

“WHERE CHILDREN COME TO LEARN THROUGH PLAY”

MIRA MESA PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

JANUARY– FEBRUARY 2013

DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

Happy New Year 2013!!
Our school year is moving so quickly. Parents begin to realize it won’t be long until their pre-k students will take that giant step to kindergarten.

In 2013 new kindergarten-ers must be five years old by OCTOBER 1.

Our staff has compiled a list of important skills you and your child should be working on now in preparation for Sept. kindergarten classes. 1. Spend time with your child, without distractions (no cell phone) 2. Read to your child everyday 3. EXPECT your child to follow simple rules. 4. Help your child develop independence and responsibility.

Do NOT do things for your child they can do for themselves. (getting dressed, including shoes and socks and toileting)

Kindergarten teachers have made the following suggestions;

Alphabet—recognize most upper & lower case letters

Numbers—recognize 1-20

Colors—recognize basic colors

Name—recognize first & last name, write first name

Shapes—recognize circle, square, rectangle, triangle, oval

Birthday—say their date

Draw a picture

Our pre-k curriculum at MMPP is designed to encourage children to engage in activities which will enrich their pre-k skills.

This is also a good time of year for parents to visit various kindergartens. If you are looking at a private school many of them have Open Houses early in the spring.

Check the San Diego school website, www.sandi.net, for registration information.

Dates are usually in the early Spring.

Happy Parenting!

Diane

SUMMER-FALL REGISTRATION

At this time we are planning for summer camp and the 2013-14 school year. While the new tuitions have not been set you should plan on a 4-5% increase in cost. (We do want to give our wonderful staff a raise!)

We need to ask your help in referring new families to our school. Parents are our best means of advertisement. This is a great time for interested parents to come to MMPP for a tour. Just ask your friends to give us a phone call.

Flyers will be sent home in March to explain the registration process. Current families have priority registration.

PRESCHOOL VALENTINE BASKETS

Each Feb. we celebrate Valentines Day by giving away SIX beautiful baskets filled with amazing gifts. Each teacher has selected a basket theme-

Rm 2 Pamper Yourself

Rm 3 In the Garden

Rm 4 Family Sports

Rm 5 Families in the Kitchen

Rm 6 A Day at the Park

Rm 7 Gift Card Tree

Parents donate something for a basket and the school gathers certificates from the community. You are welcome to donate a

certificate from your business (hair cut, manicure, plumbing job).

On Wed. Jan 23 we need parents help to assemble the baskets.

Tickets will be sold Jan. 26-Feb. 12, the drawing date. Proceeds will be used to purchase toys.



SCHOOL PICTURE DAYS

Tuesday Feb. 26

Wednesday Feb. 27

Flyer to follow

Individual & Class

FAMILY DAY AT MMPP SATURDAY JAN. 26 9 TO 12

MMPP
TAX ID
95-3145242
You may need this number for your tax reports

One of our most popular family events will be here soon! We are looking forward to having all our families come play at preschool on Sat. morning.

Each staff person is planning a "hands on" experience for your entire family to enjoy. Old clothing is recommended as some of our activities are rather messy.

There will also be a BBQ lunch served for a small fee.

Here are just a few of our popular activities:

Exploring Worms

Magnetic Fun

Fish Painting

"Flubber"

Volcanoes'

Bubbles

Sensory Extravaganza

PLUS a special surprise

This event will be held "rain or shine" because preschool teachers are THE most flexible people in the world!!

Bring your camera



PRESCHOOL NOTES

MIRA MESA
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

FAMILY WORSHIP
&
SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30AM

PASTOR BRAD INVITES
YOUR FAMILY TO VISIT
CHURCH ANY
SUNDAY!

- SPRING FIELD TRIP- all our classes are invited to attend the trip we are planning to the Safari Park (aka Wild Animal Park). Arrangements are being made for mid-March. We want to see the butterfly exhibit. The date will be published as soon as possible.
- NEW POLICY TO PROTECT CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES
When bringing store bought food to the classroom the package must arrive unopened WITH a label of content. Unused portions will be returned home. Teachers must read the label to protect children with food allergies. THANK YOU
- STAFF TO RENEW CPR & IST AIDE CARDS
FRIDAY APRIL 26. SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED
- HOLIDAYS
Jan. 21 MLK Day
Feb. 15 & 18 Presidents Days

SHOE DRIVE FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN IN MEXICO



Genesis Diez is an educational non-profit in Mexico that creates learning experiences for the orphanage and migrant children of Baja California, Mexico. The migrants are the poorest of the poor in Baja California and many of their children have never attended school because they can not afford to buy the required uniforms & shoes. Children

need to attend school to better their lives. MMPC has relations with 6 migrant communities. With a donation of children's shoes in good condition or a gift of as little as \$21.00 will send one child to school in a pair of shoes.

We take any donations of slightly used shoes, adult or child sized.

Checks: Make payable to Genesis Diez, A,C.

We will continue to collect shoes or monetary donations until March 1.

Bring your donations to the preschool office