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Preschool Newsletter

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When you look in your child's backpack tomorrow you will discover your hard copy issue of this week's preschool newsletter in a large white envelope. Each Thursday throughout the year you will find your "Child Mail" envelope in your child's backpack. It will contain hard copies of flyers and announcements that will need your attention. It may also contain some of your child's work. Please return the empty Child Mail envelope on the next school day. You need not sign the envelope.

This is the first of many preschool newsletters that you will be receiving. Beginning next week, all Preschool Newsletters will be delivered by e-mail only. These newsletters, written by Tina and Jen, will include:

- a recap of the previous week's activities
- a list of books that have been read during the week
- calendar announcements and updates,
- "homework"
- plans for future events
- Parent/Teacher Conference information

Newsletters will be in the form of PDF files. You can update, for free, Adobe Reader software online at www.adobe.com to enable you to open and read all the electronic publications you will receive from FSH. All preschool newsletters will be archived on the webpage throughout the year for your reference at <http://geocities.com/fshpseyesonly>

The newsletter will help to explain some of the more intriguing pictures that you will see on the preschool webpage on any given day.

- "Why is my child drawing with crayon stubs?"
- "What book is the teacher reading?"
- "Why did my child come home with white paint between the toes?"
- "What is making all those kids laugh?" etc.

IMPORTANT DATES

September 26, Tuesday

Curriculum Night
7:00pm

Oct. 4, Wednesday

Admissions Open House
9:00-11:00am

October 6, Friday

Faculty In-Service Day
PUPIL HOLIDAY

October 9, Monday

Columbus Day
SCHOOL HOLIDAY

October 17, Tuesday

State of School
7:00pm

October 18, Wednesday

Picture Day

October 20, Friday

Admissions Open House

October 27, Friday

Parent/Teacher Conferences
PUPIL HOLIDAY

October 31, Tuesday

Halloween Parade
8:30am

November 22, Wednesday

Grandfriends Day
Thanksgiving Holiday Begins

November 27, Monday

School Resumes

We have had a very happy start to school. The gradual opening schedule can be trying on families' schedules; we appreciate your help in allowing the School to be sensitive to the needs of the youngest children as they transition to their new preschool environment.

The opening days of school are always filled with excitement and new experiences. During the first weeks of school, we focus on daily life in preschool and school routines. These include learning the layout of the equipment, personal hygiene, assembling for circle time, getting to and from the playground, safety guidelines, learning each other's names, and table manners.

This week the children will begin to explore a variety of art materials. They will be discovering the power of color blending and creating new colors not found in our paint pots. Rather than insist on fastidiousness, children are encouraged to freely explore the art materials. In the course of this exuberant artistic endeavor, it is not uncommon for children to accidentally smear small amounts of "washable" paint and markers on their shirts. Dress your child accordingly! ☺



Summer is a hard habit to break! Those mornings of lolling in bed and pajama's are fading memories. If you find that you have arrived after 8:15am please note the following:

- Children who arrive after the roll has been taken at 8:15am are recorded as absent
- If you arrive after 8:15am, drop your child at the classroom door
- Go to the Office to report your child's arrival.
- When you go to the Office, Joanne Miller will record your child's arrival
- If you know in advance that you will be arriving late or if your child will be absent, a call to the classroom (610) 642-2334, ext 121, or an e-mail to the classroom teacher would be helpful.

Evening events at FSH for parents are rare but are a valuable way for the School to communicate important information. Please note Curriculum Night on the calendar for September 26. This is a night for parents and teachers to meet together in the classroom to discuss the program - line up your babysitters soon.

NOTE: This will not be the time to discuss your child's transition to school. Your child's progress is too important to discuss lightly in a group setting. Parent/Teacher Conference Days have been set aside for parents and teachers to thoughtfully address a child's progress. The first Parent/Teacher Conference Day will be Friday, October 29. This is a PUPIL HOLIDAY. Mark your calendars.

Backpacks for Preschoolers?

- Yes! Children should bring them to school each day.
- Yes! They are huge but will come in handy in the winter when cold weather gear will be needed to be packed each day.
- Please empty backpacks every night.

Books we have read recently include:

The Kissing Hand, Audrey Penn
Katherine Goes to Nursery School, Jill Krementz
Quick as a Cricket, Audrey Wood
Will I Have a Friend?, Miriam Cohen
Runaway Bunny, Margaret Wise Brown



Consider a trip to your local library to find weekly book titles. Children enjoy and benefit from revisiting and re-telling familiar stories. Reading them with parents at home creates a meaningful connection to the preschool experience.

FRIENDS SCHOOL HAVERFORD Preschool Program Schedule 2006-07

The following information may be helpful in making carpool and play date arrangements

Monday 8	Tuesday 18	Wednesday 18	Thursday 18	Friday 8
Ainsley am Blythe am	Ainsley am Blythe am Cole am Corinne am Emma FULL	Ainsley am Blythe am Cole am Corinne am Emma FULL	Ainsley am Blythe am Cole am Corinne am Emma FULL	Blythe am Corinne am
Emily am James am Kyle FULL	Emily am James am Kyle FULL+ Lily am Madison am Natalie am Noah am	Emily am James am Kyle FULL Lily am Madison am Natalie am Noah am	Emily am James am Kyle FULL Lily am Madison am Natalie am Noah am	Emily am James am Kyle FULL Lily am
Petros FULL+	Petros FULL+ Sebastian am	Petros FULL+ Sebastian am	Petros FULL+ Sebastian am	Petros FULL+
Sofia FULL+	Sofia FULL+ Susanna FULL	Sofia FULL+ Susanna FULL	Sofia FULL+ Susanna FULL	Sofia FULL+
Tessa am	Tessa am Zoe am	Tessa am Zoe am	Tessa am Zoe am	

am = until 11:45am
 FULL = until 2:45pm
 FULL+ = Extended Day