

Mira Mesa Presbyterian Preschool Newsletter

March
&
April
2013

Director's News

Can it really be possible spring is just around the corner? If you visit our preschool rooms in the next few weeks you will be able to see many signs of new life spring brings into our school.

Of course the most noticeable change is in the children. Each child has experienced an amazing amount of growth, not just in their physical being but also in their social, emotional and cognitive skills.

I am certain parents are well aware their child acquires more new skills in their first five years of life than anytime in their future. Our MMPP staff is proud that you have selected our school to enhance your child's continuing development.

...importance of reading to your child....

Early in March teachers will be meeting with each parent to share with you, your child's progress. Pre-K parents will be interested to learn about their child's readiness for kindergarten. Teacher's are working with the

Pre-K children to help them learn to write their first name, recognize their last name and also recognize letters and numbers.

If you are helping your child to learn to write their name or just "words" be certain to use upper and lower case letters. Kindergarten teachers want children to know how to use upper and lower case letters.

However, the very best preparation for kindergarten is for a parent to read to their child EVERYDAY! Not only are children learning the importance of words but you are interacting with them, asking questions

about the story. "What do you think will happen next or I wonder if..." are excellent ways to help your child develop and verbalize their thought processes.

Another fun letter



Read to your children
each day.

recognition game is to look for specific letters in advertising signs as you drive about town. If doesn't take long for children to "read" Target or Von's!

Enriching your child's learning skill is a very

rewarding experience for both parents and children. After all you are your child's life long teacher!

Happy Parenting,

Diane Angus, MMPP Director

REGISTRATION NEWS

GROUP 1 Returning
Students & Siblings
March 4

GROUP 2 Church &
Alumni Families
March 15

GROUP 3 Waiting List &
Community
March 18

Registration is for anyone wanting their child to attend Summer Camp (June 18 to July 18 T/W/Th, 8:30—11:30 or 12:30) and/or the next school year starting in September 2013.

Registration materials can be found in your child's file folder beginning Feb. 27 & 28.

If you do not register your child they may **NOT** have a place in the school. This is very important as we have many names on our Waiting List for the coming year.

Questions—See Diane or Lynette in the office.

San Diego Safari Park Field Trips Wed. March 20 and Thurs. March 21

ARRIVE AT THE PARK ENTRANCE AT 8:45

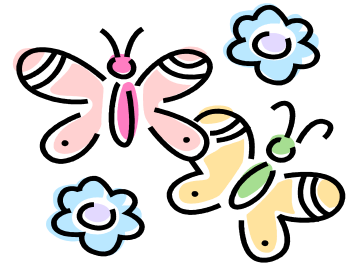
We are all looking forward to the trip to the Safari Park. Our goal is to see the butterfly exhibit and have lots of fun looking at various animals. The Park opens at 9 am and we would like to enter quickly so we can be one of the first groups to visit the butterflies.

Our group can not enter the park until everyone arrives, so be sure to allow plenty of travel time!

Look for a flyer in your child's cubby. Each family must make their own transportation arrangements. Perhaps you can share a ride with friends.

COST: CHILD—\$10.00 or Free with pass ADULT— 1 per child, \$10.00 or free with pass. Children 2 and under are free.

Payment is due 3/18 (Mon) or 3/19 (Tues).



St. Jude's Bike-a-Thon Wed. April 17 and Thurs. April 18 8:45 a.m.

Each Spring we ask our families to participate in this very worthy fundraising event for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. St. Jude's is a non-profit children's hospital located in Memphis, Tenn. Children from all over the world receive FREE medical care at St. Jude's.

One of our former students, Steven Bell, was stricken with a brain tumor. At the age of nine he and his family spent several months at St. Jude's. Steven, who is now 17 years old, is cancer free and we pray he remains healthy. His health is due to the free treatment he received at this amazing hospital.

As in past years we are asking children to bring their bike, trike or scooter AND helmet to school on April 17 or 18. In the front parking lot there will be two tracks, one for slower riders and a second track for experienced rider.



Mrs. Erickson's class will be using the bike path on the playground. The children will be riding for about 1/2 hour, beginning at 8:45. Parent participation is needed for safety.

Parents are asked to support this event by making a donation to St. Jude's. Last year we were able to raise over \$1,000. Fundraising materials will be sent home so you can seek tax deductible donations from extended family and friends.

Thanks for your participation!

Staff Training CPR Class 4/15

California State Licensing for Preschools (title 22) requires staff to have current CPR / First Aide Cards.

Our renewal class is MONDAY APRIL 15. **NO SCHOOL !!**

Please add this to your calendar!!