



TWO'S NEWS

September/October 2011

Arrival

Upon arrival, adults should take their shoes off in the hallway and leave them on the runner outside the classroom door. Children will come into the room and sit on the bench under their picture to take their shoes off. Shoes may then be placed on the bottom shelf of the bench. Please help your child to wash their hands before you depart. Paper towel is disposed of in the wastebasket outside the bathroom door.

Dismissal

When waiting for your child, at the end of the day, please wait in the stairway. If you wish to join the class on a day that you are not signed up to help, you are always welcome, even if it is for only part of the day. When leaving, please sign out your child and any other children in your car pool.

Skills Development

We are working on pouring water from a small pitcher when we serve ourselves water during snack. The children love the independence of doing it themselves. You can reinforce this at home by putting aside the sippy cup and having your child start drinking out of a regular cup, if you have not done so already. We also encourage the use of "yes please", or "no thank you", when a child is offered a snack.

Also, it is helpful when potty training, not to have your child wear belts or clothing that is difficult to remove. Please let us know when you start potty training so that we might support your efforts.

Halloween

October is time for adjusting to our teachers, new friends and new classroom; we will not be dressing for Halloween at school in our two-year old class. Over the next few weeks we will be introducing easel painting, shaving cream, marble painting and chalk drawing.

Email

We are attempting to do most communication via e-mail. If you find you are not receiving information, please check that we have the correct e-mail address. Most information e-mailed will also be posted on our class bulletin board.

Snacks

As much as we enjoy home baked snacks, our standards dictate that all snacks must be pre-packaged. If you bring fresh produce, it must be washed and prepared in school. Please remember when choosing snacks for Tree Town, we are an "Allergy Aware" center. We do have some children with severe allergies enrolled in our school.

Runny Noses

Can you imagine keeping track of several runny noses in a classroom? Please keep your child home if he/she is not feeling well and has a bad cold so that they might get the rest they need. It will help other children stay free from illness.

Tuition

Tuition is due Monday, October 3rd regardless of whether your child has a class that day. Please drop in the gray tuition box at school or mail to:

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

Tuition checks may also be deposited in the tuition lock box in the school office. If you have any questions, call **Meredith at (773) 230-4019 or Meredith.vogel@us.gt.com**. Please remember there is a late **fee of \$20.00 for any payment made 1-7days after the due date, and a \$50.00 late fee for payments made after 7 days**. If you need to make arrangements for an alternative payment schedule you must contact Meredith prior to October 3, 2011.

Tuition Amount Due
1-day per week, 2's class, is \$ 367

Innisbrook Wrapping Paper Orders

Thank you to all who have already placed an order. The sale has been extended through October 3rd. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year; so get those orders in!

Directory

Revised class lists and committee lists will be included in the directory, which will be going to print soon.

Separation

If your child cries during the first few weeks of school, please do not be concerned. It is considered normal for a child to experience some anxiety when separating from their family in a new situation. Once our children become accustomed to the routine, and the other children in their class, their anxiety will subside. Please keep in mind that since they do not come every day this process can take a few weeks.

Long good-byes can make the separation process more difficult. When you leave tell your child you are leaving and that you will return after school is over. A kiss and hug before you leave to reassure your child is a nice way to part. Your child may cry, but in most cases it is only for a few minutes. Your teacher will work with you if you still have concerns. Don't be surprised that once everyone is settled into our routine, that after a few days off, we may see some tears again even from a child who has not previously indicated any anxiety.