

TIKVAH TIMES

July 2010

Parents,

As we prepare for the 2010-2011 school year following are some items of interest to keep you informed. During the summer months with so many families taking time off for vacations and many of our pre-kindergarten children leaving us our enrollment is lower than usual. Therefore, teachers will use this time to take some much needed time off and to prepare their classrooms and lessons for the next school year. In order to accommodate the teacher's varying schedules, you may find, on occasion, that your child has spent the day in a different classroom than his/her assigned classroom or with a teacher other than his/her usual teacher. At Tikvah Preschool we recognize the importance of providing children with consistency and we will make as few changes as possible to maintain a consistent learning environment for your child.

I regret to inform you that Susan is taking a personal leave of absence for the rest of the summer. In order to provide the children with consistency Sonya will serve as an assistant teacher in room 1.

As we prepare for the permanent transitions in moving up to the next classroom, I encourage you to meet with me and/or your child's teacher regarding any concerns about your child's transition. Our classrooms are arranged in three age groups as follows. Room 1: 2-3 year olds, Room 2: 3-4 year olds, Rooms 3 and 4: 4-5 year olds. Rooms 3 and 4 have the same age group of children; therefore, not all children will attend all four classrooms at Tikvah; in the pre-k years children will be placed in either room 3 or 4. For your information, most private and charter schools enroll kindergarteners who are 5 at the start of September (exceptions are sometimes made) and public schools enroll kindergarteners in September who are 5 years old by December 2 of the year they enter kindergarten. Therefore, children who have September, October, November and early December birthdays can enter kindergarten at age 4 or age 5. If your child has a fall birthday or you have any questions at regarding your child please do not hesitate to bring your questions or concerns to me.

Upcoming closures include Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day and the week of August 23-27 for our summer break.

Congratulations to the following children who have graduated from Tikvah Preschool's Pre-kindergarten program: Jaan, Elky, Joey, Chole, Austin, Eli, Jordyn, Joan, Ryan, Lance, Bianca, Natalie, Jaren, Yehonatan, Lexi, Willow, Hayley, Jacob, Isabella, and Grace. We will miss you and wish you well! We will also say goodbye to Finley, who is enrolled in room 2, and her family who are leaving California and Tikvah Preschool. We wish you well!

Respectfully,

Debbie Midcalf

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Upcoming Closures

Monday, July 5 Independence Day
Monday, Summer Break
August 23-27

Happy Birthday

Hannah July 11

Tommy July 26

eScrip

eScrip is electronic SCRIP which benefits Tikvah Preschool simply by swiping the cards you already have in your wallet. Register by:

Filling out an eScrip form which can be found in the school office. See Debbie for details.

OR

1. Go to www.escrip.com
2. Click on "sign up"
3. Follow the instructions to register your grocery cards and your existing credit/debit cards.

Once you are registered go to the eScrip homepage and *visit the online mall*. Whenever you make your usual online purchases on eScrip's website a percentage goes to Tikvah Preschool.

Shabbat in a Bag

Everything you need for Shabbat including challah, candles, and juice are provide for just \$5 each Friday. Sign up at the front counter. Tikvah earns more than 50% on each Shabbat in a Bag purchase.

Friday pizza lunches are available throughout the summer for just \$5 per child. Please sign up at the front desk.

Reduce our paper usage and save a tree

Sign up to receive newsletters, notices, reminders, etc. by email rather than a paper copy.
Simply email dmidcalf@templesinaipd.org with your child's name and paperless in the subject line.

Wish List

Many stores will have school supplies on sale for extreme discounts. Purchasing \$10 of any of the following items can applied toward one hour of your volunteer commitment.

White school glue

Washable Markers

Glue Sticks

Copy paper

Crayons

Construction paper

Sticky notes

Clear wide packaging tape

Sharpie markers

Scotch tape

Pens

Other "ooey gooey" supplies needed are:

Shaving cream (unscented)

Cornstarch

Playdough

I would like to extend a special thank you to the following for many donations:

Prime Time Produce for supplying Tikvah Preschool with several delicious watermelons and bell peppers

Nu 4 U Thrift Store donations of tables

So many of our Tikvah Preschool parents for donations of gently used toys and books as well as many monetary donations