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In dramatic play, children are able to bring together things they are learning and feeling about the world and themselves. It helps them to have a better understanding of others and a clearer view of what they can do and where they fit in. It builds on experiences and allows the children to experiment with different roles. Dramatic play offers a time for group interaction and cooperation.

Music Area:

Through music, children use their bodies and learn to express themselves. It gives children opportunities to experiment freely with tempo, volume, quality, and organization of sound. Listening skills and the ability to distinguish different patterns and sounds and understand how they are developed.

Sand and Water/ Sensory Table:

Play experience with sand, water and other materials in the sensory bins allows children to experiment with measurement, volume, shape, and quality. It enhances children's sense of touch. The tactile bins are pleasurable and calming activities and allow children to experiment without fear of making mistakes.

Science Table:

The science table stimulates children's curiosity. It allows the children to touch, smell, feel, observe, and to make something happen (cause and effect). An experiment stimulates questions and allows children to learn and use scientific methods predicting, testing, observing, researching, and generalizing.

An essential part in building our QH classroom-community are you the families. We are looking forward to get to know you and see you at the "Back to School Night" on 09/22/10 at 7:30pm-9:00pm, where you can learn more about our classroom and curriculum, and meet other QH classroom -parents. We on the other hand are very interested to hear from you would like your child to experience/develop this year in QH classroom, and how you could imagine being involved and contributing to your child's classroom. We are looking forward to a great school year and are always open for questions, concerns and suggestions.

Thank You!

The QH classroom-teachers

Rainbow Room Newsletter - September 2010



Welcome Rainbow families! We are very happy to have your children in the Rainbow Room this year. The first few days of school have been great! We truly appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we finally get settled in our new classroom.

We have been learning about ourselves and our community through books, songs and activities. We will continue to learn more about ourselves and the people and things around us as the school year goes on.

We look forward to having you at Parents' Back to School Night on Wednesday, September 22nd. We encourage all parents to attend if they are able. Other important dates to keep in mind for the following months:

- Monday, October 11 - Columbus Day (no school)
- Sunday, November 21 - SfF Auction

As a co-teaching team, we appreciate your trust in knowing that your child is in good hands.

Thank you very much,
May-Ling, LaJuan & Makai



Green Room News Letter

September 2010



Welcome everyone! Margaret, Shanel and I are looking forward to our two year together in the Green Room. We spent a lot of time the week before school started changing the room around and thinking about children and parents. We encourage you to spend some time at drop off or pick up time to look around the room and play with your child. Feel free to sit down and read a book with your child or a group of children. We want you feel like a part of the group, too. We also encourage parent to come in and talk about family traditions surrounding and holidays that you may celebrate. Also, you may join us for lunch and snack anytime.

Our curriculum revolves around the children and for the first few weeks of school we will be closely observing everyone. We will form our curriculum around their ideas, their lay and bringing in various items to complement their interests. We have put together things in each area to help children express their new ideas. We have a variety of objects on our science, math shelf which will change throughout the years. Jackie and Margaret both love to cook, so we will be doing various cooking projects throughout the year, too. We plan curriculum using a method called webbing. We will have these webs posted right outside of the classroom on the wall. We do not know how long a curriculum idea will last. If we notice children's interests shifting we will follow their leads.

We will go into more depth and discussion about our Back to School Night on Wednesday, September 22 from 7-9 pm. We encourage all parents to come! Hope to see you there.

Special Event:

First Day of School 9/07

Back To School Night 9/22

Birthdays in September

Margaret 9/05 Caoimhe 9/12

Zora 9/25

Jackie

Margret

Shanel



Blue Room Newsletter September 2010



The Blue Room welcomes all the children to our classroom. We are very excited to have all of them in our class and we are looking forward to a wonderful school year. Since the new school year just begun we want to be sure that all of our children are feeling comfortable with each other, their teachers and a new environment.

We are looking forward to getting to know the families of The Blue Room better through out the year and we would like you to know more about us as well. Please visit our website www.schoolforfriends.org to find out more about the Blue Room Teachers. Whenever you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions please do not hesitate to ask us. We are a team!

Our Themes in the month of September will include School Time, All About Me, and My Family. For School Time Theme we will talk about school rules and routine, show our little friends their shapes and cubbies and introduce to them our classroom's centers. For our All About Me and My Family themes we will let them introduce their family members and show each other our family pictures. We will read a variety of books about school and family life and we will do different art projects related to our themes.

We are looking forward to Parents' Back to School Night on Wednesday September 22th. We hope all of you will be able to come, and share stories about your family and your child.

* A little note on the transition into the new school year to ease parents' minds. We know that it is extremely difficult to leave your child when (s)he is so upset about you leaving. Routines such as placing their shapes on the door and waving goodbye to you at the door can be helpful. As a team, we appreciate your trust to know that your child will be in good hands and know that you are *always* welcome to call and check on them. The classroom phone number is (202)387-3020.

Up Coming Dates and Events:
Sept. 22nd - Back to School Night @ 7:30pm-9pm