

Chapelwood Chalkboard

Chapelwood School for
Young Children
Est. 1958

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“Happy and Healthy Children”

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Classes resume	1/4
Jan tuition due 1/4 (late @ 2:30pm 1/10)	
PTO Meeting CB208 @ 9:15	1/11
MLK Holiday NO SCHOOL	1/16
Parent/Teacher Conference Day NO SCHOOL	1/17
Parent Volunteer Training Class CB 208 @ 9:15	1/18
Book Drive @ Chapel	1/18
Bridge info. Meeting	1/19
Registration for FALL 2012 –2013	1/23 & 24
Pre K “Pajama Rama” (for those who purchased this at the Silent Auction)	1/25

Over the holidays, I was reading an article on creativity and young children. It was very intriguing to me and thought provoking. The future of our country as well as your child’s success depends on how well he/she can think outside the box. Your children will be the ones creating new things for our future. So how do we encourage creativity? We need to as parents and teachers to encourage them to use his creative problem solving abilities. One way to do that is to ask open ended questions. For example you might ask them “How many uses can you think of for a toothbrush?” A creative child might respond by saying that he can brush his cat’s teeth, polish a rock, and clean his fingernails. Any answer that generates a wide range of potentially useful ideas is something a creative child would say.

Encourage play where the child uses his imagination. Blocks, or things where they can build structures, dolls, a bucket of chalk are great for developing imaginations. Simple outside activities as making paths with leaves in your back yard can be a creative one for your child. Studies show that play provides physical dexterity, teaches kids how to negotiate group dynamics and ultimately helps them cultivate creative thinking skills.

This year encourage your child by providing lots of time for the children to have free play because this allows the brain to leisurely to think creatively. One of my favorite things to do is to go and play with the children when they are in one of the centers at school. They get so excited when you use your imagination and play with them. I challenge each of you this year to play a little more with your children and enjoy their wonderful creativity.

Carolyn Park~ Administrator

Happy New Year!!

I hope everyone had a terrific holiday season. Looking at our January calendar I see lots of things going on at Chapelwood that you will want to take note of. In particular the **Parent Volunteer Training** class that is required of anyone wanting to work at school. It will take place on the 18th at 9:15am in CB208. Please make plans to attend this class if you have not in the past. It is a licensing and accreditation requirement for our volunteers.

Also, the next day is our **Bridge Informational Meeting**. If your child is in Pre K and might need another year before kindergarten, please attend this meeting to learn more about our Bridge program.

Amy J. Hinnant-Preschool Director

Happy NEW YEAR everyone!

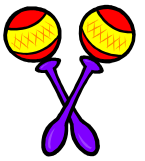
I hope you all had wonderful holidays and made some super special memories. With the New Year comes lots of new learning opportunities. We will be discovering the properties of ice and using it in a variety of different ways. We are also going to be learning about the different types of clothing children need when the weather is very cold. Living in Houston, it is not an everyday thing to bundle up in heavy coats, hats and mittens, but we will get to discover these items and explore how to put them on. Maybe the weather will give us some chilly days to enjoy too ☺

Conference days will be coming up later this month. This is the mid-year point, so please make every effort to meet with your teacher to discuss your child’s progress.

Elizabeth Tomczeszyn~ Infant/Toddler/2’s Director



Spanish News by Senora Menn LC 139



This month my students will learn about clothing, playing bingo and clothing flash cards. They will also learn a new song: "Clothing Song" (to the tune of "Skip to My Lou")

Camisa-shirt pantalones-pants
vestido-dress calcetines-socks
zapatos-shoes gorro-cap

These are the clothes that we wear.



Make plans now for the 2012
Chapelwood School
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February 22, 2012

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Motor News by Mrs. Buchwald LC 120

Gross Motor Skills Aren't Gross!!

Children grow and develop physically according to their experiences, characteristics, and abilities. Because physical development is so important, we must make sure our environment allows each child to find his space.

We can do this by:

Creating the right indoor and outdoor environment.

Allowing children the time to use that environment.

By encouraging movement awareness.

Teaching physical movement skills.

By supporting children as they begin to develop and use those skills in increasingly complex and controlled ways.

Helping children develop a positive attitude about wellness and physical health.





The Christmas season is over and in music we will now be singing several songs about winter. Its time for Frosty the Snowman - the song many children ask for during Christmas, but with all the Christmas songs I want to sing with them, I told them Frosty had to wait a few more weeks. I've got a condensed version of "Winter Wonderland" and "Let It Snow" that I'm going to try with the older classes. I've found that if I can play it on the piano - they love it and want to hear it again and again!!



Bridge Informational Meeting

If your child is in Pre K this year and you want to know more about Chapelwood's Bridge program , please plan to attend our informational meeting on **Thursday, January 19, 2012**
CB208 at 9:15am

We will discuss what the Bridge class does for children who need a little more time before they go to Kindergarten

Chapelwood School BOOK DRIVE

January 18th-25th

Children's books K-5 to be donated to libraries being built in Uganda
Books should be brought to Chapel on the 18th

Nurse's Notes by Nurse Peggy



I would like to wish everyone a happy new year. As we start another new year, it would be a good time to think about safety. In case of emergency, a well-stocked first aid kit could be a lifesaver. Keep one in your home, in your car, and even at work. And keep one handy if you are hiking, biking, camping or boating.

Whether you buy a first aid kit or put one together, make sure it has all the items you may need. The American Red Cross suggests a first aid kit contain: antiseptic ointment, blanket, cold pack, disposable gloves, assorted band-aids, adhesive tape, gauze pads, roller gauze, triangular bandage, hand cleaner, plastic bags, scissors, tweezers, a small flashlight and extra batteries, and activated charcoal.

Remember to include any personal items, such as medications and emergency phone numbers, or other items suggested by your doctor. Check the kit regularly. Make sure the flashlight batteries work. Check expiration dates and replace any used or out-of-date contents. Store your first aid kit in a secure place out of the reach of young children.

I hope that your New Year will be healthy and happy.



Important News about Registration for the 2012-2013 School Year



Returning Families- MONDAY, JANUARY 23rd 8am East Room
Or on-line via email link

General Public- TUESDAY, JANUARY 24th 8am Office

Dear Parents,

Registration for the **2012-2013** school year will begin on January 23 for our returning student families. Registration from January 24 – 27 is for the general public and ends our priority registration.

For our returning families I am happy to offer you a new option this year. You may either:

Choose to come to the East room on January 23, at 8 a.m.

or

Choose to go on line and register on our web link that we will be sending to you via your email address. There is a small additional base cost for using the web payment registration. The great news is that you will not have to get up early and wait in a line! If you are registering more than one student you will need to click on “add attendees” (Step 2). The program is easy to complete. Just follow each step. You also have many options of payment.

For all **new** students, we will be requiring a copy of your child’s birth certificate. It does not have to be a certified copy. If you have your original birth certificate, we will be happy to copy it and give you the original certificate back at registration. If you provided birth certificate last year, and your child is returning, you **will not** have to provide it again. If you chose to register a new sibling on line you will need to bring or mail in a copy of that child’s birth certificate to the school office.

We will continue to offer the after school programs that begin at the end of our school day for an additional cost. Information on these programs will come in April 2012.

We will be offering tours or appointments with the directors if you have any concerns about the new school year. Amy Hinnant will talk to you about the threes - Bridge programs, and can be reached at 713-354-4423, and Elizabeth Tomczeszyn will share information about the nursery through the two and one half program. She can be reached at 713-354-4426.

We are looking forward to another great school year at Chapelwood. Please share this registration information with your friends.

Carolyn Park
Administrator