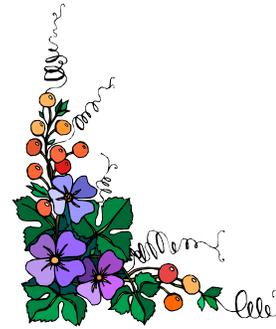


THE PLAYHOUSE PRESCHOOL SPRING 2014 NEWSLETTER



The Teacher's Corner...

We are glad to welcome "Miss Ariane" to our staff of teachers. Her schedule will have her working in all three classrooms, (hopefully not scheduled in error to be three places at once!) Her son Enzo is in our preschool class and seems happy to share his mother among the children in each class.

Some of us teachers have been fortunate to take a winter vacation, and part of that can be attributed to Ida's expressed belief that we teachers need to take care of ourselves to be able to take care of the children. And a close second to that is that we teachers work as a team, working extra hours if needed or switching days/shifts for vacation/personal time for one another. Most, if not all of us hope to take some vacation time this summer. We expect the summer staffing to be a combination of the veteran teachers and college-aged students as we've done in past years. The preschoolers are really interacting with the new (young!) seasonal hires. And that leads us into...



SUMMER SIGN-UP

Our Summer Program will begin on Monday, June 9, following the last day of our school year Friday, June 6th. Forms to sign up for the program will be available AT SCHOOL in early April with all the details.

SEPT-JUNE 2014-2015 REGISTRATION

A reminder that registration (On-line) for the coming school year is underway. FYI, it is better that you sign up for the days you need at this point in time rather than waiting, not signing up, & risking us not having availability for your child/children.



PIZZA DAY!!!

Lunch time is a shared experience with the children & their teachers. As a special treat & after a very long winter, Ida decided to have a pizza day for everyone who will be staying for

lunch, Monday, April 14th. (If you don't typically stay for lunch but would like your child to on that day, please let a teacher know so we can extend your child's day till 1PM.) Please send in \$1 if your child will be joining us that day for lunch & you can take one day off from preparing your child's lunch! (Please send in their AM/PM snack).

TUMBLE BUS SCHEDULE FOR APRIL & MAY

For the next two months, the Tumble Bus will come on THURSDAY mornings, April 3rd & May 1st. We are trying our best to accommodate all the schedules of the children to try to give each child an opportunity to participate. From teachers' standpoints (& I would expect the children would wholeheartedly agree!), it has been a great addition to our program, especially with the snowy, very cold winter we've had which has at times limited our outdoor playtime. The children are given the opportunity to try new, fun activities (a zip line, rock wall climbing to name just two), challenging themselves & so building confidence in their abilities as they work to develop their gross motors skills.



PHOTO DAY

As we have done for many years at The Playhouse, a professional photographer will be coming in the near future to offer a class photograph as well as individual photographs of your child/children. We are always amazed at the ability of the photographer to capture each child in his/her best light! We will pass out a flyer with the details as soon as we have chosen the photographer and agreed on a date.

SPECIAL VISITOR TIMES

All the children in the preschool classroom really seemed to enjoy having those parents that were able to come in and visit/play/read for an hour (or less) in January & February. If anyone else is able & would like to visit/play/read etc. in our preschool classroom over the next few months we would LOVE to have you! Please talk to any of the preschool teachers about the best day/time for you/us & we will make a note of it.

COMMUNICATION

As a reminder, we truly value open communication with you, the parents & caretakers. Please speak to whichever teacher you feel most comfortable with if you have any questions and/or concerns about your child and we as teachers in turn will express any

concerns/questions when they arise. Working together can often bring new insight and possibly a different perspective. It is our mutual goal to provide your child with the tools and guidance to develop & succeed in daily life.



DONATIONS OF CLOTHING NEEDED....

In the Preschool room we have run out of "extra" socks to put on little ones feet after playing on a wet, muddy, & still snowy??? Playground - as well as "extra" pants & tops. If you have any outgrown or "extra" clothing items we will put them to good use. Also, with the change of seasons (warmer weather???) a reminder to check in your child's cubby or back pack to see if you have supplied us with an appropriate change of clothes (top, pants, underpants/diapers & socks) for those times he/she has a toileting accident, water-play splashes, or wet/muddy clothes from our playground. Also a reminder to label outerwear with child's name (rain boots, Spring jackets, etc.) as sometimes two or more children have the same boots/sneakers or cannot identify their "new" Spring jacket. Thank you!

SCHOOL CLOSING DATES

MARATHON MONDAY, April 21

MEMORIAL DAY, May 26

HAPPY SPRING!!!