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First Step Preschool Newsletter

SPECIAL NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

I want to welcome each of you to the new school year 2009-2010. The teachers and I look forward to all the new opportunities, and experiences that await us with your precious children.

Each month you will see a newsletter with all the information and events for the month along with your invoice. Calendar will also be available on the website: www.first-step-preschool.com

We will open doors at 8:40 AM. When dropping of your children we find that is a much smoother transition when you help wash your child's hands and then leave the classroom. Please don't allow siblings to play inside or outside during this time. Feel free to converse with other parents outside.

Parents, due to liability issues, siblings must be under their parents supervision at all times. Parents can not leave siblings out in the playground with the teachers. Please remember that pick

up times are: 11:30 am for the morning session, 12:30 pm for those who stay for lunch special and 3:15 PM for Friday Fun. Pick up times are strictly adhered to. There will be a \$1.00 charge per minute for late pick up.

Volunteers make a difference in your child life. We are asking that you take at least one day to come and volunteer in the classroom. This helps the teachers to give more one on one with each student.

Please remember that we only release your child to the persons documented in the registration paperwork. You must inform us in writing if you want to add another person in the authorization pick up on the registration paperwork.

Tuition is due on the 1st of each month. A late fee of \$5.00 will be assessed whenever tuition is paid after the 5th of each month. Please notify me if you need payment arrangement. A \$25.00 process fee will be charged for any returned check.

Thank you for your understanding with these matters.

On a personal note, this is my six year at First Step. Before I worked for 10 years at Woodland Hills Montessori School. I have over eighteen years experience working with in Early Childhood Education. This year I will be the Lead teacher for the Little Monkeys Class and I will also be teaching Spanish to your child.

I was born and raised in Costa Rica the first 22 years of my life. My husband and I have being married for twenty years and we have a 19 year old son, a 16th year old daughter and a 7 year old son.

Please feel free to schedule a time to talk to me for any concerns, ideas, issues or praises that you might want to share with me at any time.

God bless you,
 Ms. Nina (Geanina)

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."
 Proverbs 22:6

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Reminders:

- ☺ **Preschool T-shirt/ sweatshirt sale ends on August 25**
- ☺ **Please wash your child's hand upon entrance to the classroom**
- ☺ **Please label your child snack/ lunchbox, and add an ice pack, spoons, forks if needed**
- ☺ **Small, healthy snack with a drink**
- ☺ **Doors open every day at 8:40 a.m.**

FRIDAY FUN

Sign-up begins each Mon. morning by phone or signing up on the clipboards. Pay per session on that day

Send snack and drink. Classes end promptly @ 3:15 pm. Limited to 10

AUGUST THEME:

- 8/17 through 8/21: Grace and Courtesy
- 8/24 through 9/4 : Ocean

LETTER OF THE WEEK:

- Week of 8/24: S
- Week of 8/31: O

BIBLE VERSE:

- 8/24 through 9/4:
 "Every word of God is Pure:" Proverbs 30:5

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NEWS FROM THE LITTLE MONKEYS

Bienvenidos! Welcome to all of you to the Little Monkeys Classroom. We are very excited to be your child's teacher. We look forward getting to know you all better. We also want to thank you for trusting us with your precious little ones.

A little about the teachers:

This is my six year at First Step. I have over eighteen years experience working with in Early Childhood Education. I was born and raised in Costa Rica the first 21 years of my life. My husband and I have been married for twenty years and we have a 19 year old son, a 16 year old daughter and a 7 year old son.

Hi my name is Tammy Hostetler. I

have lived in Black Forest for 7 years. I am married to Don and have three grown daughters Shanna 23, Lindsay 21, and Kristen 19. This is my first year teaching and I am very excited to meet and work with your children. It's going to be a great year!

To start out the year we will be focusing on Grace and Courtesy. Show and tell day will be every Thursday and every Friday. Please have your child bring something that relates to the letter of the week. Please do not let your child bring any toys or extra personal items from home.

Our doors open at 8:40am. Please have your child here on time as we like to start Circle Time at 8:45am.

This is an important part of our day as we review letter recognition/ sounds, counting, days of the week, etc. Pick up time is 11:30am for regular day, and 12:30pm for lunch special.

Please remember to pack a healthy snack with a healthy drink with an ice pack to keep the snack fresh. Your child's name should be on the snack and lunch box/bag. A separate bag for each is helpful.

We are truly excited about having a wonderful year with your child and getting them ready for Kindergarten.

Blessings,

Ms. Nina and Ms. Tammy

NEWS FROM ALL STARS

Welcome parents and children to the All Stars classroom! We are looking forward to seeing new and familiar faces! We appreciate the confidence you have placed in us with your precious children. Please feel free to talk to Ms. Kara with any concerns, comments, or praises you may have.

A little about the teachers:

I'm so excited to be teaching in the All-Stars classroom this year! I have been a parent here for four years and am thrilled to start my second year teaching! Many of you know my son Jackson 8, and my daughter Sawyer 6, both of whom loved their time here at First Step. I am looking forward to the challenge of preparing your children for

Kindergarten and cannot wait to get started!

Hi my name is Barbie Kraverath. I am married and have two daughters - one in High School and one in Middle School. We came here to Colorado two years ago through the Navy and we love it! I am so excited to be working with preschoolers again! They bring such joy to life!

A few notes from the classroom:

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- Pick up time is 11:30am for regular day, and 12:30pm for lunch special.
- Your child's name should be on the snack and lunch box/bag. A separate bag for each is helpful.
- Please don't let your child bring personal items/toys from home.
- Show and tell will be on Thurs. and Fri. Please bring an item from home related to the letter of the week.

Blessings,

Ms. Kara and Ms. Barbie

T-SHIRT/SWEATSHIRT FUND RAISER

We are offering T-shirts, sweatshirts and hooded sweatshirts with the school logo as a fundraiser for the school! You can see some samples in the classroom. They are fun to wear and not to mention great advertisements for our school!!!! The hoodies are great for the kids to wear during playtime at school to keep warm. The deadline to return your order form with payment is August 25th.