



September 2011

## We are off to a wonderful start!

Please check the Parent Board for the Parent Helper Sign up Sheets. There are many spots still available. You may also call the school and our staff will sign for you.

## NO CELL PHONE ZONE

We ask that all parents refrain from using their cell phones during pick up or drop off. This includes our car line and walking parents. Please read the Trent Manual for more information.

## WORK BAGS

Your child's paper work will be sent home on **Fridays**. We are assigning one bag for your child to use during this school year. The bags will be used each year so we ask that you not allow your child to mark on the bag. The cost to replace the bag (if lost) will be \$5. Please **empty the bag**, look over their work (with them) and return the empty bag on Monday. We hope that these bags will make the process of taking home books, notes and school items easier. Thank you for your help.

## BOOK CLUBS



We have participated in the book order clubs for many years and have been very happy with the different selections offered. I have found the books to be appropriate for the 3 to 6 year olds. I will be sending home the flyers from the Preschool or K-1 book sheets. In order to keep this as simple as possible I will send the sheets home on a Friday (in their work bag) and ask you to return your order by the following Friday. It usually takes 2 or 3 weeks to receive the books. After you have made your selections and completed the order form(s) on the back page, **please make your check out to the Scholastic Book Club**. The class receives bonus points for each book ordered which can be used to select items from the teacher's catalog. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. **Book orders are included in the workbag.**

## Park Guidelines

Parents and siblings are welcome to join us in the park. When the bell rings, we ask that you all return to your car/sidewalk while we organize our lines. Please sign up to be a Park Volunteer.

## MONTESSORI WORKSHOPS

Our two New Parent Montessori Workshops will be held on Monday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> at the school. These meetings will begin at **7:00 p.m.** and will last approximately 1 1/2 hours. All NEW parents to Trent are asked to attend these very informative meetings. At least one parent from each family should attend. Different information will be given at each meeting. Children are not to attend this meeting. Be sure to read your Trent Manual before these meetings.

## REMINDERS

All School **Picnic** is Tuesday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 5:30 to 7:00. Please bring your own picnic and join the other families for a fun time. Rain cancels.

There are many children who do not have an extra **change of clothing** in their baskets. Please send these in ASAP as we are already working in a wet environment! (Lots of table, floor, cloth, dishes, etc. washing is going on).

Our Montessori Classroom and Extended Care **Snack Sharing Baskets** will begin on Monday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. Please check your Trent manual for details. The lists will be on the Parent Board.

Please make sure that all **messages are in writing**. We are trying to accommodate many families and it is very helpful if we can have the written message to refer to and not need to rely on our memories!

Please **check your e-mail** daily. I use this form of communication for different items. At times a message will be sent to Kindergarten Parents only and at other times a message may be sent to a single person.

## Car Line Procedures



For the safety of all children, please use our car line when dropping off and picking up your child.

*[Exceptions: Car pools of 3 or more children. Those who walk to school. Early drop off or pick up for Extended Care parents. Arrangements made prior to school.]*

Children should remain in the car until a teacher walks to the door. Also, it is not safe to allow your child to "drive". A slight bump from the car behind you could result in a very serious injury.