

November 2019



Themes:
Thanksgiving
Hospital

When you have just 2 minutes! Read this stuff...

Important Dates for Everyone!

Tuition is due on November 1st
TBD Picture Re-Take Day
Nov 21 Parent and kid night
Nov 28-29 Thanksgiving Break
Dec 1 Tuition due
Dec 7 Caroling at Three Links
Dec 19 Last day 2am class
Dec 20 - Jan 8 NO SCHOOL

2-Day Important Dates

November 21 Parent and Kid Night, 6-7pm
December 7 Caroling at Three Links

It's important to know!

Our security policy provides that the doors into our classroom remain locked during class hours. Any items you wish to put into the room can be placed on the take-home-box table. Tuition payments should be placed in the plastic message envelope or you can place tuition payments into the black payment box during pick-up time.

Get the news you need!

As you enter the door near the playground, you will see a bulletin board area. There you will find pertinent messages, copies of our newsletters, our handbook and our snack schedules-all for your convenience. In addition, important notices are often placed above the take-home-box. Please take the time to read these messages. "Like" us on Facebook and check the website regularly for other updates and information.

Parent & Kid Night

Parent and Kid Night is fun! Here's an opportunity for your children to share with you what they like to do at Open Door. The event will be on November 21. We will open our doors at 6pm. You are

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welcome to come at any time during the scheduled “fun time.” At 6:45 the clean-up will begin and the doors will close at 7pm. This popular event is for ODP students and their parents only. We are not able to accommodate siblings on this night. We hope you can join us!

Shoes, Slippers, Mittens and Bags!

We ask that shoes or slippers be provided during “boot” weather. Please send a large bag or backpack with your child each day so that hats, mittens, scarves and snowpants can be placed in bags rather than on the floor, and shoes can be returned home at the end of the day. Be sure to put your child's name on ALL these items.

When you have 5 MORE minutes! Read this stuff...

Emails!

We are posting important weekly updates. When we have special photos, we post those on facebook. We hope that you enjoy and find this information useful.

Pre-School Screening

Please note that a free screening is available for pre-kindergarten children in Northfield in cooperation with the Northfield Public Schools. Call 507-645-1200 to schedule an appointment. Additional information is posted on the bulletin board. When all of our students complete the screening, we will be rewarded with a special visiting performance from the Northfield Arts Guild. Pretty cool

Joyful Noises

Things get so hectic as the holidays approach so take a minute now to put the upcoming Open Door caroling party on your calendar. We will meet at ODP at _____ pm on December 7 and walk over to Three Links Care Center to begin our program at _____. We will do some singing and then head back to the school for treats. Please bring your entire family for this fun holiday afternoon. More information will come next month.

When you've got 10 more minutes! This stuff is good to know...

Mittens First? Mittens Last!

When dressing children for outdoor play in the cold climate, many of us have children put mittens on first to be sure they're tucked in securely by coat and jacket cuffs. HOWEVER, because we are trying to encourage children to learn to do their own zippers, put on their own hats and put things in their own bags using their hands, we at Open Door encourage our children to put on mittens LAST. Please remember, gloves don't keep tiny fingers as warm as mittens do and they are more difficult to put on.

Review Your Handbook

The cold weather is here! We ask that you review the policies in the handbook regarding outdoor play during the inclement weather, cold weather clothing and cancellation of classes.

Bathroom Time

Please be sure to have your child go to the bathroom BEFORE coming to school. Children will be expected to wipe themselves and pull up their underwear after toileting.

Thanks!

To all the parents who were able to help chaperone on the environmental trip to St. Olaf. We are so excited about this opportunity and it would not be possible without your assistance. We will be visiting the prairie in the Winter and Spring (exact dates are TBD). We know that there are many parents who were unable to attend because of sibling care. Perhaps you would like to arrange a child-care swap? One parent could care for the siblings during the winter visit and the other could care for the children in the Spring. It's such a great experience; we'd like it to be available to all of you. Let us know if you are interested.