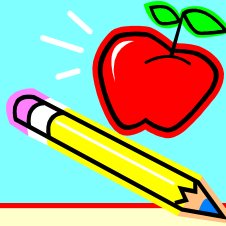




SUMMER NEWS!



St. Mark's preschool
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St. Mark's Preschool Newsletter

Welcome to Parent Info Night!

We are looking forward to the opening of St. Mark's Preschool in September! Much work is being done to ensure a successful school year for your children. We have made so much progress and are eagerly awaiting each new milestone.

St. Mark's is an Episcopal preschool welcoming children of all faiths and socio-economic backgrounds into a supportive community that integrates the arts, academics, health and social and emotional learning. Our school is designed to be a place where children can develop a love for learning and an appreciation of the world around them.



Meet the Staff...

"Welcome families! I'm looking forward to meeting each and every one of you and share all of the great things the St. Mark's Preschool has to offer this upcoming school year!"

-Meghan Kaplan (teacher/director)

I am looking forward to learning new things, exploring the world, performing science experiments, singing songs, and laughing with your child as well as getting to know your families. I am so excited to be a part of this new adventure!

-Savannah Stewart (teacher)

Enrollment Update

St. Mark's is on track to open this September, in time for the 2010-2011 school year! We are currently in the process of being licensed by DCFS and are permitted to maintain an interest list only. We would like to thank you for your continued support and interest in St. Mark's Preschool! Please contact us if you would like to be put on our interest list.

Philosophy and Curriculum

Our approach to education is rooted in the Reggio Emilia philosophy of teaching. It is one that emphasizes child directed learning. The philosophy believes that intelligence is developed from direct interaction with the world around you. Children are the researchers in this world, and as researchers, they develop and test theories of understanding about the world around them. Teachers and parents are here to collaborate in that understanding and teachers follow the child's natural curiosity and base lesson plans on children's interests. Partnerships with the parents and community are a cornerstone of our philosophy. Field trips, parent participation and community involvement help facilitate lessons and understanding for the children.

Class Size and Age

For the 2010 school year, we will have one classroom of a mixed three and four year old age group. The second year we plan to have two classrooms.

Classroom size will be limited to 15 children and all students must be 3 yrs old by Sept.1.

School Schedule

School will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:15 to 11:30 am. The St. Mark's Preschool calendar will be aligned as close as possible with the School District 41's calendar. The first day of class is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14th, 2010.

Tuition Information

The current cost for enrollment at St. Mark's Preschool will be \$250 a month (for a nine month program) or a total cost of \$2,250 a year.

Upon completion of the DCFS licensing process, we will contact all families on our interest list about enrollment procedures.



Home Visits

In order to help students feel more comfortable on their first day of preschool, we would like to schedule home visits for each child. These visits will take place August 23 – September 3. They will consist of brief visits where the director will introduce herself to the student and their families. More information will be provided when it is available.

Communication

During this start-up time, we will contact you primarily by email, so please make sure we have your correct email address. If you need to reach us, the school email is preschool@stmarksglenellyn.org. You may also contact Kim, Cindy or Meghan directly with questions.

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Meghan Kaplan: 708-926-5836 Meghan.kaplan@msn.com

Upcoming Events

August 23-September 3

Home visits by Preschool Director

September 9

Classroom visit and meet the teachers night

September 14

First day of Preschool!!!

September 25

St. Mark's clothing, toy, book and sporting good resale event (8am-2pm in Mahon Hall)

Parent Resources

Check out these websites with your children this summer! They offer a variety of education games, printable books and activities and lots more!

www.starfall.com

<http://www.preschooleducation.com/>

To learn more about the Reggio Emilia Philosophy, you can visit:

<http://www.brainy-child.com/article/reggioemilia.html>

<http://www.googobits.com/articles/p4-1660-choosing-a-preschool.html>

Thank You Families for your continued support! Have a safe, active and wonderful summer!