



Play School Parent Meeting, Monday, September 12, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

PLEASE MAKE A NAME TAG...SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Welcome to parent night. Here are a few things that I may cover tonight.

History of Play School in relation to Mt. Hermon

Philosophy of Play School: view of play; developmental age; curriculum/Theme - "There's more to life than the Alphabet"

Car Seat Safety Talk: Do not leave any children in the car when you bring in your Play School child. We are required to report ... Try to help each other check in and also stay with sleeping children in the cars.

Assessments: We give a variety of assessments to the children to help us plan our program according to the needs. This is included in the Admission Agreement.

Typical Morning: 1st 10 min. a teacher will be greeting the children as they arrive. If you arrive after that, please feel free to bring your child in and find a teacher so they can connect. If you are late picking up your child, they will be waiting for you in the entrance on the couch. They can get anxious, so call if you know you will be late. See Admin. Agreement for late fees.

Newsletters and Important Communication: I use email for all communication. Watch for newsletters every couple of weeks. I will be posting these on the website and sending them out on emails. Let me know if you do not have access to email or the web so I can print you out a hard copy.

Discipline: We work on being very positive and redirecting inappropriate behavior, with emphasis on talking exercises with the children so that they can learn to work things out with their words. "Time with" instead of "time outs".

Children's health: if sick, keep home --- (Are any of your children allergic to any animals; bunnies, dogs, cats, or foods, etc.....???) Wash hands every morning as you come. No nuts or seeds at school except for sunflower seeds and sun butter. Note the 1st aid class on Wednesday at 12:30 to talk about what to do if... there is a fee.

Parent's visits & volunteering: We welcome volunteers...BUT...you must have a current TB skin test, record of Whooping Cough and Measles immunization, on file in the volunteer binder, plus 3 forms filled in before you stay at school. Check with Kahleen. At school you can help by taking pictures, helping with cooking, coming in on a holiday party to help with the food and crafts, plus other things we will ask for as the year goes on.

Parent help: You can help at home by doing prep, by collecting craft items, collecting leaves, gathering big boxes, buying and cutting up wood for projects, and other things from time to time.

Sign In & Sign Out each day. Very Important! Must sign or print so we can read your name.... **NO fancy signatures.** If late picking up your child, please call us. See the parent manual for the fee for being late to pick up your child. If you are late at noon, your child will be taken downstairs to participate in the activities in the stars and you will be expected to pay the \$15, **no matter what time you get here to pick up.** If you are late at 1pm, there is a fee per minute.

Say Good-bye at the door: Help us use the time we have with the children and get them in the habit of saying good-bye at the door, finding their own name tag, etc. (Policy about helping you separate from your child at the door)

*****Special Name Tag Activity*****

Dress: School clothes will get dirty and may get paint on them. Shoes with closed toes are best, and no shoe laces if possible, easy to run & jump in. Mark jackets and sweaters. We also will have children playing in the rain, so

rain boots and rain coats are important in the wet weather. We have a small collection of rain coats, and are working on collecting more.

Toys from Home: If your child brings in something from home, you and your child may never see it again. I prefer that they bring the item in and show it to a teacher and a few friends, then send it home with who ever brought them. If they do bring an item, it must be shared with anyone in the whole class during the playtime, and it must go to their cubby from clean-up time (about 10:15 AM) to pick-up time.

Cubbies: It is fun for your children to “have MAIL” so please let them collect the items in their cubby and bring it to you when you come to get them at the end of Play School.

Visiting Morning: This is important since it is where we take the cubby photo and a photo with you. This is NOT a morning to drop off your child, but one where you go to all the areas, the bathroom, downstairs, etc. with your child. To meet other parents and help your child meet the other children, find the bathrooms, find and say hi to all the teachers, etc. At the end of the morning we will close with a circle and small program with one of the teachers.

Phone List: great for connecting for play times and car pooling

Medical & Parents forms: all forms due by the visit days. Check with Kahleen if you have questions.

Birthdays: We will celebrate half birthdays for those with summer birthdays. OK to bring treats, think “not sticky, crumbly, too sweet”--Hummm? Cookies, fruit, jello...Remember, no nuts except sunflower seeds.

Lending Library: Please try to share your perspective of the book by writing a comment on the sheet when you sign it back in. We are always interested in books about play, so if you find one, please let us know. Thanks

Boys - Toys and needs: Rough and tumble area. Plus gun play. Any suggestions are welcome for additional boy toys.

Staffing according to Enrollment: MWF and TTh has a ‘stars’ class and will accept drop-in’s for \$15/day. If you are interested in having your child stay until 1pm, let Kahleen know in writing or in an email.

Please help us advertise: Facebook, Mount Hermon Play School, become a fan and invite families that you know. Take a couple of the business cards and share them. Put up fliers.

Parent Education: I have some blogs on the website about issues relating to children. Feel free to comment. I will host Parent Classes, Positive Discipline, on 2 Tuesdays a month. There will be sign-up sheets for this, since if no one signs up, I will stay home.

Scholarships: Due to no big fund raisers for the last few years, there really is no money for this. Thanks to the parents that worked on the “Festivals” there is a little money. Just a note About trips to Disney Land? Etc.

Cash payments: We accept cash, BUT... you need to hand your cash payment to a teacher and get a receipt right at that time. Do not put the cash in the basket. For your information it takes time for your checks to process from you to me, and me to the office, from the office to the bank.

Admission Agreement: This will be done at the visit day. I also need to sign each page, so you will need to do this with me at the visit day.

Festival in the Spring: We would appreciate help raising money for the Scholarship Fund. The last couple of years, we have had festivals. Please consider volunteering to help.

Donations to the Scholarship Fund: All tax deductible. Tell your families about this great opportunity to support families of preschool children and Play School.

Work Day: Not necessary but much appreciated. Please bring tools as in power drills, screws, We have tables down stairs that are falling apart and need new boards and new paint jobs. Lots of painting, fixing, repair, yard work, power washing, window washing, etc.

Donate to Children's Clothing Closet.