



TOWN AND COUNTRY PRESCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2011

A Message From the Director

As the anniversary of 9/11 approaches, I would like to extend by gratitude to those of you that have risked your life for our freedom. I would also like to express my sorrow to those families that lost a loved one while fighting for our freedom. Thank you!

I was reading the newsletters from the past September months and laughed when I read my opening statements. In September, 2008, I wrote of the cool mornings and warm days, not scorching hot. In September 2009, I wrote about how summer had flown by and that the leaves were already changing colors. Last September I wrote about it being ninety five degrees one day and the next day being foggy and cool. Only in Colorado. Although I'm not quite ready for winter, a cool down would be nice.

"All About Me and My New School" was the theme for August. We had science experiments that demonstrated our digestive system. We talked about birthdays and not only shared baby pictures, but actually had an "unbirthday party" to symbolize what birthdays are all about. Some classes had the children look in the mirror and describe what they saw. Others measured and weighed the children. It was a full month but we leave it behind as we move into September.

September's them is "Family and Friends." In addition to recognizing family members and their role in the family, the children will also have lessons on apples, harvest and healthy eating. This is one of my favorite months. We graph the results of our apple tasting, we make homemade applesauce and we take a field trip to Safeway to see "behind the scenes." It's a great time of year and hope you and your family enjoy the wonderful activities we have in store as much as we do.

Happy September Birthday

Remember, if you would like to bring in a special treat for your child's birthday, great, just please keep in mind our friends that are allergic to peanuts and tree nuts.



Asher 09/03

Maddelyn 09/06

Ms. Tanya 09/08

Ms. Pam 09/09

Evelyn 09/13

Kassidy 09/24

Samantha 09/28

Fae 09/30

Would like to send Abby L. a belated birthday. Her birthday was Aug. 1 and I overlooked it. Sorry Abby!!

SCHOLASTIC IS BACK!!

Book orders are available four times throughout the school year. Oder now! They are affordable quality books and make a great gift anytime. Orders are due Mon. Sept. 12, make check payable to Scholastic. Or order online using activation code GUYDD

DROP IN CARE

Please keep in mind that we do allow for drop in care. Because many of our days are full, we do ask that you inform us prior to making arrangements to leave your child. Calling the morning you need care is OK, however we cannot guarantee we will have openings for your child.

FIELD TRIP TO SAFEWAY

WE WILL TAKE A WALKING FIELD TRIP TO SAFEWAY THIS MONTH.

PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US AS WE GET A BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK AT OUR LOCAL GROCERY STORE. THE KIDS WILL SEE WHERE THE VEGETABLES ARE KEPT, HOW THE MILK IS KEPT COLD, WHERE THE ICE-CREAM IS STORED AND HOW THOSE BOXES GET CRUSHED. BUT THAT'S ONLY PART OF THE FUN!

DATES ARE TENTATIVE FOR WED. SEPT. 28 & THURS. SEPT. 29TH

DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.



Monday, September 5th
Town and Country will
be closed.

CLOSED
LABOR DAY

Silly Sayings

- ☺ While running on the playground, Logan R. turned to me and said, "hey this is kinda fun, the girls are chasing us."
- ☺ It was Kaleb. K's turn at hitting the birthday pinata. As he stepped up, stick in hand he said, "watch this kids. Let me show you how a real man does it."
- ☺ Madison B. was explaining to Sarah S. that Ms. Julie and Ms. Pam put something in the water to make it green. Madison said, "it was probably broccoli."



BE PREPARED!!

We will be having a First Aid, CPR and Universal Precautions Class here at Town and Country on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 9:00am - 3:00pm.
Sign Up now!

FACILITATING EARLY WRITING SKILLS

I read an article a while back on early childhood writing enhancement. I have shared below only a part of the article. The article was taken from *Young Children: A Journal of the National Association for the Education of Young Children*

To Correct or Not To Correct

Do you ever wonder whether to correct children's letter formations and invented spelling? Although it may seem counterintuitive, correcting may not facilitate writing development, and in some instances may hinder it. Young writers need to test boundries-and when they do, they need to make errors. It's important to view those errors not as problems, but as opportunities to learn. Correcting every error may discourage early writers from fully exploring this new way of conveying meaning. When you allow developmentally appropriate errors, children become eager to write!

If you would like suggestions on how to correct some of these errors without hindering your child's creativity please ask.

FALL BREAK

We will be offering a fall camp from October 11-24.

Preschool and pre-k classes will be closed during this time. If you need a full day, half day, or care for both weeks, we can accommodate you. We can take children ages 3yrs. 7yrs. 0mon.

If you are enrolled in extended care and choose to take time off during the break, keep in mind that you are required to pay tuition for those days.

All programs will be closed Oct. 10, 2011 for Columbus Day.

ORIGINAL ARTWORKS

It's time to see your child's artwork on T-shirts, note cards, mouse pads and more. Original Artworks in the one and ONLY fund raiser Town and Country offers. This is how it works. Your child completes an original piece of art in their classroom. This project is sent home with a catalog and price sheet of items that are available for you to purchase with the artwork on it. You send in your order with the artwork and the items are sent back to you within 3 weeks. These items make great holiday gifts and keepsakes.

Keep an eye out for more details.

Thank you in advance!!

