First Step Newsletter

SPECIAL NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

We are so happy to see so much growth in your child in just two weeks. The children are getting use to the class routine, and the parent anxiety separation for some of our students is much better. The children are truly happy with their friends and teachers.

Classroom schedules are posted in each classroom bulleting board. And any information that I find useful I will post in the Parent Bulleting board located in the hallway.

Cookie dough sales starts Tuesday Sept. 4th and will end on Wed. Sept. 19th. You will find a catalog and order forms in your child's box. We are asking for your support in the cookie dough fundraiser sale. It can be a head start for baking during the holidays coming up while you support the preschool. This is a fundraiser that has helped us a lot in the past. We appreciate anything you can do to help us.

T-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies will be ready to be picked up on Thursday and Friday the 6th and 7th. I hope you enjoy them!

Class and individual school pictures will be taken on Sept. 17th and 18th by Lifetouch.

We are inviting all of our families (we have 50 families all in different sessions) to join us on Thursday September 18th at 6:00 pm. Weather permitting, we will set up tables in the playground to put the dishes and we are asking that you bring one dish to share. Please bring a blanket to sit on, so you can enjoy a picnic with other families and get to know each other. You all are terrific families! I will have a sign up sheet on the parent table for you to sign up if you are planning to attend. Let's pray for no rain :)

I want to thank all of you for taking the time to fill out the surveys. We participate in an assessment of our program's quality by Qualistar Early Learning, a statewide organization working to insure that all children have access to high quality early learning experiences. We want to do the best job we can to provide your child/children with a safe, loving, environment that offers many opportunities for learning. The Qualistar Rating process will help us to accomplish this goal.

Please note that you can start volunteering any time now by just signing up on the volunteer sign-up paper.

God bless you,

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Reminders:

- ☺ **Cookie dough Sale starts on Sept. 4 ends on Sept.19th**
- ☺ **Preschool T-shirt/ sweatshirt will be ready to pick on Sept. 6th and 7th**
- ☺ **Class and individual school pictures will be taken on Sept. 17th and 18th**
- ☺ **Please wash your child's hand upon entrance to the classroom**
- ☺ **Mon. Sept. 10th and Tues. Sept. 11th: Room Mom orientation meeting**
- ☺ **Thursday Sept. 18: Preschool Pot luck Picnic**
- ☺ **Drop in for afternoon session is @ 12:25 p.m.**

THEMES:

- Weeks of 9/3: Family
- Week of 9/10: Senses
- Week of 9/17 & 9/24:

Dinosaurs

LETTER OF THE WEEK:

- Week of 9/3: C c
- Week of 9/10: T t
- Week of 9/17: A a
- Week of 9/24: B b

BIBLE VERSE:

- Week of 9/10-9/22:

"You are my King and my God" Psalm 44:14

- Week of 9/24 –10/19:

" God made the world and everything in it" Acts 17: 24

FRIDAY FUN!!!!

- Sign-up begins each Monday morning by phone or signing up at the parent table

Whales	2
All Stars	2

Bible verses corner

NEWS FROM WHALES

We did it! Congratulations to the Whales class we made it together to the 3rd week of school! We did Grace and Courtesy for the first one and a half weeks.

We have learned how to use the peace rose, how to walk around the rug, and how to raise our hands during circle time. In circle time we have been doing the pledge of allegiance, days of the week, months of the year and the seasons. On August the 27th we started our first letter of the week, the sound of the letter "s" and the number "1".Also the theme for the last week of August is all "about me" and the color for the week will be the color red.

The bible was sent home on the 27th and the 28th of August. The verse is "Be Kind to Everyone" 2 Timothy 2:24. Please learn and return to school by the 6th and 7th of September. We will all have treasure box on return.

Reminders:

- Please don't forget an ice pack in your child's lunch box.
- Please if you haven't done so yet don't forget our $5.00 treasure box donation.
- Show in Tell will be on the days Thursday and Friday.
- As the weather changes please don't forget a little jacket of sweatshirt for your child.
- Also at snack time if possibly please pack one healthy snack for you child, if more than snack your child is taking little bits and throwing the rest away so please think about that.

In the month of September our themes will be Family, Senses, and Dinosaurs. Our letters for this month will be "c" "t" "a" and "b" and our numbers will be "2" "3" "4" and "5".

God Bless you All,

Miss. Marva and Miss. Kim

NEWS FROM ALL STARS

What a great group of kids! We are enjoying getting to know them all. They are doing a great job learning the daily routines!

September will bring many fun activities and the start of cooler weather. Please be sure your child has a coat. Besides recess we will also do some outside projects.

We will be doing assessments this month too. During class time each child individually will go upstairs with their teacher and we will play some different games, and have them identify numbers and letters. We want to know what they come to school knowing to give us a better idea what we need to work on with each individual child during the school year. In April we repeat this and have parent/teacher conferences to discuss the results with you. Any time during the year, feel free to talk to use. Your insights and observations are invaluable to us.

Snacks and lunch…… snack should be one small healthy item and drink. If they have much more there isn't time to eat it, and that can be stressful for them. Please separate the snack and lunch if they are staying for both. Even if they know at home what is supposed to be snack, by the time they get here, it can be an event to try and pick what they want to eat now and what to save! Snack goes by the front door and lunch bags in the lunch tub on the floor in the block area! Thank you for your help with this!!

Blessings, Ms.Dana and Ms.Maeve

BIBLE VERSES CORNER

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." Isaiah 6:3

"Make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge." 2 Peter 1:5