

Butterfly Garden Preschool



September & October 2010

Welcome Back!!

Welcome back returning students and families. And a warm welcome to our new students and families. We are excited that you are joining our Butterfly Garden Preschool Family. Ms. Claude, Ms. Marisol and I have been working hard to get the indoor and outdoor classrooms organized and ready for our explorations and learning this year!!

Back to School Potluck & Halloween Party

Both of these school functions will be held at Carlson Park in Culver City. Both events are potluck style. Children can come to the Halloween Party in costume. We ask that children not wear their costumes to school so that they do not rip, get dirty, lost, etc. Please note that we are having our Halloween Party on Friday this year. We thought we would try it during a weekday this time based on feedback last year (too hectic with other halloween parties to get to, trick or treating, etc. and some kiddos missed the party due to naps).

Field Trip to Irvine Park Railroad and Pumpkin Patch

During the month of October we will study apples and pumpkins (harvest). On Oct. 21st (T/TH group) and Oct. 22nd (MWF group), we will visit the pumpkin patch in Irvine and pick pumpkins, go on a hayride, and ride the train!! The cost for this field trip will be \$9 for children (siblings welcome too) and \$3 for adults. We will be meeting at the Pumpkin Patch at 9:45am. Every parent will be driving their own kiddos. Remember to pack a lunch because we will have a picnic after all of the activities!!

Extensions

Extensions are activities that can be done at home that mirror lessons covered at school.

- *pouring own cereal in the bowl
- *help setting the table at dinnertime
- *carrying a small chair
- *using inside voices and having fun with "whispering"
- *playing the silence game
- *participating with lunchbox preparation for school (letting him/her pick an item to put into lunchbox (ex. kiwi, orange, etc.) and putting in a cloth napkin and sippy cup)

Calendar

September

- 7 September tuition due (usually due on the first, but school is not in session until the 7th this month)
- 15 Scholastic Book Orders due
- 25 Back to school potluck 10am-12pm
Location: Carlson Park in Culver City

October

- 1 October tuition due
- 21 Field trip to Pumpkin Patch (TTH group) 9:45-1
- 22 Field trip to Pumpkin Patch (MWF) 9:45-1
- 29 Book Fair (until Nov. 6th)
- 29 Halloween Costume & Potluck Party 10am-1pm

Book Fair

Please mark your calendars for our third annual Book Fair. This year we have invited a different book publishing company...Barefoot Books. These books are absolutely GORGEOUS!!!!!!The books will be set up in the dining room starting on Friday, Oct. 30 until Friday, Nov. 6th. You can come and browse through the books and buy them right on the spot. They make great birthday or holiday gifts! The book fair is held once a year, however, you can always order books on a monthly basis from Scholastic. Look for the scholastic order forms in your child's cubby at the beginning of each month. Fill them out and get them back to me by the due date (always listed in the newsletter. There are no taxes or shipping on monthly scholastic book orders and you can't beat the discounted prices! Your order earns us bonus points which translates into free books for the classroom. And as always, you are never under any obligation to purchase