

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2009 NEWS

Lots of exciting activities will be happening at the preschool these next two months.

SING-ALONG:

Our annual Judson Preschool Sing-along will be over 3 days this year. I am in need of some parents to help with set up and clean up for both the morning and afternoon. I will be placing a sign up sheet by my door in the near future. The Sing-along will be held in the Fellowship hall in the lower level. We have had this event in many spaces over the past years. This is a comfortable, low key gathering where siblings and parents can sit and enjoy singing with their children.

There will be a food sign up sheet in each classroom.

Morning Schedule:

The morning sing-along will begin at 11:00, we encourage everyone to come at 10:45 and go directly to the Fellowship Hall. When the children are done singing please join them for punch, fruit and cheese, coffee, and **NUT FREE** cookies.

Tuesday the 15th of Dec. the blue room *morning* class will sing at 11:00AM

Wednesday the 16th of Dec. the yellow room *morning* class will sing at 11:00 AM

Thursday the 17th of Dec. the green room *morning* class will sing at 11:00 AM

Afternoon Schedule:

The afternoon singalong will start at 2:30 and we encourage people to come at 2:15 and go directly to the Fellowship Hall. When the children are done singing we encourage you to join the children for **NUT-FREE** cookies, cheese and fruit, coffee and punch.

Tuesday the 15th of Dec. the blue room *afternoon* class will sing at 2:30 PM

Wednesday the 16th of Dec. the yellow room *afternoon* class will sing at 2:30 PM

Thursday the 17th of Dec. the green room *afternoon* class will sing at 2:30 PM

When you are ready to leave the Fellowship Hall we ask that you and your child go back to the classroom and collect their backpacks and sign your child out. Licensing requires us to have the children signed in and out each day.

BREAKS REMINDER:

Thanksgiving break: No school on Nov. 24, 25 and 26th.

Winter break: The week of Dec. 21st & Dec. 28th

We will be back at school after winter break on Tuesday the 5th of Jan. 2010.

STATEMENTS:

Currently you will find your statements in your mail slots. Please pay your Dec. tuition by Nov. 19, 2009 so it will be reflected on your next statement.

SNOW PANTS DANCE:

When the temperature outside starts dropping it is time once again to remember to have your children wear their snow pants or place them in the backpack. **When in doubt always put them in the backpack.** Our goal is to go outside and enjoy the playground unless the temperature is less than 10 degrees or the wind-chill is less than zero. We also will not go out if the playground is too wet or icy. **The number I call to find out the temperature and the wind chill is #763-512-1111; the Weather line.** I would encourage you to call this number also, so we are all getting the same information. This can be especially tricky in the morning when the temperature and the wind chill are changing rapidly. Sometimes we are in the monkey room if we are in need of observing a specific large motor skill for conferences. Please label all your winter clothing and backpacks to help if they are lost.

NEXT SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION:

On Tuesday the 1st of December 2009, you will find the registration form for the 2010/2011 school year in your mail. **If your child will be returning to Judson Preschool next school year we ask that you complete and return this form along with the \$50 registration form to me by Dec. 17, 2009 by 4:00 pm. There will be a pocket on my door marked 2010/2011 registration forms. Please place the forms in that pocket so it will not get lost. This is also the time to turn in siblings' registration form for next school year.** I will first enroll the children currently attending Judson and then I enroll the siblings. **These will be accepted in the order they are received.** **The Sept. 2010 tuition will not be due till May 2010.**

This year we are asking all parents to please fill out the registration form completely. This is the form we use to complete the roster in August. Your attention to detail now can really help us complete the roster with out so many revisions in 2010.

The month of January we will be enrolling *returning* Judson families and Judson church members. If you know of any returning Judson families that might be thinking about preschool next school year please ask them to call me. Word of mouth advertising and happy parents and children are the best advertising any preschool can have. Because our Judson parents are so involved in their children's preschool we give them priority in the enrollment process.

If you know of a friend interested in Judson Preschool, please ask them to call me. They can come in for a tour and receive the lottery information that needs to be mailed to me in the month of Jan. 2010 in order to be included in our lottery drawing for the 2010/2011 school year.

You will be notified in the month of January of the session you have been enrolled in or the session that you are on the wait list for. I do not make the final decision on which classroom children will be enrolled in until late August. This allows time for feedback from the lead teachers resulting in a smooth transition for the children.

AUCTION:

I am so excited that many parents are volunteering to participate in our annual auction. It is this constant excitement of parents coming together to support their much loved preschool that keeps me loving my job as your director. Your hard work will ensure that Judson Preschool will be here for children and families for many years to come. I believe that volunteering in your community and role modeling good community building skills for your children is very important.

DONATIONS:

During the holiday time I have a number of parents asking me what they could donate to the school. Sometimes a group of parents make a donation in honor of their families.

Here are some ideas:

- a new push broom for the playground
- 5 oz. (not 3oz) paper cups, napkins or paper towels
- check the “wish board” above the mail slots
- donate a book to your child’s class in your child’s honor

CALL:

If your child is out ill you need to call the preschool at #612-822-0915 **even if you email your classroom teacher**. We are required by licensing to post infectious diseases at the preschool. Thank you for your support with this issue, if I do not answer please leave a message.

DISMISSAL:

Dismissal can be a very crazy time at the preschool. If you have someone new coming to pick up your child please make sure they are on your authorization to release form and make sure they sign your child out and they tell the lead teacher who they are before they leave the classroom with your child or children. Sometimes the pick up person will need to wait until the lead teacher is done talking with another parent but it is important that they talk with the teacher. Please remind your children that they are not to leave the classroom until you sign them out and leave the classroom with them. We also want the children not go out of the gate on the playground unless a parent is with them for safety reasons. With the holiday time approaching the excitement level can grow and dismissal time can even be more exciting. Thank you for your help with this transition.

After winter break we ask for “recycled holiday tree donations” on the playground. Smaller trees seem to work better for co-operative play but we have sawed trees in half before. We love to watch the children work together to carry the trees around the playground and all the great play work that happens with the trees and the snow.

I believe that if you make a difference in one child’s life you have changed the world and here at Judson Preschool we are changing the world every day!

Warmly,