklist at the end of April. You'll find the sign-up schedule as you enter our preschool.

Scholastic Book Club



All are welcome to purchase books. Ms. Betsy will oversee this process and post an envelope with a due date for your checks and orders. Remember, the more you buy, the more items we get free of charge.

Seasonal Clothing/ Family Photos

Please label everything (lunch box, backpack, extra clothes, coats, and accessories). We'll keep extra clothing sets in your child's cubby but please change according to the weather. We go out year round so be mindful of the need for mittens and hats. The need arrives sooner than we think.

If your child wears diapers, don't be surprised if s/he comes home in a different brand. We received a large diaper donation and also buy our own as back-up. We usually grab what's most convenient.

We'd love to have family photos including your pet(s) to display and let your child view and hold during school time. Also, feel free to take photos of your child you see on our bulletin boards.

Pre-K Dismissal

If you need your child dismissed from the playground please see Ms. Margaret and her clipboard to initial the attendance sheet.



Allergy Policy

We are a peanut/nut free preschool. We do not use peanut butter for snack/lunch or in craft projects. If your child loves PB&J for lunch, you can try sunflower seed butter or soy butter. Please check with a teacher before sending in surprise treats or birthday/holiday goodies. We like to include everyone. I'm enclosing a list of safe foods to help you choose: Smarties, Skittles, Lollipops, Skittle Jelly Beans, Hershey Kisses (choc. only), Life Saver Gummies, Oreo Cookies, Duncan Hines Vanilla, Cake Mix & Vanilla Whipped Frosting, Rice Krispie Bars, York Peppermint Patties and Tootsie Pops. ALWAYS READ LABELS...NO LABEL= NOT SAFE

Holiday Closings

Monday, October 13	Columbus Day
Tuesday, November 11	Veteran's Day

We are open on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.