

MMPP Newsletter

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2015

Director's Message

Soon we will move from our San Diego "winter" on to spring. Each spring I write to parents about a developmental milestone that some of our "older" students may experience. There is no title for this situation so I will do my best to describe the situation.

Most children are well acclimated to their school routine and look forward to school days. However, in early spring even the most well adjusted child may suddenly cry "I don't want to go to school" or "Mommy I will miss you". Of course they will use their most convincing, sobbing voice to express their wants. My feeling is

that children subconsciously know they are growing up and will be experiencing a change in their life.

They hear parents talk about which kindergarten they will attend, they learn about kindergarten shots, and that their best friends will not be in their class. Not to mention Mrs. Wills or Mrs. Bowers or Mrs. Coleman will not be their teacher!!

Wow! That is a lot of change for a five year old to comprehend. How can we help children through this developmental struggle?

1. Be consistent. Make sure your child does continue to come to

preschool. This may be painful on some days but BE STRONG.

2. Don't go overboard discussing kindergarten topics in front of your child. Children have a poor concept of time. They might think kindergarten starts next week.
3. Let your child's teacher know if you are facing issues with your child. She certainly has experience helping children (and parents) grow through this stage.

Happy Parenting!!

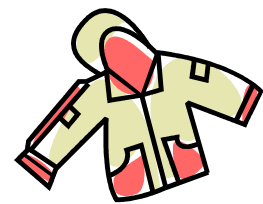
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Stay & Play News

Stay & Play has become a popular event for many of the children. We even have a few two day children dropping by to spend time playing on our fun playground.

Be sure to make a reservation in the preschool office... in advance. The program is every Wed. 12:30 to 2:30. Cost is \$12.



Cubbie Clothing

Check your child's cubbie to be sure there is a set of clothing. We want to be able to change your child if they get wet. A warm jacket might be a good idea!

If your child has borrowed our preschool clothing, please wash and it return them!

Thank you.



.Plan to attend our annual Family Morning at MMPP. This is your opportunity to spend a few hours getting to know why your child loves exploring their school

Family Morning at Preschool

Sat. 1/24

9 to 12 noon

environment. Parents may find our it is really fun (and educational) to learn about dripping "Flubber", soothing shaving cream finger-painting and the ever popular, make your own volcano! Be sure to bring your

camera! It is also a good idea to wear your "play clothes"!!

Simple refreshments will be available for a donation.

VALENTINE BASKET FUNDRAISING EVENT



Each February we celebrate Valentine's Day by giving away FIVE beautiful baskets filled with amazing gifts. Every teacher has selected a basket theme:

Room 2 Pamper Yourself

Room 3 Gardening

Rooms 4 & 6 Gift Cards

Room 5 In & About the Kitchen

Room 7 Disney

Parents donate items for their child's classroom basket and the school gathers certificates from our community. We would love to include certificates from YOUR BUSINESS (a manicure or haircut, a plumbing job—any type of business).

On Wed. Jan. 21 we need parents to help assemble the baskets. No experience needed! Parents can also help by selling tickets for the drawing before and after school each day. Room Parents will be contacting you for your help.

Tickets will be sold Jan. 24–Feb. 11, the drawing date. Ticket prices: 1 ticket is \$1.00 and 6 tickets are \$5.00.

Proceeds will be used to purchase toys for the children.

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Registration News

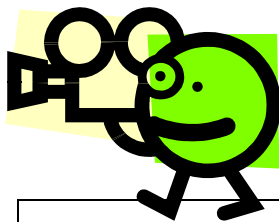
Summer School—June 16–July 16

and

2015-16 School Year will begin MARCH 2, 2015.

Detailed information will be available in early February. ALL CURRENT STUDENTS who plan to return to MMPP for Summer School and next year's program are required to renew registration. You will also have priority registration for current students and their SIBLINGS.

If you have friends looking for a preschool we would certainly appreciate parent referrals. Please invite them to call the school to arrange a tour and sign up for the waiting list.



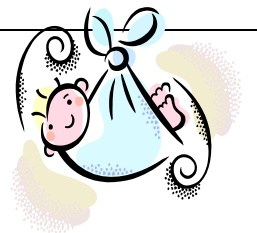
Student Picture Days

Feb. 26 & 27

Northlight Studios, a long established business, will be here at MMPP to photograph the children. Parents will receive several proofs from which to select their choice of pictures. There are different packets with various sizes and numbers of picture. There will also be a class picture for each classroom.

Gently Hugged

Donation Box in
Preschool Office



Thanks for the many donations. We continue to support this community program throughout the year. Baby items 0-12mos are needed.

Donations are welcome through out the school year.

Thank you.