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April 14, 2010

**Summer 2010 and School Year 2010-2011 Registration**

Registration forms for summer 2010 were due April 12 and registration forms for the next school year are due April 19. Please fill it out and return to school as soon as possible if you have not filled it out yet.

**Celebration of Learning – Tuesday, May 4**

Each spring the children invite their parents to come to their rooms and see what they have learned this past school year.

The Children's House children will make an invitation for their parents stating what they would like to show you. Please read and discuss your child's invitation with him/her and together create a plan for the evening (FYI: food work will not be available for the open house).

We look forward to seeing you!

Please follow the schedule so there is enough room in each Casa.

4:30pm – 5:00pm: the Toddler Community

5:15pm – 5:45pm: Children who are extended day in Casa 1 and Casa 2

6:00pm – 6:30pm: Children who are half day and all day in Casa 1 and Casa 2

**Dr. Steve Hughes: Modern Parenting: Tips, Tricks and Traps**

This event will be held on Tuesday, April 27 at 7:00pm at the Plymouth Creek Center. RSVP to Kathy at Children's Workshop, 763-577-4244. Hope to see you there. If you want any further information please visit Dr. Hughes' website [www.goodatdoingthings.com](http://www.goodatdoingthings.com). Please invite your family and friends as well.

**The Mother's Day Gathering**

Every year we honor all mothers by hosting a small brunch. This year the brunch will held be on Thursday, May 6 8:30am – 9:00am.

**Year End Celebration Information**

The Spring Program is for the children in the casás. The Toddler Community parents are invited to attend the program and/or come to the potluck afterward.

The program will be held in the church on Tuesday, May 25 at 6:30pm (children must arrive by 6:15pm). *Children who are extended day must be picked up by 5:45pm.*

This venue is large so there is not a limit on the number of guests that each family may invite. You will be notified of where each Casa will be on the stage so you can sit accordingly. The front row will be reserved for the family of the graduating Kindergartener.

There will not be a professional videographer recording the entire program. If you choose to videotape the program, please be aware of the people surrounding you. *During the program, please do not raise your camera in the air blocking the view of others.*

Every year some children get a “special part.” Usually these parts are given to children who have experienced the program before and/or who are older than four years.

We want the program to be fun for everyone. Please be aware that not all of the children will want to participate. We are sensitive to this and plan for it. Your child’s teacher will discuss with you if she thinks your child will not be able to participate for the entire length of the program. Your child may feel most comfortable watching his/her friends up on stage and singing along while sitting with you.

A potluck is planned for all families, including the Toddler Community families, after the program in social hall at 7:00pm.

Signup sheets will be placed in the front table in the near future. Each room will be responsible for a certain type of dish.

### **Key Cards**

If you have lost your key card, please notify your child’s teacher and it will be replaced. To replace a key card, the cost is \$12.00.

When you leave the school at the end of the year or the summer, all key cards assigned to your family must be turned in on your child’s last day of school. If you do not turn it in, the deposit check of \$24.00 will be cashed.

### **Calendar**

April 27 – Dr. Steve Hughes: *Modern Parenting: Tips, Tricks and Traps*

May 4 - Celebration of Learning (please follow assigned times)

May 7 – Mother’s Day Gathering 8:30am – 9:00am

May 18 - 20 – Little Flowers Montessori Food Drive

May 25 – Year End Celebration, 6:30pm; Potluck to follow at 7:00pm

May 29 – Last day of school

Half day dismissal at the regular scheduled time (11:30am TC, 11:40am CH)

All day and extended day dismissal is at 12:00pm (there will be no lunch)

Please drive up to the curb and we will walk your child(ren) to you

May 31 – Memorial Day; no school

June 1 – School closed; staff preparation for summer school

June 2 – First day of Summer school

### *Montessori Minute*

“My research is directed at identifying social and emotional rearing environments that help to build better brains. We’re not just interested in intelligence – we’re interested in emotional well-being and social functioning, too. Ultimately, we want to show how to maximize the growth and development of children in all domains.” Dr. Steve Hughes, April 2009, at a lecture given at the Montessori Training Center of Minnesota.

Dr. Hughes and his wife chose a Montessori school for their daughter because he found this scientific education to be most in sync with what he found in his modern brain research.