

Mira Mesa Presbyterian Preschool Newsletter

May
&
June
2013

**WE ARE SO
THANKFUL
FOR YOUR
SUPPORT!**

Director's News

We are quickly approaching the end of our school year. When I observe the children in their daily interactions I am reminded of how they have grown physically and matured developmentally. They are certainly different children than those little two, three and four year olds that timidly entered their new classrooms in September. You, their parents, have learned the importance of providing a strong early childhood education to assist you in teaching your child.

Here are a few concepts I hope you have learned during your MMPP days;

1. YOU are your child's most important teacher. Children learn first by example.

2. Be involved in your child's school. Volunteer in their classroom, get to know the teacher.

3. Set FIRM rules for your children and always follow through. If you have trouble with the follow through, think of this as "anti-teenage rebellion insurance"!

4. Love your children with all your heart and tell them so everyday.

If you are on to new adventures in the fall we will miss you and your child. Come visit us through the years, we love to see how "our" children are doing.

For those returning for Summer Camp or Sep-

tember programs, we will see you soon.

Blessings to all for a summer filled with making memories.



REGISTRATION NEWS

Thanks to so many parent referrals most of our summer and fall classes are full. However we do have a few openings available in both sessions. So come see us if you or friends are interested.

...Summer Time "Bucket List" for Preschoolers

It seems that it is a popular idea for adults to compile a list of activities or places they would like to visit in their life time.

Perhaps it would be fun for your family to make a summer time "bucket list" of fun.

Here are a few ideas;
Mud Day in your backyard
Play in the sprinklers

Sleep outside on your patio
Have a picnic at a nearby park
Have a star or moon gazing party
Read bedtime stories outside with a flashlight.
Build a tent using blankets, live in it all day.
Go on a nature scavenger hunt in your neighborhood

Invite the neighborhood kids to join in a watermelon eating contest
Make bubbles
Paint outside with real paint brushes & water in sand buckets

For more ideas for your list you might look on pinter-est.com, just type in child's bucket list.

Have Fun !!

Our staff would like to thank each parent for their support. During this school year you have....

Donated shoes to children in Mexico.

Sent \$1,794 to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, from Bike Days.

Purchased See's Candy to build funds for future Playground projects.

Used your Von's Club Card (linked to MMPP) to build our scholarship fund.

Taken time to help at special events and especially on Parent Reading Days.

Supported Staff Appreciation Week.

Also a BIG THANKS to Pastor Brad for doing Chapel Days each month.



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

ARRIVE AT THE PARK ENTRANCE AT 8:45

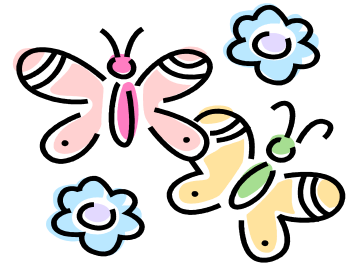
We are all looking forward to the trip to the Safari Park. Our goal is to see the butterfly exhibit and have lots of fun looking at various animals. The Park opens at 9 am and we would like to enter quickly so we can be one of the first groups to visit the butterflies.

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!!