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“To teach is to believe...that one day a child will know the meaning of confidence and be able to touch other lives...”Mary Shaughnessy

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to you! Hope you all had a wonderful winter break with family and friends. December was an eventful month with learning about holidays around the world, pictures with Santa and of course the TK and ECP concerts. We are so proud of our students for singing their hearts out! Our students did a super job, thanks to the hard work put in by our wonderful teachers.

Our focus for the second semester is to strengthen the skills and concepts the students will need to get ready for the next grade level. Our mornings are divided into four segments beginning with:

- *Table top cooperative learning activities that focus on hands-on learning, building small motor and/ or pre-writing/pre-reading skills. Other skills include using their imagination and a descriptive vocabulary.
- *Snack Time – where children engage in social skills development, social grace, sharing, saying, “please” and “thank you”.
- *Circle time-is when many of our goals, concepts and theme of the week is discussed. We encourage our students to participate in group discussions, songs and fingerplay.
- *Small group lessons – In Pre-K and Toddler classes we break up into our groups and follow activities related to the theme of the week. In TK, we focus on reading, writing and math concepts based on our language and math books.

In the next four months you will see how the learning comes together as our children gain a better understanding of concepts. It is imperative that every child arrives by 8:30 a.m. to participate in our carefully planned learning environment.

Re-enrollment package: The re-enrollment package will be going out on Tuesday, **January 19, 2016**. As always we give first preference to our parents on seat allotment between Jan. 19 – 27, before our community Open House. Simply return the re-enrollment packet with the supply and activity fee to hold your child’s spot before our community Open House on **January 28, 2016**. We are completely dedicated to the development of the “whole” child and would love to see you all back for the next school year.

TK Round -Up : I would like to invite all **Pre-K parents** enrolling their children in **Transitional Kindergarten** to attend TK Round –Up, an informative meeting about TK **on January 27 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** in the library. We will discuss our TK curriculum goals, calendar, uniform, extended / holiday care and much, much more. **Baby-sitting will be available until 7:00 p.m.**

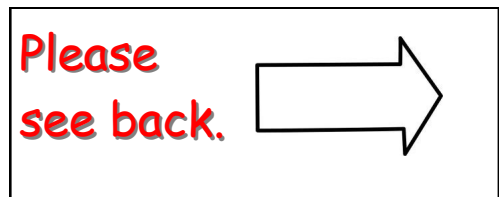
Thank you: I would like to thank our parents for their generous donation of baked goods for bake sales and gift items for our veterans.

Please note that our school will be closed **on January 18 for Martin Luther King Day.**

I am looking forward to a great second semester of learning and growth.

Best regards,

Joy Dasgupta
Early Childhood Principal



Dates to Remember

January

- Jan. 15 PreK-3 Bake Sale
- Jan. 18 MLK Day - CAMPUS CLOSED
- Jan. 19 Re-enrollment packets go home
- Jan. 25 Rodeo pictures
- Jan. 27 TK Round-Up –6:00-7:00 pm in library
- Jan. 28 Community Open House
9-11am and 5-7pm
- Jan. 29 PreK-2 Bake Sale

February

- Feb. 1 Re-enrollment packets due
- Feb. 5 Chinese Lion Dancers -9:00 am in the gym
- Feb. 15 President's Day –CAMPUS CLOSED

Thank You

The Toddler 1 class would like to thank Katharina Huber (Sarah's mom), Shaobo Du (Mia's mom), Saniah Kazimi (Ali's mom), Yue Wang (Ryan's mom), Umme Javed (Ari's mom), Dee and Vince Magallanes (Ella's parents), Ziran and Fu Sun (Stuart's parents) and any others who donated to make our Toddler 1 bake sale an awesome success!

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