



February 2012 Newsletter



Welcome Our New Students

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Important Notice: Child Care South Parents

Effective January 29th, 2012, DHR will fully implement the electronic Time and Attendance System. Payment for attendance is based off of a successful/approved check-in and out for EACH DAY. If you do not check-in and out, you will be responsible for full payment for your child/children; \$35.00 will be assessed to your payment for non-check-in and out per day. **It is your responsibility to swipe your card.**



Kleenex Needed:

Please assist us in bringing Kleenex. It's that time of the year and teachers are wiping little noses more than ever; especially in Infants and Crawlers classes. If we could get parents to purchase two (2) boxes of tissue; this would help us tremendously.

Parents with children in the Infant/Crawlers rooms, please remember to bring baby wipes, diapers, and extra sets of clothing.

Children in Mr. Tony and Ms. Keia's classes will need a shoebox ASAP to decorate for Valentine's Day. Classroom Valentine parties are scheduled for Tuesday, February 14th at 2:30 pm. Parents are asked to bring a bag of candy, Little Debbie's snack cakes, cupcakes or fruit. Please leave items at the front desk. We do this so that every child can get something special. In the past we have heard from parents, "I forgot to pick something up" or "I didn't know the party was today" so we try to distribute to all of the children beginning in Ms. Marisol's class. **Don't forget your shoeboxes. You are also welcome to make goodie bags for your child's class.**



Positive Interactions = Positive Results

Here are some strategies that can help improve parent-child interactions:

Deliver "I" messages. "I" messages are a type of sophisticated communication strategy that can be especially helpful. They explain to a child in a non-accusatory way why a particular behavior is negative, while implicitly asking for help from the child in solving the problem. Here's an example of an effective "I" message: "When you dump your food on the floor, I have to stop what I'm doing and clean up the mess. It makes me feel frustrated." This sort of careful phrasing can be far more effective than a negative "You've been bad" messages.

Do more listening than talking. When a child has a problem, it can be tempting to simply correct her/him or jump in with advice. But it's much more effective to use reflective listening strategies. Take time to hear what the child is saying, repeat the message back in different words so she/he knows you understand and encourage him/her to think about the problem and identify a possible solution.



Please remember breakfast is over at 8:15. Make sure your children have eaten if they arrive after this time. We are also enforcing the 9:00am drop-off for those children who are late. Remember after 3 tardies, your child will spend a day with a parent. If child has doc's appointment, bring that excuse to daycare; no excuse is accepted after 11:00 am.

This month the children will be studying the letters M & N. Our bible characters are Moses & Naaman.

Our monthly verse: Matthew 22:37

**"Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul and with all your mind."**

Last Saturday while teaching a group of children, I offered them a candy bar. All of the little hands flew up into the air. I offered it to a child, but before I gave it out I took a big bite of it. Of course the child didn't want it after I bit it. She said "who would want a half-eaten candy bar?" Of course I said "Nobody". So the message is never offer a half eaten candy bar to anyone. Oh, that reminds me; never offer half your heart to God, either. This is why the above verse is so important. In other words, God should be #1 in our lives. That doesn't mean you can't have other things in your life like family and friends, or maybe a special movie or a special TV show. It just means these things should not be more important than God. We should be willing to give those things up if God wants us to-even if it's friends. And that can be really hard to do. But God gives us his Holy Spirit to help us do the things that are hard. So give God your whole heart, our whole soul and our whole mind. Happy Valentine's Day



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