

“WHERE CHILDREN COME TO LEARN THROUGH PLAY”

MIRA MESA PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

APRIL-MAY-JUNE 2012

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

It is difficult to believe our MMPP school year is coming to a quick conclusion!

“Our children” have made so many developmental changes—not just their physical growth but their cognitive abilities are amazing. They are certainly different children than those that started preschool last September.

Between birth and age five children make the most noticeable changes of their childhood. Moving from a completely dependant baby to a somewhat independent child. They certainly have developed their personalities and clearly make their likes and dislikes known.

This summer take lots of

time to enjoy your child's childhood. Plan a fun outing every week. If you need ideas take a look at the Fam-ily Magazine, they always have interesting ideas. Of course the beach, local parks, the San Diego Zoo and Safari Park are popular.

Have you ever gone for a family walk along the harbor? Take a picnic lunch to Shelter Island where you will find a great playground, fishermen reeling in their catch from the pier and a wide variety of boats and ships sailing in and out of the harbor.

The actual place or activity is not really important. What is important is the TIME you spend with your



child. Turn off your cell phone and PLAY!!

Speaking of fun, you may want to sign up to help with your child's class on Messy Paint Day. One year a child painted the entire front of her body, from head to toe, with purple paint!! What a sight, Mom was there to help so she enjoyed seeing her adventurous child before she changed clothing and washed away the paint!

SUMMER CAMP—OPEN ENROLLMENT

Registration is continuing for our very popular summer program. You may wish to invite friends to attend our summer camp, even if they do not regularly attend MMPP.

Children must be three to five years of age and potty

trained. Our summer plans include the extremely popular “International Mud Day”, “swimming” in our small wading pools, interesting explorations of creepy crawling critters and photos on a real pony!

Schedule and Fees - June 19- July 19 T/W/Th

Registration Fee - \$20.00

Three Year Olds 8:30-11:30 \$355.

Four - Five Year Olds 8:30-12:30 \$474.

Tuition may be paid in two installments

MESSY PAINT DAYS

MAY 17 & 18

Sign up to be a play-ground helper for your child's class. Each teacher will have a sign up sheet posted.

Wear your OLD clothes!

THANK YOU PARENTS.....

For supporting the Valentine Basket fundraising - each teacher has \$300. to spend on classroom materials for the children.

For purchasing See's Candy. We raised \$470 for future playground work. (we are saving up)

For donating \$1,000 to St. Jude's Hospital from our Bike -a-Thon.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AT MMPP

When school ends in June our Office Manager, Mrs. Lynette Doherty, will be celebrating the conclusion of her twenty-fifth year at MMPP.

Mrs. Doherty began her long time employment just after her sons (now 30 and 33) completed MMPP. Originally her job consisted of working three mornings a week and lots of typing on a typewriter!

Her greatest joy has been having her granddaughter, Claire attend MMPP!

If you think Mrs. Doherty is ready to retire, think again! She is planning to work for several years to come. Long time employees such as Lynette are one of the most important reasons MMPP is such a terrific school.

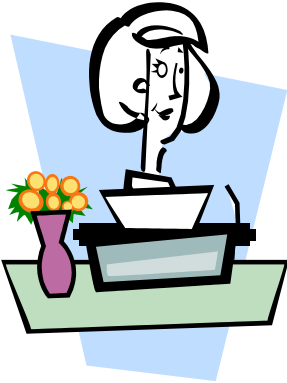
We will celebrate her longevity at our Family Bye-Bye Breakfast.

Mrs. Bowers Famous Flubber

Ingredients

4 cups white liquid glue
4 cups liquid starch
food coloring

Directions Pour glue into large bowl then mix food coloring to desired color. Add liquid starch then mix by hand until clumpy (about 2-3 min.) Drain excess liquid, put into a large ziplock and set for 1 hour. Have fun! Be careful not to get on fabric or carpet!



END OF THE YEAR EVENTS

You should know by now that MMPP is big on celebrations.

We wish to thank our families for their on going support of MMPP this school year.

Join us for Mrs. Coleman's most delicious pancakes. Our breakfast buffet is served picnic style on our patio/playground. Each family is encouraged to attend with their child. Teachers will

have donation lists available as the date approaches.

Our last days of school will be ones to remember! The children will be singing with Pastor Brad in the church and have a celebration party in their classrooms.

Families are invited to both celebrations. Time to be determined.
SAVE THE DATES!

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REGISTRATION

Your continuing recommendations to family and friends is greatly appreciated. We have several openings remaining in all ages levels for the next school year.

We are happy to give tours to interested families. Phone for an appointment!

FAMILY BYE-BYE
BREAKFASTS
5/31 & 6/1

CELEBRATION
SING
LAST DAYS OF
SCHOOL
6/7 & 6/8

BABY CHICKS TO HATCH IN ROOM 7

There is exciting news coming from room 7 this spring. For the very first time we are hatching baby chicks at MMPP.

The fertile eggs are expected to arrive any day so we can begin the 21 days it takes for the chicks to develop. The babies will remain at school for several weeks until they

are ready for a home.

We have two persons ready to take the chicks.

Mrs. Coleman has carefully studied the "how to" materials but this will be a learning experience for all of us. Not only will the children be learning about the development of a chick but also about the responsibility of caring for

a baby animal.

Each class will share in the experience by visiting room 7 to observe the eggs and chicks. As the chicks grow and the weather warms we plan to have them on the playground occasionally.

Can you tell we are all excited about this adventure!

