



House of Children Family Newsletter September 2008



Off and Running!

Well, we're on a roll. All of the children are settling in and beginning new routines for the school year. There's so much to learn and our Teachers are so eager to share new skills and concepts with your child(ren)!

Many of you may notice new faces, both children and adults. We are happy to welcome Miss Nancy, Miss Emily and Miss Megan to the teaching team and to welcome back Miss Angela to our school-age group!

Announcements:

It's time for the cookie dough fundraiser! As you know, each year we have one really good (yummy) fundraiser to raise money for playground equipment and additional classroom materials. This is the one that we all enjoy the most, so . . . by popular demand, it's back!

The fund-raiser will start this week. Please ask around. Everyone eats cookies ☺. Thank you so much for your generous efforts.

Picture Day is Monday October 13th. We will start as soon as (7:00), so feel free to send them in their finest with a change of play clothes if you wish. If your child is not scheduled to attend Mondays, you can still come for pictures!



Many of our families have had babies this summer.

Congratulations to
*The Adams', The Haggerty's,
The Lyons',
The Freund's & The
Pacheco's!!! How exciting!!!*

Free Money!

*Please consider using the following site as a portal when you shop on-line. "**Igive**" connects to 680 stores that we all love, like Lands' End, Barnes & Nobel, Best Buy, & Gap to name a few. There is no cost to join and just by clicking through them on your way to a store's site, a percentage of everything you buy will be donated to House of Children for classroom materials such as blocks, science kits and art supplies!*

<http://www.igive.com/welcome>

Anniversary Correction!
Miss Kari's Kruse's is having her 5th not 4th!

Staff Training.

To better serve you!!!

We would love to talk about our efforts in this area all the time, but we only mention it once in a while.

Our training schedule for the year includes after-hours meetings on various topics including ways to provide interesting and educational activities in all "Pre-Skills" including

- * Math & Science
- * Reading (Letter Recognition)
- * Writing
- * Music & Arts Awareness
- * Communication & Social Skills
- * Listening Skills
- * Manners
- * Positive Values

and most importantly . . . instilling an overall enthusiasm for hands-on exploration and learning!

Over the coming months, our staff will also be trained to perform with excellence in

- * Classroom Setup
- * Professional Development
- * Management of Children & Transitions
- * Working effectively as a Team
- * Recognizing & Reporting Signs of Child Sexual/Physical abuse and neglect
- * First Aid/CPR Certification
- * Healthy and Sanitary Food Service
- * Making Parents Feel Welcome