



March 4, 2009

Conferences

The parent/guide relationship is very important. Meeting with parents is a great opportunity to share stories, ideas and goals. It gives the parents and the guides a glimpse of what goes on in a day in the life of your child. We are looking forward to meeting with you on Friday, March 6.

Winter Weather

Please be sure to pack waterproof mittens for the children who go outside before lunch and for those who stay for the extended day, please pack an extra pair for after school. With the March snow, the snow gear gets very wet, very quickly. It is not fun to play outside with wet mittens.

When your child is sick...

Please follow the Exclusion of An Ill Child guidelines. Please be considerate of other families and the staff so they are not exposed to illness unnecessarily. The best place for a sick child is home.

Prospective Family Open House

On Saturday, March 7, Little Flowers Montessori School will be hosting an open house for prospective families from 9:00am – 11:00am. If you know of any families who are interested in our school, please be sure to tell them of the open house.

April Tuition

Please note that the April 2009 tuition is due by March 27. School will be closed and the mail will not be received until we open again April 6, 2009. *All checks will be deposited April 1.*

Spring Break

Little Flowers Montessori School will be closed March 30 – April 3 for spring break. School resumes on Monday, April 6.

Summer Registration

Little Flowers Montessori School will again offer a summer program. Themed weeks with crafts and activities are being planned. More information and the registration form will be available in a few weeks.

We are looking forward to a fantastic, activity-filled summer!

Registration for the 2009-2010 School Year

It is time to think about the next school year already. Please review your options. If you have any questions about next year, please ask to your child's guide. Registration forms will be available in the next few weeks.

Calendar Notes

March 6 – Parent/teacher conferences; no school

March 26 – Coffee with Preethy

March 30 – Apr. 3 – Spring Break; no school

April 6 – School resumes

April 28 – Family Open House (more information to follow)

Exclusion of Ill Child Guidelines to Follow

Chicken pox	Until all the blisters have dried into scabs; usually about 6 days after rash onset.
Conjunctivitis (Pinkeye)	Until 24 hours after treatment begins. (pink or red conjunctiva with white or yellow discharge that causes matting of the eyelids; pain or redness of eyelids).
Diarrhea (Infectious)	Until diarrhea has stopped. For some infections, the person must also be treated with antibiotics before returning to child care.
Diarrhea (Uncontrolled)	Until uncontrolled diarrhea stops, or until a medical exam indicates that it is not a communicable disease (uncontrolled diarrhea is an increased number of stools, compared with a person's normal pattern, along with watery stools, and/or decreased stool form that cannot be contained by the diaper or use of the toilet).
Fever	Until 24 hours after the fever has subsided <u>without</u> medication A fever is defined as an axillary (armpit) temperature of 100 ⁰ F. or higher, before fever reducing medication is given.
Impetigo	Until child has been treated with antibiotics for at least a full 24 hours.
Lice (head)	Until after the first treatment and no live lice are seen.
Rash With or Without Fever or Behavior Change	Until a medical exam indicates these symptoms are not that of a communicable disease (i.e., chickenpox, fifth disease, measles, roseola, rubella, shingles, strep throat).
Respiratory Infections (Viral)	Until child is without fever for 24 hours and is well enough to participate in normal activities. No exclusion for other mild respiratory infections without fever as long as child can participate in normal daily activity comfortably.
Ringworm (skin & scalp)	Until 24 hours after treatment has been started.
Scabies	Until 24 hours after treatment has been started.
Signs/Symptoms of Possible Severe Illness	Until a medical exam indicates the child may return (unusually tired, uncontrolled coughing, irritability, persistent crying, difficult breathing, wheezing).
Streptococcal Sore Throat	Until at least a full 24 hours after treatment begins and child is without fever for 24 hours.
Vomiting	Until vomiting stops (vomiting is defined as two or more episodes in the previous 24 hours).