

**THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE**  
**PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN**  
**PARENT BULLETIN**  
**September 1, 2011**



**Dear Parents & Grandparents:**

Our Word of the Week is **FRIENDLINESS**

In the Bible, Proverbs chapter 15, verse 30 we read,

*A cheerful look brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones.*

In a world that is often hostile, a spirit of friendliness can bring delight to the people around you. So remember to SMILE!

*“Smile at each other, smile at your husband, smile at your children, smile at each other  
—it doesn’t matter who it is—and that will help you grow up in greater love for each other.”*

Mother Teresa



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

9/5, Monday	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Labor Day Holiday
9/6, Tuesday	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Staff Inservice Day for Teachers
9/7, Wednesday	Due date for flu vaccination consent form – Pods 5, 6 and 7 only
9/7, Wednesday	OPEN HOUSE – 7:00 p.m. for Pod 6 - Grades 1 & 2
9/8, Thursday	OPEN HOUSE – 7:00 p.m. for Pod 5 - Grades 3 through 6
9/13, Tuesday	OPEN HOUSE – 7:00 p.m. for Pod 7 – Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten
9/14 – 9/16	POD 5 (Grades 3-6) – Friendship Camp at Camp Homelani
10/3, Monday	Picture taking for Preschoolers (Pods 1, 2, 3 and 4)
10/4, Tuesday	Picture taking for Pre-Kindergarten – Elementary (Pods 5, 6 and 7)
10/6 and 10/7	Parent-Teacher Conference Days – No school for students
10/10, Monday	NOT A HOLIDAY – SCHOOL IN SESSION



**PICTURE TAKING**

Picture taking is scheduled for Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, for all Preschoolers (Pods 1, 2, 3 and 4) and Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, for Pre-Kindergarteners through Grade 6 (Pods 5, 6 and 7). Picture taking packets/ information will be sent home with your child later this month. All students should wear their appropriate school uniform on picture taking day.

## Building Social Skills

# Social skills should be a learning priority for your preschooler



What's more important than learning colors, shapes, letters and numbers early in the school year? According to experts, it is learning social skills!

Relating well with teachers and classmates makes it possible for children to focus on other subjects.

To build these abilities in your preschooler:

- Practice cooperation. Social activities (such as playing with a parent or friend) can help your child practice sharing, taking turns and getting along. So give your child plenty of opportunities to interact with others.
- Communicate often. Spend lots of time talking with your preschooler. When she expresses her thoughts and feelings, show that you're listening and interested.
- Talk with the teacher. Ask questions such as, "What social skills do you emphasize in preschool?" and "How can I reinforce them at home?"
- Boost self-confidence. Help your child take pride in herself and how she interacts with others. Say things like, "You shared your crayons with Billy. That's nice! He's happy!"

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## TEACH YOUR CHILD TO STOP AT THE RED LINE

You notice there is a solid red line on the sidewalk leading up to the parking lot before the brown gate. Please teach your child to **stop at the red line** and to wait for you before entering the parking lot. For the safety of your child, we do not want him/her darting out into the parking lot in front of you and into oncoming cars. Parents, please be sure to share this information with the grandparents or other person(s) picking up your child.



## **BRINGING BOOKS TO SCHOOL**

Preschool parents, we welcome your children to bring a book from home to share with their class. Please be sure to write their name on the **front cover** of the book. This will greatly aid the teachers in returning the books to the proper child without having to flip through the pages to find their name.

## **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. No classes will be held and students should not report to school. Sign up for conferences will begin on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> and will continue through Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> on a first-come-first-serve basis. Sign-up sheets for Preschool will be located in your child's classroom, Grades K-6 will be located in the school main lobby. Conference is **mandatory** for all parents.



God Bless and have a pleasant  
and safe Labor Day weekend,

The Children's House Administration