

Tumbling Turtles August/September 2010 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to one of the most incredible years your child will have in his or her school career. Pre-kindergarten is an exciting time as children embark upon new adventures in the world of learning and exploring through everyday activities. My pre-kindergarten program is designed to promote the growth and development of the individual child, physically, mentally and socially. It provides an environment in which the child may discover his or her individual relationships with their peers and their world about them. Your child has an opportunity to explore, discover and create according to his or her own ability, and interests, while achieving the skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary for the future growth and development in his or her life. This program increases your child's capacity for independent action and self-confidence and gives your child a feeling of security in a variety of situations.

Each week the curriculum will cover a variety of Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. Language Arts will include: Zoo-Phonics and handwriting. Children are encouraged to read at free time and parents are urged to read to their children at least twenty minutes per day. Mathematics will include: calendar math, patterning, measurement, shapes, estimating and graphing. Science will include: experiments, nature, animals, weather, seasons, and the five senses. Social Studies will include: learning about different cultures and their special celebrations. This curriculum will also broaden your child's awareness of self expression through music, art and play. Once a week, you will be asked to go on a "Treasure Hunt" with your child to find something special for sharing time on Fridays. This should be an item that goes with the letter of the week and/or current theme.

Please drop-off children no later than 9:30 a.m. Morning snack is at 9:20 and opening circle begins at 9:40. We have Chapel every Friday at 9:30 a.m. and special music every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Make sure that your child has an extra change of clothes at school at all times as accidents do happen.

Parents are always welcome to come by and visit during normal school hours. This will give you an opportunity to observe your child while involved in activities. Parents' ideas, suggestions and talents are always welcome at school. Parents often have access to resources the children would really enjoy. We appreciate all donations and recyclables.

I am looking forward to an awesome year with your children and if you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at turtles@stclairespreschool.org. or g.heiman@sbcglobal.net. For any concerns regarding your child, I will be available by appointment.

Sincerely,
Gayli Heiman