

Rainbow School – Mililani

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to all the new families who have joined Rainbow School-Mililani this month! Many children have made the transition from being at home or at a babysitter into a preschool setting with little or no difficulty. There will be many adjustments for the new students as they say “goodbye” to their parents, meet new friends and learn new routines at school. Can you imagine being 3 or 4 years old with so much to absorb all at once? The teachers have been so excited to meet and get to know the new children and their parents. And at same time the children have been excited to meet their new friends and new teachers.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parent Orientation in June. If you did not attend, you will be informed of information missed in monthly newsletters as the year progresses.

Reminder: tuition increases go into effect this month. New rates are: \$575 for the 2:30 program and \$625 for the 5:30 program. If your child is in pull-ups, add \$25. You may choose to pay by credit, debit or EBT cards, by check or cashier’s checks. Or you may choose to have tuition charged automatically each month. See Mrs. Lantias to fill out the form. No cash, please. If you need a receipt (your cancelled check is your receipt in most cases), please let Mrs. Lantias know in advance or upon payment. If Mrs. Lantias is busy with another parent or with the children, she will put your receipt in your parent pocket by the end of the day.

Our “**Understandings**” for this month will be “**Indoor Safety**”, “**Outdoor Safety**”, “**Self/Others -I’m Special, You’re Special**”, “**Manners**” and “**Friends**”. **Gymnastics** is an extra curricular activity available on Tuesdays for a monthly fee. Look for a flier in your parent pocket.

We pray for a speedy recovery for Miss Pat, who had Gastric By-Pass Surgery and hernia repair last week. She will be recuperating for the next two months at home.

Zippy's Chili Fundraiser

The fundraiser for Rainbow School this year will be **Zippy's Benefit Chili**. The money raised will be used to pay off the balance of what we owe for the geo climber and crawl tube that was recently installed. We will begin this fundraiser next month. An informational letter will accompany the tickets with more details and dates. Each family will be given 20 tickets to sell. You may ask for more tickets in increments of 10 after you turn in the money for the first tickets. \$50 will be awarded to the top seller. Selling price for each ticket will be \$5, with a profit of \$2.25 for each ticket sold. Each ticket can be exchanged for 1-½ pounds of regular or vegetarian chili and may be redeemed at 23 Zippy's locations, most of which are open 24 hours. It freezes well, too. We appreciate all your time and effort in making this a successful fundraiser. **MAHALO!**

A Few Reminders

*We will ask for donations of recyclables such as tofu containers, toilet paper rolls, egg cartons, meat trays, paper, etc. as we need them throughout the year.

*Please remember to take home your child's "blankies" on Fridays to wash and return on Mondays.

*Check your child's cubby daily for soiled or wet clothes. Make sure your child always has a clean change of extra clothes in his/her cubby for emergencies and a sweater or jacket for cold and windy days.

*Sign up for a book bag for the weekend. A storybook, an animal and a journal book accompany each bag and will be ready to take home each Friday. Your child should draw a picture in the journal relating to the story or about his/her weekend with the animal, and you (the parent) should write your child's "words" in the journal to be shared with your child's class on Monday morning. This is another opportunity to expand your child's language and reading development.

*Do not park along the curb when dropping off and picking up your child, as this causes traffic problems with buses and cars. We share the parking lot with Kamaaina Kid's before and after school program.

*Parents, when you come to pick up your child and you sign your child out, please understand that Rainbow School is not responsible for your child while you are present.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 18, Fri. Admissions Day – No School

August 28, Mon. Teddy Bear Portraits for 3 yr olds

August 29, Tues. Teddy Bear Portraits for 4 yr olds

September 4, Mon. Labor Day – No School

Aloha,

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