



## *WE HAVE STARTED SCHOOL!*

It has been an exciting start to another great year! For our new families, WELCOME! We hope that you have enjoyed meeting some of our other families. For our returning families, WELCOME BACK! Thank you to our Parent Advisory Board for the yummy treats for our parents in the morning.

You will be receiving this newsletter from us once a month. It will have information from each class as well as notes from Ms. Heather and Ms. Lacea. Please read it and if you have any questions, let us know. We are looking forward to a great year full of fun and fellowship!

### **LUNCH BUNCH and SNACK NOTE:**

Please remember that we are a NUT FREE school. We have students that are highly allergic to all nuts! So, this means, NO PEANUT BUTTER in anything in lunches or snacks. If we do find that your child has peanut butter or nuts in their lunch or snack, we will remove it from the classroom and replace it with some of our emergency snack stash. Also, remember that we follow the wellness policy for both snack and lunch so please, no sugary treats. We just ask that those treats are reserved for after school.

### **Important Calendar Reminders**

- 8/26 Parent Advisory Board Meeting - 9am in the Childcare Room off of the playground
- 9/5 NO SCHOOL - Labor Day Weekend
- 9/7 School Pictures (Wear Uniforms) 3's, PreK
- 9/8 School Pictures (Wear Uniforms) 3's, PreK, K
- 9/24 Parish Picnic (More information to come)

## NOTES FROM THE CLASSROOM!

### Kindergarten:

It was wonderful meeting all of you this week. We are going to be diving right into learning starting with building our word wall. Each week we will be adding a new word to our word wall and soon we will be using these words to help us recognize words when we are reading.

In Science, we are learning about our 5 Senses and our body. In Religion, we will be learning new prayers to say at school and at home, who is the Trinity and how God created the world. Keep checking the weekly lesson plans for questions and topics to talk about with your Kindergarten teacher about the weekly topics.

I am excited for this school year to begin! Mrs. Borner

### PreK:

Wow, I can't believe summer is over and school is beginning! It was wonderful meeting you and your children on Meet the Teacher Day and we are so excited about getting started. We will spend the first weeks of school working on the flow and rules of the classroom while at the same time begin lessons in a fun and inviting way. I look forward to having the opportunity to speak with you on Parent Night to discuss the classroom curriculum and answer any questions you might have. Please feel free to contact me via email if you have any questions before then and we look forward to a fantastic school year! Ms. Maureen & Mrs. Stacy

### 2 ½ & 3 Year Olds:

Welcome! Ms. Kelly has sent out her newsletter and is really excited about teaching your children. She and Ms. Lisa have exciting activities for all of the students and are ready to jump in! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to meet with Ms. Kelly after school.

### Art, Music & PE w/Ms. Lisa:

In our action-packed, fun-filled classes we will explore the arts in a variety of ways. The art pieces we make will promote self-driven creative expression. Some projects are designed to provide an art experience where 100% of the decisions are made by the artist. Other projects will be completed by following directions. All works of art will build your student's confidence and pride. Just look at that bright, shiny face when artwork comes home! Musically, we will hear songs from different cultures, noticing different styles and beats. We will also sing Bible songs and get our share of just plain silly songs. Please ask your child to share them with you. And get ready to be amazed when your child is transformed into a star of the stage in December as we perform "The Cactus Christmas Tree," a mini-musical. Last, but not least, our rotation of class meetings will also feature physical activities that will use all those muscles - large and small - from head to toe. One thing to be sure of with so much variety is that each class will feel like a surprise for your child. I can't wait to get started!

## *NOTES FROM PARENT ADVISORY BOARD!*

Here is your Parent Advisory Board Members for the 2011-12 school year:

Chair - Kimberly Matura

Co-Chair - Elizabeth Hayward

Secretary/Treasurer - Candy Terris

Room Parent Coordinator -

New Families -

Facilities/Needs of the School -

Hospitality -

Library - Melissa Manes

Outreach -

As you can see we have a couple openings on our board. If you are interested, please come to the first meeting on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 9am! See you there!

## *NOTES FROM THE OFFICE!*

Thank you for making this first week a great success. Lacea will be notifying you if you are missing any paperwork by email. Please just stop by and see her when you get a chance. Tuition envelopes will be back to everyone or given to those who haven't received them yet by Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions regarding any paperwork or tuition, please see Ms. Lacea.

If you would like to be our "Scholastic Parent" to help us get the Scholastic book order forms out, please see Heather or Lacea. We are ready to start ordering! With the orders the school earns free books! There is no obligation to participate.