

Dear Parents;

We are pleased to have the opportunity to provide a high quality program which continues throughout the year. Summer camps brought to us all joy, excitement, exploration and learning. During every single session of our program children complete different developmental phases. Although our fall session offers typical developmentally appropriate themes, the curriculum is designed to meet each child's individual needs and talents. For instance, every week children attend writing workshops that provide individual and group activities. During previous sessions children were introduced to the alphabet, and this session aims to expand accurate alphabet and sound recognition through various songs and interesting games as well as expand children's vocabularies. Alphabet workshops start with a fun group activity such as making letters with play dough. Gradually, when children are ready, they will participate in matching letters with icons, sounding out letters in a computer game, or cutting out different letters from magazines. Individual writing and reading are always encouraged but never forced on any child. Every child will have a folder in which s/he keeps workshop projects to complete or improve when the child shows interest during the week.

During the next twelve weeks introducing various occupations is also another great theme that shapes children's imagination and educates them about important social concepts such as community, cooperation and compassion, not to mention necessary concepts such as emergencies.

Creepy crawlies is another interesting theme to keep our toddlers and preschoolers on their toes and let them have fun especially around Halloween. Exploring and learning about creepy

crawlies feed children's curiosity and keep them excited as they are introduced to great books, sing numerous silly songs and make funny art projects.

After our art-oriented summer camps, children are now ready to explore other activities that are not necessarily project oriented. This session is designed to offer at least one art project per week and has strong emphasis on dramatic plays, writing workshops and longer structured activities such as circle time and reading.

If you have any questions regarding fall themes and activities, please do not hesitate to contact Teacher Pouneh for further information.

Reminders:

- Please remember to use the main office door upon your arrival and departure.
- Since sharing, cooperation and establishing friendships are leading goals in your child's social interaction skills, encourage your child to bring something for *show and tell*. We will make time in our circle time for children to talk about what they brought from home.
- After the first four weeks of the fall session Pouneh will schedule parent/teacher conferences to discuss your child's improvement and form new goals for the next session.
- Please support us in keeping our school a healthy environment by keeping your ill child at home. If your child is not feeling well s/he will enjoy and benefit staying home more than attending school.
- We will grant fifty percent off of one month's tuition if your referred friend enrolls her child to our program

PARENTS CORNER:

Pouneh has a wide range of articles and resources about different subjects from toilet training to various developmental stages. Please feel free to ask for a resource about your child's developmental stages. A great resource book in easing the tough path of parenting is *Positive Discipline for Preschoolers* by Jane Nelson, Cheryl Erwin and Roslyn Duffy. This is a must have book as its short chapters illustrate real daily battles and offer practical solutions.