



News from the Meadow January 2017

HAPPY 2017!!!

Thank you to all of the Meadow Flower families for your contributions to Holiday Express. We were able to purchase all the musical instruments on the Audrey Hepburn House list, and then some. There was enough money to purchase 2 of most of the items. A total of \$770 was collected.

*Happy New Year!
Maggie Raynor*

The staff at Meadow Flower would like to wish you and yours a happy, healthy New Year. The past year will always hold many memories for all of us; and we hope the New Year will bring many joyous memories of how your children have grown.

Your homes may have a little less glitter, the nights don't glow and the days seem bleak, but we will fix that in a jiffy. We will be replacing your holiday decorations with color-color-color. There will be bright colored mittens and hats, and maybe we will be able to go out and enjoy some snow. Don't be surprised if you see a snowman or hear about the fun we had sledding in Fair Haven fields.

Enjoy this sometimes- bleak month by taking or making the time to read those new books and play one of those new games. Learning the rules and not just making them up is a great lesson. This is a great time to encourage following directions; give your children simple tasks like putting their clothes away (it doesn't have to be toys), setting the table, feeding the family pets etc. Independence will be the main focus this month as we buckle down to serious "work." We will be encouraging the older children to write their name in upper and lower case letters, and the younger children to put on their own coats. We suggest you encourage them to do the same at home also. We know that school mornings can be hectic, but on the other days you can let them match the color of their socks and shirt, as well as put on their own coats, shoes, hats and mittens. This mastery of tasks helps encourage independence and self-worth.

Registration for September 2017 is going very well. We have two public open houses scheduled for this month. **The first one is on Wednesday Jan. 11th and the second on Tuesday Jan. 31st from 9:00 – 11:00AM.** If anyone is not able to make one of the scheduled open houses, please call the office and make an individual appointment. **The 1st payment for September 2017 should have already been paid.** If you have decided not to attend Meadow Flower next year please let Sandy know so the spot can be given to another child.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank anyone who has spread the word about our school. A large percentage of the people visiting heard about us from attending families. Please keep up the good work; you are our best source of advertising.

Conferences will start February 1st. The staff works very hard evaluating each child within their own setting, and we invite each family to pick a date to visit the classroom. This is a "special" day and we encourage you to join in the fun. You will also get a chance to speak with the teacher about your child's progress. We are sensitive to the fact that working parents may not have the choice of many dates, so please give your child's teacher a call and we will try to accommodate you. You will receive more information later this month.

Our trip to First Avenue Playhouse in Atlantic Highlands has been scheduled for Feb 6th & 7th. We will see the marionette show, Beauty and the Beast. The cost of the trip for the children is part of the activity fee. Parents are welcome; any parents that will be attending must purchase their own ticket in advance from the teacher and meet us at the playhouse. The cost of the ticket is \$9.00. Please remember that permission slips must be signed. We unfortunately can **NOT** accommodate siblings on this trip.

REMINDERS

1. **Lunch Bunch and Extended Care** –Just a reminder that sign ups **must be 24 hrs in advance and paid for at that time.** Credit is not given unless a 24 hr. cancellation notice is given or you call if your child is sick.
2. If you have changed your cell phone number or any other information on your application please update it with your child's teacher.
3. Remember to send winter clothing with your child every school day. **The child's name should be on everything.** **Mittens** are always easier than gloves. Please place mittens and hats in the sleeve of their coats.
4. You will receive an email from staff if school is closed because of inclement weather. If you prefer a phone call please let the teacher know.
5. Payment # 6 is due Jan 2nd.

