

## **Tree Town Newsletter - Sept/Oct. 2011**

Welcome to our first edition of the Tree Town Newsletter. We hope you are getting settled into a routine and enjoying your class. Our newsletter is e-mailed once per month and posted on your class bulletin board. It gives you an idea of what's going on at school, things to talk about with your child, and future events and dates to plan for.

### **Curriculum**

Our staff and students are settling in like pros. We will be talking about many topics and concepts over the next few weeks. Those subjects include: Nursery Rhymes, Shapes, Autumn, Apples, Pumpkins, Real and Pretend.

### **Class Get Together**

Participation chairperson for each class will be arranging a time for their families to get together. This is a social opportunity for parents to become better acquainted, instead of only at drop-off and pick-up times.

### **Tuition**

Just a reminder....

Tuition is due Monday, October 3rd. Please drop in the gray tuition box at school which is in the staff room or mail to:

**Meredith Vogel  
481 E. Adams  
Elmhurst, IL 60126**

If you have questions or need to make special arrangements please contact Meredith at (773) 230-4019 or [Meredith.vogel@us.gt.com](mailto:Meredith.vogel@us.gt.com) prior to October 3, 2011. Please remember there is a \$20 late fee for any payment 1-7 days late and a \$50 late fee for payments made after seven days.

### **Tuition Amounts**

2's class - \$367

2 day per week 3's - \$509

2 day per week 3's - \$609 (Flexible Helping)

3 day per week 4's - \$680

3 day per week 4's - \$834 (Flexible Helping)

### **Learning Corner**

Our 3's and 4's classes will be talking a great deal about the changes that occur during the fall. Science, Math and Language Arts are incorporated in this unit; as they are with all our units. During our fall walk, 3's and 4's will talk about the changes they see in nature (leaves changing, birds flying south, squirrels storing food, etc). After our walk, the students will count, examine and sort the leaves, acorns and other treasures they gathered. Our 4's will write sentences to go along with pictures their teacher took during this experience.

### **School Pictures**

Individual and class pictures will be taken on Tuesday, October 18th and Wednesday, October 19th. Pictures will be taken on a pre-pay basis with satisfaction guaranteed through a money back refund. If you wish to have your child individually photographed, we must have the picture envelope returned before the picture can be taken. Candy Lezak, an alumni parent, is once again taking our pictures. Tree Town gets 10% of every picture order.

### **Directory**

Revised class lists and committee lists will be included in our phone directory, which will be printed soon.

### **Innisbrook Orders**

Our Innisbrook Sale is extended through next Monday, October 3rd. This is Tree Town's biggest fund raiser of the year!

### **Door Locking**

We lock the doors by 9:00 AM Monday, Thursday, and Friday. The 2's class locks the doors between 9:15 AM on Tuesday and Wednesday. You may enter through the church office after doors are locked. We unlock the doors approximately 5-10 minutes before the end of class.

### **Class Bulletin Board**

Please remember to sign your child out and any children in your car pool at the attendance sheet on your class bulletin board. Please note the day's activities are posted there, too, along with any special information pertaining to your class. You will also find the helper schedule posted.

### **Snacks**

Our snack each day must include one carbohydrate (ie cracker, bread, etc.) and one fresh fruit or vegetable. Please remember all our snacks must be pre-packaged products. All fresh fruit and vegetables must be washed and prepared at Tree Town. Tree Town is an Allergy Aware Zone. We cannot allow any peanut products. There are children here with severe peanut allergies. We also cannot have grapes or popcorn; since they are choking hazards. If you have questions about snack or need snack ideas, please let your teacher know.

### **Change of Clothes**

Accidents happen. Please provide your child with a change of clothes in his/her backpack. Please put the clothing in a large zip-lock bag so it is easy for us to grab.

### **Emergency Parent Helpers**

There is an Emergency Parent Helper for each class. These parents have agreed to be available in an emergency situation when a switch with another parent is unable to be made. The fee for the substitute is \$20. Look in your class directory for the emergency parent helper for your class. The \$20 fee is paid directly to the helper. The originally scheduled helper is still responsible for snack or water that day.

### **Halloween**

Our three and four year olds will have a chance to wear their costume to Tree Town on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. We will have a piñata and some fun Halloween Games. Parents are welcome to stay during the first half hour to take pictures and see everyone show their costume and tell all about it.

### **Separation**

If your child cries during the first few weeks of school, don't be concerned, this is normal. Children experience anxiety during new situations. Once children get adjusted to their routine, it will subside. It helps to have a good-bye ritual for both you and your child. You can read a book together, say a silly good-bye rhyme or just wash hands together. You and your child will know it is time for you to go and for them to start school. If you have any concerns, please talk to your teacher.

### **Spanish Class for 4's**

Tree Town will once again be offering "Spanish for Tots". The class is available from 11:00-11:30 on Fridays. It will run for eleven weeks and is taught by Martha Mendoza. Mrs. Mendoza is the Director of Christian Education at First Congregational Church and started the Spanish for Tots program. Mrs. Mendoza is working in conjunction with a District 205 Spanish instructor to develop our program. The cost for an eleven week session is \$80. Please make checks payable to Tree Town.

### **Math Monsters and Mad Scientists**

Mrs. Sutherland and Mrs. Mitchell will be offering a Math and Science Enrichment Class for our current 4's class and current kindergarteners. We will be reinforcing Math Concepts, studying nature, and doing some spooky experiments. The class will be held on Thursday afternoons from 12:30 - 2:30 PM. We will start October 13<sup>th</sup> and run for 5 weeks. The cost is \$125. We will need at least 8 children and will take no more than 16. The enrollment form will be coming soon.

**Tree Town Family Night**

Be sure to join your Tree Town friends at Pazzi di Pizza on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Just mention you are with Tree Town when you place your order for dine-in, carry-out or delivery. Pazzi di Pizza will donate a portion of the proceeds to Tree Town. Seating is limited, but parties of six or more may call ahead to reserve a table.

**Scholastic Book Orders**

Look for the latest Scholastic book offerings in your child's backpack. They are affordable and earn free books for our school! Orders are due Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Would you be interested in going paperless with Scholastic? Please be sure to give your feedback to Brooke Novy (Bdian06@hotmail.com)

## Tree Town Calendar

- Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Tuition Due
- Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Pazza di Pizza Night for Tree Town
- Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> – Fire Drill (No Alarm)
- Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> – Fire Drill (No Alarm)
- Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL Institute Day
- Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL- Columbus Day
- Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> – Scholastic Book Orders Due
- Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> – Picture Day 3's
- Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> – Picture Day 4's
- Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting
- Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Party 3's
- Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween Party 4's
- Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> – Karen Ritter – Nature Presentation 3's – Animal Coverings
- Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – Karen Ritter – Nature Presentation 4's – Rocks
- Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> – Harvest Open House – 4's
- Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> – Harvest Open House – 3's
- Nov 14<sup>th</sup> – Health Dept. Presentation "Moody Me" – 4's
- Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Feast 3's
- Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Feast 4's
- Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> – Tree Town Board Meeting