

CHILDREN'S HOUSE CHATTER

Wednesday, September 23, 2009.

SCHOOL PICTURES - Individual pictures will be taken Wednesday, October 21, starting at 9:00am.

HALLOWE'EN CARNIVAL We will have our annual Hallowe'en Carnival on Saturday, October 31.
More information later!

TUITION for the month of October will be due and payable Thursday, October 1. In order to avoid the late fee of \$35.00 you should make your payment on or before October 1.

'FLU SEASON has made an early start. Please know that we are "on guard" and enforcing our health policies. (Please see your copy of School Policies & Procedures). If your child is sent home because of fever, diarrhea, cough, sore throat, rash, listlessness/fatigue, you will be called to immediately pick him/her up from school. A child sent home with any of the aforementioned symptoms **may not return to school until AT LEAST 24 hours or more free of these symptoms, without fever-reducing/pain medication.**

Please do not send your child back to school too soon.

Children with the 'flu are potentially contagious as long as they are symptomatic and possibly for 7 days or more following the onset of illness.

We have some information available from a company called ***Caring Hearts Home Helpers***, located in Maumelle. While we cannot, of course, endorse this company, the information is posted on your child's classroom bulletin board for you to look into if you so choose. This company offers care for working families with sick children, care to new moms, seniors etc.

JUNIOR ELEMENTARY CLASS The Juniors had a good stretch & workout on Monday with Creative Energies. We also enjoyed our first visit, by city bus, to Fletcher Library on Tuesday. We celebrated Karina's birthday with a special lunch on Tuesday. Her mom, Paula, also brought a fun painting craft for the Juniors. She will take the abstract paintings, cut them into strips, and weave them into a mat.

DOWNSTAIRS TODDLER CLASS The children are really enjoying practical life lessons, especially washing the dinosaur and making bubbles by whisking water and soap in a bowl. They also really enjoy their outside play periods. It will soon be time to replace your child's spare clothing with items for cooler weather. Your child's spare clothing should be in a **cloth drawstring bag**, which will hang on the hook without protruding into the classroom space. Thank you.

For your information, we have had one confirmed case of flu in our classroom this week.

UPSTAIRS CLASS The children are enjoying practical life, new sensorial presentations and lots of language activities. The older children continue to work on puzzle maps of Asia, Europe and Africa – labeling and making punch-out maps. We have also been learning new songs and rhymes every week. If you or your family has a fall song or poem to share, please write it down for us! Thanks.

DOWNSTAIRS CLASS This week we welcome Evan Phillips to our class – we are happy to have him with us.

Lunchtime in the Montessori classroom holds a wealth of opportunities for the children to hone their practical life skills and grace & courtesy skills. The children in our class can set out their lunches, practice opening & closing containers, wipe up any spills, sweep up crumbs and put away their place settings. They also practice good manners when asking for seconds. At home, you can extend your child's responsibilities by having her help you set the table or prepare flower arrangements for decoration. After dinner you could also have her scrub dishes in a basin filled with soapy water. You will be pleasantly surprised at how much your child will enjoy helping!

OUTSIDE CLASS