



September 2011  
Children's House Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome the new families to Children's House and welcome back the returning families. We look forward to a great year with your children. We view your child's experience with us as a collaborative effort between home and school, and we want to keep the lines of communication open, beginning with this first newsletter of the year. You will receive a newsletter each month updating you on upcoming events and presenting some Montessori philosophy.

We would like to begin with a few things that will help your child have a positive experience at school. Arrival time is between 8:15 and 8:30 and the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be outside to help your child out of the car and into school. Your child can hang his/her own coat and put lunch away in the designated place. It is easier for a child to find his things when he puts them away himself. Please have your child at school by 8:30 so your child doesn't miss lessons and other children are not distracted by a late arrival. If your child arrives after 8:45 **please bring him to the office in the Main building** and a staff person will walk your child to his or her class.

Please let us know of milk or food allergies or special diets. We prefer that your child drink milk or water for lunch rather than juice. The juice containers cause many problems with messes and stains on clothing, furniture and carpeting.

All children, including older ones, need a complete change of clothing in case of accidents, spills or falls in the mud. Be sure to label all the clothes with your child's name and remember to change the clothes at the arrival of a new season.

Each classroom has a designated day for Music and Spanish. These classes are conducted, keeping in mind the developmental stages of the children so they can have a positive and enjoyable experience. Some classrooms have a specific day for sharing so check with your child's teacher to find out what day that is for your child.

Mark your calendars for the annual pumpkin patch trip to Lynd's Farm. Children's House 1 and 4 will go on Tuesday October 18th and Children's House 2, 3 and 5 will go on Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be more details about the trip in the October newsletter.

We are excited about the new school year and please don't hesitate to contact us either by e-mail or phone call, if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Children's House Staff

