

Sept. 2, 2011

Hi LE 4 Parents,

### **THANK YOU!!!**

We want to thank the parents who signed up to volunteer in our class: Kate Griffith, Tanya Faulkner, Lori Moore, Michelle Price, Molly Blanchard, Cindy Sotomayor, Suresh Pothireddy, Mr. Stanford, Dana Glover, Andrea Bascom, Sharon Schwinger, Florence Matoke, Ms. Romonita Begley, Ms. Cuilla and Bridget Krouse. I apologize if your name was left off. Please email me so it can be in print next month.

Our evening meeting, A Day in the Life of a Montessori Child, produced a group of parents who are willing to paint LE 4. We will be contacting some of you who couldn't attend to possibly be part of a crew to help paint our classroom. Thank you so very much.

### **VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR RECESS AND READING GROUPS**

For RECESS we have Mrs. Griffith coming on Tuesday, Mrs. Sotomayor on Wednesdays, and Ms. Ramonita Begley on Fridays. Mondays and Thursdays are open. Recess is at 11:30 - 12 noon. Thank you.

For READING CIRCLES we have Ms. Sotomayor and Mrs. Knouse on Wednesdays and Ms. Florence Matoke on Thursdays. We need 2 volunteers for Mondays and Tuesdays. Reading circles are from 9:15 - 9:45. Thank you.

### **SCHOOL PROCEDURES**

School starts at 8:30 a.m. Your child is late if she/he is not in the classroom by 8:30 a.m. When you come to the school to volunteer, please go by the office to sign-in and get a visitor's sticker. This helps us identify friendly people in our school. A faculty member will approach you and ask you to go the office if you don't have a sticker. Thank you for helping keep our school safe.

### **BOOKS FROM THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

For the month of September, **Michelle Price**, signed up to get books from the library. Please help us with these topics: volcanoes, earthquakes, mountain building, the planets, galaxies, stars, seasons, day and night, solids, liquids, gases, mixtures, plants, and constellations. If you'll bring the books in reusable plastic bags, we'll find a container in the room in which to keep them. Thank you.

### **HOMEWORK**

Your child brings a yellow homework folder home every night except Friday. Please help your child establish a routine of getting the homework complete each night. You will see a Singapore Math workbook. On Mondays, a spelling list is included. You will find a table for recording Reading At Home in the folder. Please have your child read to you for about 10 minutes for 1<sup>st</sup> years and 20 minutes for 2<sup>nd</sup> years each night. Record the title, date, and number of pages read on the lines provided. It is very important that this homework folder return to school the next day with your child with the reading log and Singapore workbook. Thank you for helping build good study habits with your child.

### **SNACK**

The students have about 5 minutes to eat snack each day. Please send in **small portions** that can be eaten in about 5 minutes. Small reusable plastic containers or zip bags work best. If you have a permanent marker at home, print your child's name on the snack container. If your child requires a spoon or fork, please provide one. Remember, whatever your child brings to school, it will come home. That includes the packaging. Thank you.

## **RECESS**

Please have your child bring a water bottle with her/his name on it to school each day. With the temperatures so high, it's important that your child be hydrated while playing outside. Thank you.

## **HISTORY**

We'll continue to explore three states of matter, mixtures, and begin a study in plants.

## **GEOGRAPHY**

Our studies in geography lead us to further explore topics such as, rocks and minerals, volcanoes, and land and water forms. We'll continue map skills.

## **PHYSICAL SCIENCE**

In physical science, our focus is solids, liquids, gases, and mixtures. Students measure the mass of solids and the volume of liquids.

## **MATH**

We use the Singapore Math program at Casa Esperanza. Some concepts this month are: methods of subtraction, position and direction, counting and comparing, addition and subtraction: adding 1-digit numbers whose sum is greater than 10 by first making a ten, measuring length with non-standard, standard, and metric, measuring weight in metric and standard.

## **LANGUAGE**

We'll continue to examine the components of good sentences by using descriptive words. Some students will explore writing a narrative paragraph. We shine a spotlight on the adjective in grammar.

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

Early Release at 12 noon, Friday, Sept. 2

No School on Labor Day: Monday, Sept. 5

Re-Takes for Fall Pictures: Friday, Sept. 9

Parent Education Night: Tuesday, Sept. 20 6-7pm. Speech & Lang. Dev. In CH

7-8pm. Internet Safety CHILDCARE PROVIDED

Friday, Sept. 23, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Reports for all students

Intersession I, Monday, Sept. 26 -Friday, Sept. 7

Monday, Sept. 10 Early Release at noon, CONFERENCES Childcare available

We're glad to be working with you and your child. Hoping for cooler days and nights.

Sincerely,

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