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Heaven Sent Nursery School



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From the Director:

If you are like me, you are in awe of how fast the summer came and went. It seems like just yesterday we were just releasing our butterflies out into the world as we said goodbye to our 4 and 5 year olds, who are now on their way to Kindergarten. A new school year is upon us and we are all very busy getting ready for all of our new and returning angels. We are imagining the children playing with the toys and sitting around the tables, learning how to cut with scissors and write their names. Each one of your children has been thought about as we write their names on their table tags and class lists. We can't wait until we spend our days with them and watch them grow. It's a privilege to be with them and we thank you for entrusting us with your treasures from God.

"Children are a gift from the Lord." Psalm 127:3

Warmly,
Jennifer Bujno



Upcoming Events

September 1
September tuition due
Medical forms due

September 3
Labor Day-No School

September 5
Staff In-Service Day

September 6
First day of school for Chickadees & Bear Cubs

September 7
First day of school for Ducklings, Tadpoles, & Blue Birds

September 17
LUCNH BUNCH BEGINS

September 19
Mommies Morning Out program begins

September 20/21
School Pictures

September 24
Back To School Night 6pm

September 26/27
Teddy Bear Day-4's
My Favorite Thing Day-3's

September 28
Staff In-Service (NO CLASSES)

Our motto, "Childhood should be a journey, not a race." reflects our strong feeling that childhood is a precious gift that should never be hurried.

TUITION PAYMENTS

We remind you that a tuition payment is due on Friday, Sept. 1 and will be assessed a late fee if received after 2 pm on Monday, September 10th. Please be sure payments are given to Mrs. Marsh in the school office to avoid late charges this month. A reminder that tuition charges are based on a yearly fee payable in 10 equal payments, and are NOT calculated by the number of days that the children attend school each month.

REGARDING TUITION PAYMENTS

In past years, the question came up about payment of tuition in light of extended absence from school. The policy of our Board of Trustees is that for all students enrolled in school, all 10 tuition installments payments are due, regardless of the number of days that the child attends in any given month, whether due to illness or vacation, or school vacations. (Your tuition is a yearly fee divided into 10 equal payments).

Our expenses never stop, and we prepare for your child each day, whether they attend or not. When your child is ABSENT from school, for any reason, we save all papers, art projects, and other information and send it home on the next school day which they attend. **THERE IS NO NEED TO PICK UP THE PAPERS, UNLESS YOUR CHILD WILL HAVE AN EXTENDED ABSENCE OF MORE THAN ONE WEEK OF SCHOOL.**

Keeping Track of Dates

We have many special events here at Heaven Sent. Holiday celebrations, special fun days, school pictures, and conferences are but some examples. In order to keep our parents as fully informed as possible, we publish these things in at least five locations: in your weekly Friday updates, in the WINGS newsletter, on our "coming up labels", on our school's website and on your monthly calendar. Please take time to check out these locations in order to keep "in the know" about what fun things are happening.

You'll be receiving a calendar each month with birthdays on it, and on those days, the birthday child can send in a snack for the class. If your child has allergies: peanut/tree nut, gluten, dairy, soy, etc. please either check with the birthday child's parent, or send in a snack that you'd prefer your child to have. Thanks for helping us keep all of our angels healthy and safe!

FAQ's about Birthdays here at school

Q: How are Birthdays celebrated at Heaven Sent?

A: You will be notified at the beginning of your child's birthday month about what day we'll recognize it here at school. We try to schedule as close to the actual birthday as possible, and summer birthdays are scheduled as 1/2 birthday.

Q: What do we bring?

A: We invite you to send in a snack to share with the class that day. (You'll get suggestions on your reminder notice.) Please DO NOT send in a different snack for your birthday child than the one you send in for everyone else.

Q: Can I send in “goodie bags” for my child’s class friends?

A: Please save those for your “at home” parties. We will not be able to use them at school. The only thing we need you to send in is a snack.

Q: Can I send in birthday invitations to be handed out?

A: No. You will be receiving a school directory with everyone’s home addresses in which you can use to mail out your child’s birthday invitations. Or you can hand them out before or after school in the parking lot.

More Important News

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUBS

Many studies show that there is nothing more important that a parent can do to encourage success in school than to read aloud to their children. As such, we are delighted to be a part of the Scholastic Book Club and Trumpet Club families. About once a month, throughout the year, you will be given brochures for books.

We invite you to look it over, order any books that you're interested in, and place your orders. **Ordering and payment are now done online, and we'll be giving you the code you'll need to order.** We're sure that you'll agree that the prices are terrific, and the books offered are among the finest for children.

And for every book that you order, Heaven Sent earns bonus points good for books and videos for our school library! (If these books are ever meant to be gifts-for Christmas or birthdays, please write that on your order form, and we'll "sneak" it to you when the order comes in about 2 or 3 weeks after the closing date for orders.) If you choose not to order books, that's fine too! You may order (or not) at any time during the year.

PLEASE BE SURE TO TAKE NOTE OF THE SECURITY PROCEDURES THAT HAVE BEEN PUT IN PLACE AT HEAVEN SENT! THE DOORS WILL BE OPENED BY A HEAVEN SENT STAFF MEMBER FROM 8:35-9:10 AM FOR DROP OFF, AND FROM 10 to 5 MINUTES BEFORE PICK UP TIME. BETWEEN THOSE TWO TIMES, TO GAIN ADMITTANCE TO THE CHURCH/SCHOOL, YOU WILL HAVE TO CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO BE ADMITTED.

FIRE DRILLS AND OTHER HOT TOPICS

We do have monthly fire drills here at Heaven Sent. They are scheduled at different times during the day so that your children will get used to emergency evacuation of the building. For the first several drills the children are told exactly what is going to happen, and when it is going to happen. Later in the year, we do keep it an unannounced drill. We will also be adding two Lock Down drills this school year as per mandated by the state of NJ. Like the fire drills, we will tell the children exactly what is going to happen and when it is going to happen and later in the year they will be unannounced.

SHOES SHOES SHOES!!!

We urge you to have your child wear sneakers or other shoes with a FLAT SOLE to school. We climb steps and play on the playground during school. Flip Flops and open shoes, including crocs, create problems when climbing, or when mulch from the playground gets into footwear. Children wearing flip flops, sandals, or shoes with a heel or open-backed shoes will NOT be permitted to play on any climbing toys on the playground.

Parent Participation Activities:

We'd like to have as many of our parents involved in our holiday celebrations (parties) this year as would like to be. Rather than offer 1 or 2 moms or dads the chance to be "room parent", we'd like to invite you all to share in the job. Beginning on September 13th, we'll be posting sign-up sheets on our parents' bulletin board with our parties listed, and sign up for THE ONE you'd be interested in helping with. If you cannot assist because of small children or work commitments, we all understand! We will also be putting up a sign up sheet for our "Share a Story" and "Stay and Play" programs. We invite you to come in at least ONE TIME to read to your child's class and another time to remain at drop off and play with your angel and his/her classmates. Please take time to look over the lists, and sign up if it suits your schedule.