

## MORSE PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER



### CURRICULUM

After what felt like a VERY long winter, we have been enjoying this spring weather as much as possible. We have started exploring our community and different neighborhood parks again getting ready for our summer strolls! With spring came a lot of science exploration both inside and outdoors. This spring we have been focusing a lot of energy in creating with "Beautiful Stuff." Each week the children had opportunities to create 3D art with recycled and collected materials from home. This unit allowed for not only a lot of artistic creativity, but language exploration, sorting, and categorizing. We even turned our classroom into a sculpture gallery (after visiting the deCordova sculpture park), and had a walking tour of each child's creation.





With spring also comes a beautiful change in the seasons! We have been exploring seeds in various ways. We experimented growing seeds in bags by varying the elements in each bag (ie: water, soil, light, etc.) to see which bag(s) would grow. We also planted "friendship flowers" with a partner! We began spring exploring sounds which has culminated in the creation of our own instruments. We will unveil our instruments, as well as a play of our group written story, in June during our spring concert! The children have been working hard on their story, and are looking forward to acting it out for our families! We can't believe we are almost in June and are looking forward to a great summer before many of our friends go on to JK and K!!

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### SPRING CONCERT:

The big event is fast approaching. Our evening of entertainment will begin with a dinner in the cafeteria from 5:00 to 6:00. This will give us plenty of time to enjoy delicious food and conversation.

At 6:00 families will move to the auditorium and the performance will begin at 6:15.



### GRADUATION:

We are very excited to have our annual celebration of our children who are moving on to JK/K, and the children who will be staying with us for another year.

Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Big Night.

We will have a Pot Luck Dinner. More info to come!

## PROGRAM UPDATES

### A.M. DROP-OFF

- Drop off time is 8:00 to 9:30. We serve breakfast from 8:45 to 9:15. Earlier arrival also gives your child more time to come into school and get acclimated before we move on to structured activities.

### P.M. PICK-UP

- We ask parents to pick up their child no later than 5:55 - five full minutes before the program's closing time. This allows families adequate time to complete the pick-up process and allow staff to leave on time.
- Most afternoons we will be outside in the courtyard for pick-up or in the gym if it is raining. I am suggesting that when you arrive to pick-up your child you get their belongings from inside. Often the children want to play and you want to give them that time, which can be a wonderful time to watch them and enjoy their abilities. Then it comes time to leave and it is hard to get them to go in and get their things.

- Once you have entered the playground to pick-up your child it can be tricky to know who is responsible for your child, you or the teachers. We are asking you to assist the teachers by taking responsibility of your child so that they can take care of the children who have not been picked up yet. We are also asking you to support the teachers by having your child continue to follow school rules. If you have any questions regarding these rules the teachers would be happy to answer your questions.





## Summer Reminders!!



- All shoes need to have closed toe and at least a strap in the back. Please sunscreen your children before arrival or before you leave in the morning. Teachers will reapply after naptime. Please make sure your children have extra clothes that are weather appropriate and check sizes. I know that sounds crazy, but your children have grown exponentially over the last several months!
- Please, label, label, label.

Many of the children have the same water shoes and bathing suits and we do not know what belongs to whom, or sizes. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!!

- Your teachers will let you know when the children are going in the water. When this time comes please have them dressed in their bathing suits before you leave.

### PRESCHOOL CLOSING DATES

Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup> in observance of Independence Day (July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Saturday this year)

Dates for Closure in August and September to be determined. We will let you know as soon as possible.