



# OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2011

## FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Welcome to all our new and returning families. Our school year has started off smoothly with many happy faces arriving each day, eager to learn and make friends. I am so grateful to welcome back all our teachers as well as a new addition, Bella MacDonald. Ms. Bella assists in the preschool on Monday mornings and subs when needed. We said "So long" to Ms. Joanna in August, who is up to her neck in work at MGH nursing school. Ms. Mechelle is back teaching full time, one morning in the toddler class and the rest in the preschool. This year, I spend my days in the baby room with Ms. Melanie or Ms. Mandy. We are blessed to have 5 babies to love and care for. They bring a special kind of joy to our school. Please stop by to see me if you have any questions or concerns. I can also be reached at 508-533-4522.

Happy Fall,

Ms. Ida

## MEDICAL FORMS

Some student files are missing their medical information. Please return your forms that state the date of your child's last physical plus their list of immunizations. We need these ASAP.



## HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

Halloween costumes are welcome at school from October 25-31. If you would like to send in a special snack or visit to read a spooky story, check in with a teacher to choose a date. No candy donations please.



## ALLERGIES

We have several children in preschool who are allergic to peanuts, tree nuts, and eggs. Please do not send peanut butter for lunch and check labels for these ingredients. They are often hidden in granola bars. If your child has an allergy and you'd like to keep a treat in our freezer for birthdays or other special occasions, please bring it in. We'll let you know if a birthday celebration is coming up.

## FAMILY VISITING NIGHT

Visiting night for our children and their families is Tuesday, November 8, from 6:30 to 8:00. This is a chance for your child to show you around his/her classroom and to meet the teachers and friends they've been talking about. Class lists with names and numbers will be handed out for future play dates. Please sign up on our visiting night posters in the coat room.



## FAMILY PHOTOS

Please take a minute to find a family photo (including pets) for our bulletin boards. The children like to show off their pictures and to hold them in moments of insecurity.

## SCHOLASTIC ORDERS

I've attached book order forms to this newsletter. Please return orders to the envelope in the coat room by November 5. Thanks to Ms. Betsy for overseeing this task.



## EXTRA CLOTHING

Check your child's cubby or backpack to make sure you've packed an extra set of clothes, along with diapers if they're necessary. We always have extra but some children prefer their own.

## HOLIDAYS

We do not follow the Hopkinton school schedule for closings. We are open Veterans Day, but are closed Thanksgiving and the Friday after. Please check our website for holiday/vacation listings.

## PARENT CONFERENCES

Your child's teacher is available to meet any Tuesday morning from 8 to 12:30. There's a sign-up sheet posted as you enter to reserve a 30 minute spot.

## Make-Up/Snow Policy

There's been some confusion about what days students can make-up. If your child misses school for illness or any other reason, s/he can make up this class within the next 4 weeks. If your child misses school due to a Monday holiday (Columbus, President's, Patriot's, Memorial), s/he can make up this class within the next 4 weeks. There are no make ups for snow days, certain holidays listed on our website, December holiday break, and the 2 public school vacation weeks, as we are open in February and April.

We do not close due to weather unless the governor declares a snow emergency and mandates we stay off the roads. If we're closed, you will receive an email. We do not delay opening or dismiss early. We do not follow the Hopkinton Public Schools closings. Parents are welcome to pick up early if they're concerned about driving.