

St. Saviour's Christian Preschool News



September 2009



"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it". Proverbs 22:6

Letter from the Teachers

Welcome all new and returning families to Saint Saviour's Preschool. We hope that you all have had a wonderful summer! The teachers are rested, refreshed, and ready for a wonderful year.

Returning as Teachers this year are: June DeVerheyen (Mrs. De), Lorraine Foth, Julie Strong and Elaine Chin and Margaret Jokanovich. We are excited to welcome Eva Wong to Saint Saviours this year.

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Themes for September

- ✓ Welcome to Preschool
- ✓ Learning Preschool Routines
- ✓ Making New Friends
- ✓ Being Helpful

Start the Day

Just a reminder that all children must wash their hands when they arrive at school (it helps to cut down on colds and flu!). Also, please bring your child right to the round carpet area for "open circle" after hand-washing and ensure that a teacher knows that your child has arrived. (This is for safety!)

Important Dates

- ◆ September 8 - Parent Information Night @ 7:00pm
- ◆ September 9 - First day of Preschool for 2009-2010
- ◆ September 28 - Board meeting @ 7:30pm



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Why Preschool Matters By Beth Kanter

"There's increasing evidence that children gain a lot from going to preschool," says Parents advisor Kathleen McCartney, PhD, dean of Harvard Graduate School of Education, in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Children who attend high-quality preschool enter kindergarten with better pre-reading skills, richer vocabularies, and stronger basic math skills than those who do not," says NIEER director W. Steven Barnett, PhD.

"Every child should have some sort of group experience before he starts kindergarten," says Amy Flynn, director of New York City's Bank Street Family Center. Music and gymnastics classes are great, but what preschools do that less formal classes don't is teach kids how to be students. Your child will learn how to raise her hand, take turns, and share the teacher's attention. What's more, she'll learn how to separate from Mommy, who often stays in a music or gym class. All of this makes for an easier transition to kindergarten.

"Kindergarten teachers will tell you that the students who are ready to learn are those who come into school with good social and behavior-management skills," Smith says.

Excerpted from:
<http://www.parents.com/preschoolers/learning/preparing-preschool/why-preschool-matters/>

Parents Magazine Online

Fees

To make fee payment as simple as possible, we are moving away from cash payments. We would appreciate post-dated cheques for the entire school year's fees. Receipts will be issued twice a year - December & June. Receipts can be used for child-care or for a charitable donation. Also, for your information, the \$25.00 registration fee is used to buy supplies for the school year and is not applied against regular fees.

Preschool Board meeting

Monthly Board Meetings are held on the last Monday of every month (except December & August). All parents are invited to attend. The next meeting will take place on Monday, September 28th @ 7:30pm at the school. We currently do not have a parent representative. If you are interested, please let one of the teachers know.

Parent Participation

We have an "open door policy" at Saint Saviours", and as such we encourage parents (and grandparents, aunts, etc) to share special talents or hobbies with the Preschool. Some ideas could be singing, musical instruments, gardening, crafts, baking, cooking or perhaps you are a special community helper. Come spend the day with your child and share your special talents!

Donations

The Preschool is always looking for "old towels" for the art room. Licensing also requires that we stock our earthquake box full with food that has a fairly long shelf life so contributions of canned or boxed food would be greatly appreciated. In order to keep our preschool fees down, a donation of one box of Kleenex per child would be most helpful.

Also, please do note that Saint Saviours is a not-for profit organization and therefore, a registered charity and can provide charitable contribution receipts for monetary donations if you would like to include us in your planned giving.

Music Theme

Mrs. Redmile and Julie will be leading our music time on Wednesday AM and Thursday PM, and Friday AM. We will be preparing for our annual Christmas concert and luncheon in December.

Fun Family Phonics

We will be continuing the Fun Family Phonics programs. Parents (and children) have given us a lot of positive feedback regarding this program.



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We're on the Web!

The Preschool's website address is:
www.sscpreschool.org

The website contains some useful information for parents including an online copy of this newsletter in case you misplaced this one. We will also post importance notices so check back often.

Family Photos

Please bring a 4x6 photo of your child and his/her family. We use them to give a "homey" feel to the cubby room.

Fundraising

We will be running our annual cookie dough sale in October. More information will follow.

Doors Open

A friendly reminder that the preschool doors will open at 8:55am. This allows for valuable "prep time" for teachers every morning so please try not to drop off your child before 8:55am.

Opening Circle

Elaine will be continuing with the weekly bible story and memory verse during the opening circle. The memory verses will be available to the parents if you would like to work on the verses at home.

Sign in/out sheets

Licensing requires that each child be signed in and out by the parents/guardian each day. The sign in sheet will be posted by the door of the cubby room.

Photo ID

Licensing requires that each child has a current photo attached to their registration forms. Please bring in a current photo as soon as possible.

Kindergarten

We are phasing out the "after Kindergarten" aspect of our preschool program. We will no longer enroll children who are currently attending Kindergarten.



Ongoing Reminders:

- The Preschool will accept refundable containers such as juice, pop, etc for ongoing fundraising.
- If you have any empty ice cream buckets, the Preschool has many uses for them.
- Please slow down in the parking lot in order to ensure safety for the children and the senior residents of Covenant Court.