

THE BEECHWOOD SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

July 1, 2010

Our summer is off to a wonderful start. The classes are running smoothly and there are many happy faces. The beginning of any new program always causes some adjustment. Please notify your child's teacher or the office if you have any transition suggestions.

Beechwood's objective during the summer months is to provide the children with varied fun experiences while maintaining structure and order in the classroom. Lesson plans are written weekly and submitted to the office. Each teacher plans classroom activities to coordinate with a theme. All classes offer age appropriate lessons. Learning is always going on and your child's many skills are being sharpened just by participating in the variety of activities provided.

Through the summer, Beechwood also offers Field Days. These are the days in which the projects, snack, story, games, etc are planned around one topic. The classes rotate from station to station which are set up around the school. Weather permitting, some stations are outside. On June 30 & July 1, Ms. Christine and Ms. Rachel planned the first set of Field Days with a patriotic theme, "Red, White & Blue Days!" Thank you for sending your child in patriotic attire. The beautiful weather contributed to making the days especially enjoyable. The next set of **Field Days** on **July 13&14** are **Western Days** planned by Mrs. Janine & Ms. Ty. Also throughout the camp are special Theme Days, Chalk Days and Hootenannies. Attached is a calendar of events with each special day or activity listed. Door notices will also be posted as a reminder.

Each class has a "**Parent's Note**" bulletin board outside the classroom. A daily note will be written by the teacher sharing with you the day's events. There are no formal conferences; however, you are welcomed to meet with your child's teacher.

Another important bulletin board is the "**Student Departure Board**". It is located in the small hallway just outside the main office. Please be sure to leave written permission for anyone not on the Long Term Departure Notice to pick up your child. If during the day, you find you will need to send someone not listed, you may phone in the information and we'll post it for you. Permission **MUST** be received before a child may be released.

Sneakers or buckled sandals with socks are encouraged as footwear.

Please be sure to give your child's teacher a **ziploc bag of labeled play clothes** that can stay in the classroom. These will be used in case of accidents. Also, classes tend to have water play during the summer and children sometimes need to change afterwards.

For our full day students, a labeled small pillow and small blanket may be brought in for nap. They are sent home at the end of each week.

On **Tuesday, July 8**, afternoon water play will begin for full day students. It will be held throughout the summer at 3pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Water play will be offered pending the weather and student interest. If your child is interested, please send in a labeled bathing suit and a labeled beach towel. Please take swim gear home daily.

Finally, all parents (including Ms. Christine's & Mrs. Meghan's classes) are asked to enter Beechwood **ONLY** through the main door, not the lower level glass door. Parents may exit from the lower level glass door after retrieving their child's belongings.

All of us at Beechwood appreciate your time and cooperation. We are looking forward to having lots of fun with your children this summer. Thank you for sharing them with us!

Sincerely,
Marge McElroy and Sue Hagan