



Children's Country Day School

Newsletter for October, 2011

CALENDAR:

Wednesday, October 5-

Toddlers Family Harvest Fest
(Chicks & Ducks) 8:30-9:30 am

Monday & Tuesday, October 10 & 11-
Thursday & Friday, October 20 & 21-
Wednesday, October 26th-

School Picture Days
SCHOOL CLOSED for MEA
Pre-I Family Night- Halloween Party
(Billy Goats & Bunnies) 5:00-6:00 pm



LABEL EVERYTHING:

Please help us keep your child's items from becoming lost. PLEASE LABEL EVERY ITEM your child brings to school. This includes jackets, hats, mittens, lunch containers, etc. Also, if your child has come home wearing clothing labeled "CCDS", please wash and return as soon as possible. Our supply of extra clothing has already been disappearing.

SMILE! IT'S SCHOOL PICTURE TIME: On Monday and Tuesday, October 10th and 11th, LifeTouch Preschool Portraits will be at school to photograph all of our students. No prepayment is necessary. Proof sheets will arrive within 3 weeks and will include ordering instructions. Class composites will be available for purchase at a later date.

WARM CLOTHING FOR OUTSIDE PLAY: We try to spend time outside every day. Now that cooler weather has arrived, please send a labeled jacket or heavyweight sweatshirt with your child daily. As the weather continues to cool, a hat and mittens will help keep little ones warm outside.

HEALTHY SNACKS: We make an effort to provide a variety of healthy snacks for your child. We purchase products that have "0" trans fats. Throughout the week we serve fruits, veggies, and dairy products. The juice we serve is 100% natural fruit juice. Our milk choice is "Select" which comes from cows that have not been treated with rbST. We welcome your ideas or suggestions for healthy snacks.

*If you choose to celebrate your child's birthday at school, we recommend sharing a healthy snack. If your child wishes to share a sugary treat, we would appreciate "child-size" portions.

HOW TO TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT SCHOOL:

When asking your child what they did at school, do you get “Nothing.” or “I played”?

If so, try asking more specific questions such as:

- “Who did you sit by during snack?” or “What book did your teacher read today?” or “Tell me the best part of your day.”
- By asking more concrete questions, you increase the possibility for opening the lines of communication and getting more information.
- Try using any knowledge you have about what is happening at school to open the door for conversation. Are there any specific events coming up? What topic is being discussed for the week?
- Use the Peek of the Week or Weekly Wrap Up to give you a foundation of possible topics to talk about. The “talk time” is valuable and any conversation will continue to develop your child’s language skills and increase the home/school connection.

Give it a try!

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS: Do you know anyone interested in a preschool for their child? Are you thinking of possibly increasing your child’s schedule? Country Day currently has limited openings in our Preschool 2 program. Please give the office a call if you have any questions or would like to check on availability.

Parent’s Page

Mobile Application Development: Kevin Whinnery

Is your business in need of an iPhone, iPad, or Android application? Country Day parent Kevin Whinnery is a leading expert on cross-platform mobile application development, and has limited availability for consulting projects. Kevin would love to work with your business to develop best-in-class applications for all three of these exciting mobile platforms. Kevin has worked with companies of all sizes, from small businesses to large enterprises like NBC, Merck, and ING. Please feel free to contact Kevin directly at kevin.whinnery@gmail.com.



Family Photography: Heather Johnson

Heather Johnson, mother of Holly, is a natural light portrait photographer who specializes in capturing authentic images of families and children. This October she will be offering our students the option of outdoor school portraits. Sessions will be by appointment on select weekend and/or evening dates, and will be filled with smiles, fun, and laughter! Look for more information coming in your child's school bag, or visit her website: www.hgjphotography.com and select "Country Day" in the menu bar.

