

CREATOR CHATTER

March 2009



Dear Parents,

As you know, registration is in full swing. We are offering a \$25 deduction on your November 2009 tuition for each referral of a new child. Just ask the parent to place your name on the first sheet of the registration packet as the referring parent. The referred child must register, and attend school in September and October 2009. In November you will have an extra \$25 for Christmas shopping! If you have already referred someone who has registered, just let us know and we will note it on their registration sheet. Thank you for your referrals for our program, word of mouth is our best advertisement.

Our four-year-old spots are limited, therefore if you have not already turned in your registration for next year, check with Sherry or Judy for availability.

May the luck of the Irish be with you this March!

**Sherry Webb and Judy Myers,
Directors**

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Something New:

"Mahone's Forge" will be at Creator on Thursday, March 19th and Friday, March 20th. Parents and siblings are welcome. Please note that this is a change in dates from the yearly calendar.

Clothing

Please label all of your child's outerwear with his/her name. Dress your child appropriately for outdoor play. As spring approaches, we are certain to go outdoors each day with many activities planned.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences are Monday March 16th. Preschool will be closed for the children on conference day. We will provide child care during your conference time for your child and siblings in the toy room.

Parent Involvement:

Parent Meeting March 11th, 9:15

Wish List:

As always, baby wipes and disinfecting wipes!

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Staff Spotlight and Curriculum Corner

This month we are spotlighting the Creative Art Room and Jane Newcomb, our Art teacher.

Mrs. Newcomb has been at Creator for more than 10 years. She just celebrated her 18th wedding anniversary to Steve Newcomb in May. She is the mother of 2 children: Brittany, 16, a sophomore at Lee Davis High School; and Steven, 13, an eighth grader at Stonewall Jackson Middle School. Mrs. Newcomb and her family are members of Fairmount Christian Church. She is looking forward to warmer weather so she and her family can start camping again. For fun, Jane is going on a (childless!) 9 day Carribean cruise in May!

Watch for pictures of your children enjoying this part of their day here at preschool. They will be coming soon to creatorpreschool.winkflash.com. The password is "5FishPictures".

Curriculum Corner

Creative Art is more about the "process" than the "product". This is very evident in a child's use of play dough. Are you aware of just how much your child is learning just by playing with play dough? Play dough is essential for building fine motor skills which are crucial for writing. Activities such as squeezing, pinching and pressing play dough are refining your child's small muscles. Adding items such as scissors, pizza cutters, cookie cutters, pipe cleaners, and popsicle sticks increase a child's opportunities for creativity and imagination while again, building fine motor strength. Also, your children love to use play dough to make imaginary animals, food, birthday cakes (very popular this year!), creatures and even bowling alleys! Play dough is also a great sensory activity. Mrs. Newcomb makes scented or sparkling play dough for special occasions in order to expand your child's sensory experience. For example, peppermint for Christmas, allspice at Thanksgiving, Kool Aid during our "Five Senses" week and sparkly just for fun. Play dough also builds gross motor skills when a child rolls, pounds, and kneads play dough, he/she is strengthening upper body muscles. Don't be concerned if your child doesn't have "artwork" every day. He/she is very much engaged in creative art with the cutting table, hole punching, play dough, easel painting, as well as doing themed art projects that he/she will bring home. We have included a play dough recipe for you and your child to share in the making and enjoyment of the play dough experience.