



# Diamond Class News



September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011

## Workplans and Normalization

We are still assessing children and getting them used to using a work plan. In the beginning of the process we have the children do handwriting and a number writing job, before they do a 'choice' job. This is helping children adjust to the expectation that there are certain academic jobs that need to be done first before they choose other jobs. We do this, so when all the children are placed in the curriculum they are familiar with the expectations and independent enough to get signed off for their work. This is a learning process and all children pick it up at a different rate. In addition, we will be starting individual snack next week. This means the students will get to eat sometime during job time when they are hungry. This always takes some adjustment because students have to wait until there is a spot available at our snack table. So please support us at home by sending your child to school after a healthy and hearty breakfast so they can be prepared☺!

## Walk-a-Thon Booth

We have two parent volunteers working on our class basket and one father who has volunteered to organize our class game for the booth. What we really need (more than anything) is for parents to sign up to work the booth during the event. We have highlighted that area on the sign up sheet on the chalk board. Last year the parents chose to give out silly bands as our prize and our booth was really popular and fun to work. It is among the most interactive jobs on the day of the event. Please support our class by signing up today!

## Sight Word Lists

We have lots of sight word lists left in the yellow Thursday folders and we aren't sure if parents would like us to test their child (for list #2) or they are just forgetting to take them out. Please take out your sight word list out of the Thursday folder unless you would like us to test your child on the sight words. That is how we send the lists back and forth! Thanks!

## Closed Campus

Just a friendly reminder, that our campus is closed until 6:00pm everyday. This means, that as soon as you pick up your child you need to exit the school. In past years we have had parents stay and let their children play together after kindergarten dismissal. We don't want to discourage this from happening, please meet and let the kids play right across the street at Jessie Baker park. The change is not meant to affect parent networking, but simply an issue of liability with Club M utilizing the playground after dismissal.

## Field Trip Update

We are happy to report that we have enough drivers for the Fog Willow Farm trip on October 6<sup>th</sup> (as long as all the paperwork and live scans make it in ☺). We do have some parents that held off paying until they knew they could go, if you turned in a permission slip please pay and we can repay you if something changes. In addition, many parents did not fill in how many children you could drive, if you don't fill that portion out you might not drive any other kids. If you aren't sure if you filled that section out come and see Ms. Nicole or Ms. Whitney. There has been some confusion about the white permission slip, that is not a set field trip (with a set date). Every child in the school fills that out so we can take your child to assemblies in the Fellowship Hall or to Jessie Baker Park (if needed). So you are basically giving us permission to take your child to those places in walking distance if need be.

## Upcoming Snack/Sharing

9/9 Kevin  
9/12 Lillian  
9/13 Luna  
9/14 Olivia  
9/15 Romel



## Important Dates

9/23 Minimum Day/dismissal 11:30  
9/26-30 Spirit Week  
9/30 Walk-a-Thon  
10/6 Fog Willow Farm

*Please make sure your child has a water bottle everyday! To keep us healthy and hydrated!*  
*Diamond Class Teachers*