

# The Children's Academy

## Newsletter

### 2011-2012

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We hope you had a great summer and are looking forward to the beginning of a new and exciting year at The Children's Academy. We would like to give you an update of coming events and school news that will be part of this year's Academy experience.

**FRIDAY FLYER** – The FLYER will be emailed to your home as well as available on our website every Friday morning. Should you wish to have a paper copy, please call our office. During the year there will be other pertinent information that will also be emailed. Please make sure we have your current email address. Paper flyers and forms that need to be sent home will be given to our students on Fridays. Remember to check the backpack!

**This newsletter is our first attempt to reach the parents of our 2011-2012 programs by email – if you did not receive this email please contact our office.**

**BEFORE AND AFTER CARE** - We will continue to offer our before and aftercare programs. The hourly fee is \$10. We hope this will help some of our families with their difficult schedules to continue a wonderful Montessori education at The Academy. Before care will be available from 7:50 to 8:50 A.M. and after care will be available from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. Prior arrangements are appreciated but not necessary. If you are planning to use our Before or Aftercare services on a daily basis, please contact the office.

**DROP-IN PROGRAM** – This program is available for all Academy students. A.M. and P.M. students are invited to spend a full day at school. Advance notice is not necessary. Pack your child's lunch and enclose the fee of \$40. The new fee has been adjusted to include all students. Little Room and Transitional students will need to bring a blanket and pillow for a rest period. This enables half day students to enjoy a full day Montessori curriculum.

**LITTLE ROOM LUNCH TIME ENRICHMENT PROGRAM** – Little Room students are invited to enjoy lunch with Mrs. Lombardi from 11:30 to 1:00 P.M. daily. The fee for this program is \$20 daily. **THIS PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE TO LITTLE ROOM STUDENTS ONLY.**

**AFTERNOON PROGRAMS** - Last year's afternoon programs were a great success. This year we are offering the following programs:

Monday – Spanish with Smiles

Tuesday – Creative Cooking

Wednesday – Dynamic Fit Kids

Thursday – Gecko Kids Computers

Friday – Front and Center Musical Theatre

All classes will be held from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. Packing a light lunch for your child is advisable. Morning students will be able to join the all day students from 11:30 to 12:00 for lunch. Attached are forms and detailed information on each program. Applications may also be down loaded from The Academy website.

The afternoon programs are a wonderful opportunity for enriching your child's school experience. This also alleviates the stress of extra scheduling and transporting your child to other locations, while allowing them to participate in quality extra curricular classes.

**IN SCHOOL PROGRAMS** – The Children's Academy hosts only one in school program. **MUSIC PRELUDES** is a wonderful in depth music class. A demonstration class will be held for all students prior to the beginning of the program. This will be a great opportunity for every student to experience and enjoy! Information about Music Preludes is attached to this newsletter. The first class is scheduled to begin September 28, 2011. This program runs the entire length of the school year.

**SNACK** - The Children's Academy provides snack for all students. However, children often enjoy sharing snacks from home with fellow classmates. Healthy snacks are always encouraged. Suggestions include: fruit, crackers, cheese and vegetables. Personal snack boxes are provided to those students with specific food allergies. The boxes enable parents to provide individual snacks for their own child.

**MINI CAMP** – Mrs. Tschopp, Mrs. Sarno, and Madam Fry welcomed alumni, Miss Olivia Cancro to The Academy mini camp staff. Miss Olivia, alumni Class of 1995, was a terrific assistant to Mrs. Tschopp. Her artistic abilities were a great addition to the program. We enjoyed having her and hope that she will be able to return in the future.

**FUNDRAISERS AND DONATIONS** – We are happy to report that our Graduation fundraiser total was \$980. The raffle amount was \$324 and the tea towels raised \$656. This enables an Academy family to continue their child's Montessori education. A special thank you to PACA and our parents. We have received funds totaling \$1000. The monies were raised by The Class of 2011 PACA surplus. We would also like to thank The McCormack family, The Graziano family, and The Nelson family for their generous gift certificate from The Montessori Services Catalog. All funds will be used to purchase practical life, cultural and language materials to further enhance the classroom environment for all of the children.

**ACADEMY TEE SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS** - Think ahead! Tee shirts and sweatshirts sporting The Children's Academy name and logo are available. Order forms are enclosed. These shirts will help to identify your children during school outings, so catch The Academy spirit! Proceeds will be used to purchase materials for the classrooms!

**SCHOLASTIC BOOKS** - Get your children excited about reading and help our school library to continue to grow. Every Friday look forward to book order pamphlets. Orders take approximately two weeks.

**TRANSPORTATION** - Carpooling can often be a concern for some of our parents. To alleviate this stress, we are enclosing information from Vantastic Shuttle, a transportation service used by many students at The Academy. We do not employ Vantastic Shuttle, however, we do recommend their service. We have had a relationship with them for many years and are impressed with their caring, responsible and professional drivers/owners.

**LITTLE ROOM NEWS** - Mrs. Lombardi, Little Room Head Teacher and Mrs. Simmons, the assistant, will be providing a nurturing and caring atmosphere for their new students. For many, school will be a first experience away from home. Mrs. Lombardi and Mrs. Simmons will be helping them gain a strong sense of independence, confidence and sensitivity.

Our All Day drop-in program will again be available for our Little Room students as well as our nurturing Little Room lunch program.

**TRANSITIONAL ROOM UPDATE** - Mrs. Tschopp, Head Teacher and Mrs. Errante, Assistant Teacher are eagerly awaiting the new school year. We would like to welcome back Mrs. Lynne Errante. She has been with The Academy family as a teacher in our Little Room and Transitional Room as well as a substitute for many years. We are happy to have her with us again in The Transitional Room. She is an excellent teacher!

A stimulating and creative curriculum will be implemented for students, enabling them to have a year filled with both academic and social growth. A variety of new sensorial materials are being provided this year to help encourage a love for learning.

**BIG ROOM NEWS** - Mrs. Gerst, Ms. Dixon, Mrs. Sarno and Mrs. Smith will all be teaching in the Big Room for the 11-12 school year. They are happy to be working together for the fifth consecutive year. Challenging projects, ideas, and goals for both new and returning students will be the priority. The teachers plan to introduce a terrific, unique and individual Montessori environment for your children!

**PACA UPDATES** -In order to make each and every event a success, parental help is a necessity. Through our Parent Association, you can be an active volunteer who makes a meaningful difference in your child's education. If you have not done so already, please consider volunteering for one of our committees. Look for our PACA updates on PINK paper and our website.

**Please remember tuition payments are due September 1<sup>st</sup>. Please be prompt to avoid late fee.**

**\*\*\*\*\*Upcoming Events.....**

**Friday – September 9<sup>th</sup> – Orientation - Big Room students – 9:00 to 11:30**  
**Transitional Room students – 9:00 to 11:30**  
**Little Room 2 day students – 9:00 to 10:30**  
**Little Room 5 day students – 9:00 to 10:30**  
**Little Room 3 day students – 11:00 to 12:30**

**ORIENTATION IS FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED ANY OF OUR PROGRAMS.**

**Monday – September 12<sup>th</sup> – First Day of School – All students**  
**Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> – Welcoming Tea 10:00 AM**  
**Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> – Camp Riverbend Field Trip**  
**Monday & Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> – School Photo Days**  
**Tuesday and Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> – Grandparents Day/Book Fair**

**ALL APPLICATIONS AND FORMS MENTIONED IN THIS EMAIL WILL BE POSTED TO YOU BY MAIL WITHIN A WEEK. If you do not receive the email or mailed copies, please call The Academy.**

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