

August 31, 2009

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to report that the new school year is off to a great start. It has been an exciting few weeks getting to know all of the new children and seeing the returning children busy, once again. It's truly amazing how much they have all changed and grown over the summer. We have a lovely group and everyone seems to be settling in quite nicely.

During the first two weeks following Orientation, we have been experimenting with the schedule and discovering what works best for the children. Through trial and error, we now have a system in place which keeps things running smoothly. Parents will be receiving an updated Daily Schedule this week, which will include a few small changes from the original.

There are several things we would like to mention and/or remind parents about:

BUG REPELLENT/ SUN SCREEN- This season is proving to be an exceptionally buggy one, not only at school but everywhere, it seems. We feel that treating the children individually is preferable to spraying harsh chemicals on or around our outdoor environment. We understand that parents have unique levels of comfort regarding the products they choose to use on their child. Please apply bug repellent and sun screen to your child prior to arriving at school. In addition, please bring both sun screen and bug repellent (labeled) to leave at school for your child. We will reapply both, as needed, throughout the day.

COMMUNICATION- Providence is now using a new mail server and each staff member can be contacted via their email address below:

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Additionally, parents can call the Toddler House directly at 252-0617 or Siobain's mobile at 433-6206 when necessary. Many of you have been utilizing the mail basket in the cubby room already and that is also a reliable option for non-emergencies.

PIZZA DAY- We will be offering pizza for lunch to full day children on Fridays (or the last school day of each week for the PRIMARY level) starting this Friday, September 4th. The cost is \$2.00 per child and can be sent to school with your child each Pizza Day. We recommend parents also send fruit or another healthy food to supplement their child's lunch. Parents will be notified in advance on the rare occasion that Pizza Day does NOT fall on a Friday, due to the slight differences in schedules between the various programs at Providence.

We would like to thank each of you for the opportunity to work with your children this school year. We will be sending updates like this one regularly and always welcome your feedback and questions.

Regards,
Toddler Staff