

THE MIGHTY OAK NEWSLETTER

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''Mighty Oaks from Little Acorns grow''

SCHOLASTIC BOOKS ARE BACK

Scholastic books are not a thing of the past! Each year there are more and more deals to be had! Ordering books from Scholastic is a great way to build your child's home library. In each magazine, there are a select group of books priced at \$1 and another group for only \$3. You can order classics like Corduroy, Strega Nona and Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, just to name a few. All of the prices are very reasonable.

Ms. Nicole has been coordinating these special book orders and has extended the savings and education to all of the classes by passing along the age appropriate flyers. In her absence while on maternity leave Michelle will be handing out material to keep this great program going.

Ordering has been made so simple. You can order by filling out the flyers and sending it back in with a check or you can go online and place your own order! The easiest way is really on line. Nicole has set up an account online. Simply go to www.scholastic.com/bookclubs. On the parent page click 'Don't have username and password', create your own username and password, when you are prompted to enter your one-time Class Activation Code enter 'GKPVG'. This will link all of your orders to the Little Acorns Account.

Once your account is set up you are free to order from that months books. Be sure to pay attention to our due date for the book orders. This will be hand written on the flyer you receive. Your books will be sent directly to Little Acorns and we will deliver them to you.

There are great benefits to the Scholastic orders. You will save money, we earn credit to enhance our own classroom library and your child's life will be enriched by the books you order!

Please think about this great program as we start the new school year and as the holidays approach. They make great gifts!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 28: MCPS Half Day
- Sept. 29: MCPS Closed
- Oct. 13: Parent Night 7-9PM
- Oct. 19: Pumpkin Patch 9:30AM
- Oct. 21: MCPS Closed
- Oct. 31: MCPS Closed
- Oct. 31: Halloween Parades & Parties 11:30am

PARENT NIGHT

Parent Night will be held on Thursday October 13th from 7-9PM. We will have on-site childcare for two's, preschoolers and school-age children for \$10 per child, per hour. Please look for the sign up sheet posted in the hall. We will only be serving a refreshment & dessert for the children. You may bring your infants to the meeting. The first portion of the meeting will be a general meeting together as a

group. The second portion of the evening will be held as individual classroom meetings. Parent night is a great time to get to know our staff, meet other parents and learn about our programs.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

September brings us back to school and back to all of those extra curricular activities. We have some of the same programs from last year and a few new ones to announce. All of these activities are independent of the monthly tuition and will not interfere with instructional time or the gross motor activities we offer daily. They complement our program and are completely elective. Spanish will be offered on Monday mornings at 10 a.m. for the younger group and 11 a.m. for the older group Jump Bunch will be held on Tuesday mornings starting at 11 a.m. ABC Jamboree is on Thursday mornings starting at 11 a.m. Soccer will be offered on Friday morning from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 for the Fall and spring only. We will also be offering Ballet in the Winter once soccer is done. Ballet Petite is a great dance company offering wonderful programs for our Sapling and Oak Tree children.

If you have not signed up for any of these classes, you may still do so. Please look for flyers in your mailboxes in the next few weeks. If you have any questions about the programs, please email or stop by the office.



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the "big kids" on the playground, reading, singing, and even painting!

Evelyn has settled right in to the infant room. She is practicing her tummy time and loves to smile when we sing to her. Juliet is also working hard on tummy time and she is now rolling over! Emily is all over

the place now and she loves to explore every inch of the room. Alec gets around by rolling where he wants to go. Colten and Samantha are both walking now. They will be moving on to the Sprouts class. We are sad to see them go, but we know they will have lots of fun in their new classroom!

Parents: Please remember to check your child's extra clothes bin often to be sure that you have clothing that is appropriate for the weather.

Stephanie, Courtney & Amber



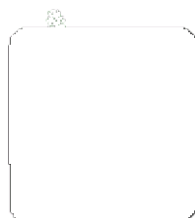
SPROUTS GROUP NEWS

Summer is almost over and we have been very busy with our summer themes. We enjoyed playing with the rainbow parachute, mixing paint colors, mixing sand and water, flashlight play in the dark, tent and tunnel play, tasting new foods, and just plain getting messy! Water day were definitely the most fun.

Charlotte Roth is our classroom helper. She loves to help the teachers. Noah is the sports fanatic. He is always ready to play ball. Charlotte Hoffman loves to play in the housekeeping area. She likes to dress up and carry her purse around. Liam loves to read books and push the baby stroller around the room. Alix also loves to read books and pat her baby doll to sleep. George loves to build with blocks and he really enjoys circle time.

Reminders: Please remember to check the white board for daily notes and lesson plans. Also, remember to check your child's cubby for appropriate clothing.

-Mrs. Rahman, Norma & Janelle



SEEDLINGS GROUP NEWS

During the past weeks we have been enjoying the summer themes with many fun and exciting activities especially water days! We welcome Noah, Charlotte Roth, Ruby, Jason, Rebecca, Suhaan and Vanessa who have joined our seedling friends. In the coming months we will be focusing on letters, numbers, colors, and shapes in addition to the other fun themes. We will be continuing to learn through playing, exploring and creating. We have many art projects planned for the children. The children will continue to explore their imagination with free painting, playdough, and coloring. They will also work on their gross motor skills by cutting, gluing, and tearing paper.

With the changes in the weather and the temperature getting cooler we will be going outside in the morning and once more in the afternoon. With the weather changing and fall quickly approaching it's a good time to check your child's cubby and refill or replace extra clothing that will be appropriate to the changing weather. You are welcome to leave a light jacket in your child's cubby if desired.

Thank you so much for being considerate with the seedlings routine by bringing your child in on time no later than 9:30. Routines, repetition, and consistency are very important to create a peaceful environment for your child and our classroom. I would also encourage for parents to take some time in the morning or pick up hours to spend some time playing with your seedling and friends. The children love the "Parent/child interaction".

We hope to see you all at Back to school night.

--Ms. Ericka, Dora, Britteny, & Tamisha



SAPLING GROUP NEWS

Wow! Summer time is almost over and saplings are ready for the fall! Saplings really enjoyed our summer weekly themes and had a great time with water day, sports day, pajama day, and rainbow week. For Hawaiian week we tried tropical fruits. We had banana, mango, orange, and pineapple. We have some great themes coming up that will take us outside frequently to enjoy the wonderful changing weather. We will also be focusing on letters, numbers, shapes, and colors.

Just a reminder, please bring in extra clothes appropriate to the changing weather and don't forget to label everything. Please remember to write your child's name on all food containers. For the new families we ask you to bring in a family photo for your saplings to show off to all their friends!

-Ms. Marie-Therese, Lalla & Arifa



OAK TREE GROUP NEWS

Summer is coming to an end and what a fun time we had! The kids had a blast on water days and really got into the spirit on our other "themed" days. Maybe we can continue them during the school year. Ms. Katy did an amazing job taking over the classroom in July. She will be a fantastic teacher and the kids still ask about her.

Ms. Michelle joined the Oak Tree room and is ready to take over when Ms. Nicole goes on maternity leave. Michelle will be a great asset working alongside Ms. Haoua and Ms. Jailing.

We will say goodbye to some great friends in August, but will welcome new ones in September! Just a few reminders: Please be sure your child arrives to school no later than 9:30 A.M. If your child arrives late, he/she will miss out on activities including morning snack and circle time. If you arrive late, and we are in the process of circle time, please wait until circle time is over before entering the classroom.

Don't forget to check your child's cubby on a regular basis, since we send things home often. Please be sure to have one extra set of season appropriate clothing in your child's cubby. We look forward to an exciting fun filled year and Ms. Nicole will see you in January!

-Ms. Nicole, Haoua, Jailing &

Michelle



MIGHTY OAKS GROUP NEWS

Miss Britteny and Evan will be team teaching the Mighty Oaks Group this year. We are looking forward to participating in many fun and interesting activities with your child. We also have some exciting trips planned this year. Please be on the lookout for information regarding these events. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know or contact us through the Little Acorn's e-mail address: littleacornselc@comcast.net. We are looking forward to seeing you soon.

-- Miss Britteny and Evan

