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AUGUST 2009 NEWSLETTER

AUGUST THEME

The theme for August will focus on your child. Your child will be engaged in learning about what he/she likes and dislikes. The children will be discovering his/her physical and emotional aspects and sharing these discoveries with their peers. The teachers will have many different activities that will focus on the child as a whole. Each class will provide a lesson plan each week to inform you the activities that are planned.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 3 – Parent Orientation Day 8:00-10:00 am. Parents will meet the entire staff and learn about the goals and expectations of the new school year. Parents are required to turn in the important forms included in their packets to update your child’s file.

August 4 – First day of school.

August 17– School is closed in observance of Admissions Day.



Mrs. Tasha Murashige leads the **Happy Honu** class and will be assisted by Ms. Marie Unutoa. They both look forward to working with the “happy” two year olds. Tasha and Marie have lots of fun activities and tender loving care, stored for their Happy Honu.

Ms. Michaella Landry is the teacher in the **Magnificent Mo’o** class and will be assisted by Ms. May Lani Kamauoha. They look forward to working together as a team bringing lots new ideas, activities and joy into their class.

Ms. Sarah Desuacido, Center Director and Teacher, will lead the **Helpful He’e**. She will be assisted by Mrs. Glenda Johnson. Sarah, and Glenda look forward to working with the children and creating a fun and exciting new school year for the He’e.

Ms. Tiana Caravallo is currently on maternity leave. When she returns, she will be helping out in the Helpful He’e class.

Ms. Tina Ramie is our substitute Aide who will be assisting and helping in all of the classrooms for the month of August. She is currently attending Chaminade University.

Mrs. Rhiannon Guevara will be our part time Afternoon Teacher from August – October. She will be transitioning towards working full time and becoming the co-teacher in the Helpful He’e class.

Ms. Cynthia Fallis is our part time aide. She works in the afternoon and helps all of the classes.



STRATEGIES FOR A SUCCESSFUL FIRST DAY OF PRESCHOOL

(From Teaching Strategies article: A Successful First Day of Preschool, April 1999)

It's time for your child to start preschool or elementary school and you're worried about how the moment of separation will go. Will your child cry or fuss, or hang on to your leg, not wanting to let go? What about you? Will you be enthusiastic about this next step or close to tears? What's the best way to handle all these conflicting emotions? You want your child to be excited and eager to go and have a successful start, but you are realistic about the possibility that separation will be difficult.

First, be aware that it is normal for many young children to cry when they have to separate from you and try a new experience away from the familiar. Most preschools are prepared for this and have a process for working this out. But, be prepared, it may take some time. Sometimes, your child may be fine until other children start crying. Usually the crying ends after a few weeks.

Is there something you can do to make this important transition easier for you and your child? Of course. While there are no guarantees that everything will go smoothly, that you and your child won't cry, there are many things you can do together to prepare for these first days of school, no matter what your child's age.

Here are some suggestions:

1. Talk with the teacher about whether you can send a family picture to post in a special place so your child can look at it during the day.
2. Do some pretend play with your child about how you will go to school and how you will say good-bye. Imagine waking up, having breakfast, getting in the car or bus, walking in the door, kissing good-bye.
3. Talk with your child about whether there is a special object (blanket, stuffed animal) he or she would like to bring to school for comfort. Make sure you find out about school rules, too. The object may have to stay with personal belongings.
4. Agree on a good-bye ritual: how many kisses, hugs, etc.
5. Make sure your child is clear on who will pick him up and when.
6. Find out something about the schedule for the day so you can talk it over.
7. Allow enough time! Make sure you awaken early enough to have a relaxing morning, with time to dress and eat a good breakfast.
8. Find out in advance if you can stay with your preschooler for a while before saying good-bye if you think that is what is needed.
9. Don't hang around peering through windows after you have said good-bye. Once your child sees that you are reluctant to leave, it is all over for the teacher.
10. Bring tissues! This may be harder for you than your child.

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