

# SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



Dear Playhouse Parents,

Preschool has gotten off to a smooth start. Your children have done a great job separating from you and are beginning to attach to their teachers, even calling some of us by name. Although there is some initial crying at arrival time and during some transitions, all the children are exploring their new school, visiting the learning centers, meeting new friends, and internalizing the new schedule and their routines.

PLEASE help us by returning all family enrollment forms, including medical info, by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Those children with incomplete files will not be able to attend preschool after that date. You may be asked to sit and fill out any missing pages as you arrive with your little one. This is required by the Department of Early Education and Care and we are at risk if our licenser drops in for a surprise visit. THANK YOU for your cooperation!

This year, to keep you informed regarding what your child is working on, we will be posting information on our curriculum bulletin board. You can learn the details of our “study” as you arrive/pick up your child. We’re also planning a Family Visiting Night (children included) and a Creative Curriculum Night (parents only) so that we can share what and how your children are learning throughout the day.

Once again, thank you for choosing The Playhouse for your precious children. We are blessed to spend our days with them, guiding and supporting their social and cognitive skill development. If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to call or set up a conference. I or your child’s primary teacher is available to meet any Monday from 8:30 to 1:00.

Happy Fall,  
Ida

## ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE TIMES

Each morning, even if you don’t have time to stay for a few minutes, please walk your child through the gate and Ms. Donna will check you off on the attendance. It’s always best to say “see you later” rather than sneak out.

We’ve decided to change our 12:00 & 3:00 dismissal procedure for the preschoolers: children leaving at these times will be dismissed from the foyer/coat room. Children arriving at 12:00 will stay inside and play or

prepare for lunch time with Ms. Margaret. Toddlers leaving at 12:00 will be dismissed from the playground. We hope this decreases some of the chaos produced at these busy times.

## EXTRA CLOTHES

Please put an extra set of clothing in your child’s cubby or backpack, changing them according to the seasons. We always have extra clothes if there’s an accident.



## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

We are working hard to keep your children safe in our new location. Here are the steps we are following:



1. The back entrance to our school is always locked.
2. The front entrance is open from 8:45 to 9:15, 11:30 to 12:15, and 2:45 to 3:15. Please ring our bell if the door is locked.
3. No child may enter or exit preschool without a teacher or parent.
4. Please close the playground gate behind you. Use the entrance gate nearest our front door to enter the playground.
5. Please call us by 8:45 if your child will be late or absent.

## TEETH BRUSHING



The Dept. of Early Education and Care now requires that all children who eat lunch at preschool or stay for more than four hours brush their teeth with water. Please send in a labeled toothbrush for your child if s/he meets the criteria. I would appreciate any feedback from you and if you would be interested in signing a waiver regarding this practice. I'll check with our licenser to see if waivers are an option.

## MEDICATION CONSENT FORMS



If your child has liquid medication or an epi-pen stored at school, please get a consent form from Ms. Mandy for your doctor to fill out. This will be kept in your child's file. We will periodically check the expiration dates on these medications.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Ms. Betsy will continue to take and submit book orders for our school. The more our families order, the more free books we get. The \$ envelope will be posted in our coat room. Thanks!

## MS. MAUREEN'S ABSENCE

Ms. Maureen is out until at least January helping her husband with his diagnosis of mesothelioma. His surgery is scheduled for this Thursday, followed by a stay in the hospital for two weeks or more. If you'd like to send a card, her address is as follows:

Ms. Maureen Urban  
534 Adams Street  
Holliston, MA 01746

We miss her very much and are keeping her family in our thoughts.