

## The Children's Academy 2008-2009 New Students

Welcome to The Children's Academy community. We on staff are pleased to have the privilege of working with you and your children. We realize that you, as parents, are especially sensitive to your own child's needs and that the decision to be part of The Children's Academy has been carefully weighed.

No education is sufficient unless the home is involved; the family is the primary source of love and guidance in the child's life. It is our goal to enrich your relationship with your child and to work with you as you plan for your child's future. Your close association with the school will benefit your child. Your child's growth and learning will be greatly enhanced if Montessori principles are carried through in the home. This necessitates an understanding of The Academy's philosophy and your trust in the teachers.

Knowledge precedes understanding. That is why the school stresses parent involvement; parent conferences, classroom observations, as well as active participation in our Parents Association. These provide the opportunity for you to get to know the philosophy and resulting curriculum, your child's work, the staff, and other families in our community.

All of the papers in our Handbook are important. However, several pages must be filled out and returned to us before school begins in September. Please do not misplace this Handbook. After you have read it, return the necessary forms, and keep it in a safe place for future reference.

We look forward to growing with you in understanding and trust to the benefit of our children.