

The Children's Academy

2010-2011

Newsletter

We are looking forward to a new and challenging year ahead for our students and hope that all of our families had a wonderful and relaxing summer!

We would like to take this opportunity to update you 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 Friday. Remember to check the backpack! **This newsletter is our first attempt to reach our parents of the class of 2010 - 2011. If you did not receive this email please contact the office.**

BEFORE AND AFTER CARE – We will be continuing to offer our before and aftercare programs at the lower hourly fee of \$10 per hour. 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. We hope this will be a helpful service.

DROP-IN PROGRAM – This program is available for all Children's 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 \$35 for Big Room students and \$45 for Transitional and Little Room students. This enables half day students to enjoy a full day Montessori curriculum from 9A.M. to 3 P.M. . (Transitional Room and Little Room students must also bring a blanket for rest time.)

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. Please check our website for further information. **THIS PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE TO LITTLE ROOM STUDENTS ONLY.**

FUNDRAISERS AND DONATIONS – A special Thank You to PACA and our parents. We have received funds totaling \$2132. The monies were raised by The Class of 2009 PACA surplus, the 2010 book fair, the PACA Christmas gift, Mrs. Smith's Christmas gift, Parent's Night Out and private donations.

We are proud to announce a new look for our Transitional Room! The proceeds from the fundraisers have enabled The Children's Academy to replace the flooring, add new cubbies, replace shelving and add closets. A great new look!!

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS – The Academy will be offering four programs this year. Creative Cooking will be held on Tuesdays, Dynamic Fit Kids on Wednesdays, Gecko Kids Computers on Thursdays and Spanish with Smiles on Fridays.

Gecko Kids has been able to reduce their fees due to a less costly program they have purchased. The quality and teachers remain the same.

The programs will be available for eight week sessions starting in October. They will run consecutively from fall and winter to spring sessions. Discounts are available for those who choose to sign up for the three consecutive sessions.

All classes will be from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. The Academy will host space for lunch from 11:30 to 12:00 for your child if they are attending one of the above programs.

Forms will be mailed to you with this mailing and they may also be downloaded from The Academy website (www.childrensacademy.net).

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 our 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 29, 2010. This program runs the entire length of the school year.

ACADEMY TEE SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS – Think Ahead! Tee shirts and sweatshirts for adults and children are available for purchase. The Academy clothing will help to identify your children during our class trips. We hope you will support THE ACADEMY SPIRIT!! Proceeds will be used to purchase materials for the classrooms!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS – Get your children excited about reading and help our school library continue to grow. Every Friday look forward to book order pamphlets. Orders take approximately 10 days. The children will have an opportunity throughout the year to choose new books from the pamphlets with points gained from your purchases.

LITTLE ROOM NEWS – Mrs. Lombardi, the Little Room Head Teacher and Mrs. Simmons, our Little Room Assistant are excited to begin the Little Room Program with a nurturing and caring environment. The shape of the month for September will be the “circle” and the color will be “orange”.

For many, school will be a first experience away from home. The teachers will be helping them gain a strong sense of independence, confidence and sensitivity.

TRANSITIONAL ROOM UPDATE - Mrs. Tschopp has become acquainted with many of her students during mini camp and is excitedly preparing this year’s curriculum.

With the assistance of Mrs. Bottiglieri, they will be providing a stimulating and creative Montessori experience for their students.

The class will begin with the sound of the week “c” as in cat and the exciting time line will start it’s journey around the classroom.

BIG ROOM ANNOUNCEMENTS - Mrs. Gerst will be providing materials in the Practical Life area that foster independence and motor skills and Mrs. Sarno will strengthen the senses, while Mrs Smith and Ms. Dixon begin the Montessori foundations in the Math and Language areas that create a stimulating environment for learning.

Language and Cultural materials will be shown on Mondays and our first sound of the week will be “c” as in camp. Tuesdays will begin the journey into the French language as well as the observation of new practical life materials. On Wednesday and Thursday, sensorial and math materials will be shown as well science experiments and a social studies curriculum which follows the calendar. The children will end the week with show and tell and our special book reports!

The teachers are looking forward to working with the children in September!

PACA UPDATES – PACA needs your support to continue to make each and every event a success. Parental help is necessary. Through the Parent Association of Children’s Academy, you can be an active volunteer who makes a meaningful difference in you child’s education. If you have not done so already, please consider volunteering for one of our committees. Look for our PACA updates to be emailed..

Mark your calendar! The Welcoming Tea will be held Wednesday, September 22nd at 10:00 at The Academy.

Please remember tuition payments are due September 1st. Please be prompt to avoid late fees.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY – September 10th – Orientation – Big room students – 9:30 to 11:00
Transitional room students – 9:30 to 11:00
Little room 5 day students - 9:00 to 10:30
Little room 2 day students – 9:00 to 10:30
Little room 3 day students - 11:00 to 12:30

MONDAY- September 13th – First Day of School for ALL STUDENTS

WEDNESDAY – September 22nd – Welcoming Tea (10:00 A.M.)

FRIDAY – October 1st – Camp Riverbend Field Trip (All students are invited)

MONDAY & TUESDAY – October 25th and 26th School Photo Days

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY – November 2nd & 3rd – 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 MAILED COPY, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 973 – 379 – 3524.

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