

WILLOW BEND TIMES

August 2010

Back-to-School News

Summer was laid back and the main goal was to have fun! We also reviewed our work for the whole year. The themes highlighted the essence of summer and the new 'Road Trip USA' was a huge hit! Field trips, Splash days, Picnics, Cooking, State Festivals all added up to a great summer!

Now it's time to pull up our socks, and get ready for the new school year! We are going back to the basics for the new semester and are excited to introduce some exciting enhancements in our daily curriculum, and an activity packed year ahead...

UPCOMING AUGUST/SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Aug 6th: No-Slumber Party for Campers @ 6:30 pm
Aug 11th: Talent Show by Camp A @ 3:30 pm
Aug 12th: Talent Show by Camp B @ 3:30 pm
Aug 18th: Farewell Parties @ 3:30 pm
Aug 19th: Open House/Parent Info Night @ 6:30 pm
Aug 20th: **WBLC Closed**. Teacher In-Service Day
Aug 23rd: First Day of Class Transitions
Sep 6th: Labor Day. **WBLC Closed**
Sep 10th: Grandparent's Day Social @ 3:30 pm
Sep 8th: Hearing & Vision testing for PS B & Pre-K
Sep 22nd: PISD Early Release Day

OPEN HOUSE & PARENT INFO NIGHT



We would like to invite all parents to attend our **Open House & Parent Information Night** on **Thursday, August 19th, 2010, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.**

This is an excellent opportunity to learn about curriculum, classroom objectives, procedures, what to expect, and to get to meet the teachers and other families.

Pizza and drinks will be served.
Babysitting will be provided.

School Starts August 23rd!

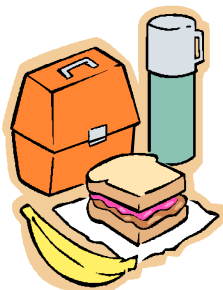


Our new academic year starts on **August 23rd, 2010.** Our innovative curriculum incorporates **Montessori, Whole Languages and Frog Street phonics**, using traditional and progressive methods of teaching.

We also have a lot of special activities planned for the children, including **Cooking, Yoga, Origami, Gardening, Computer Lab**, and exciting **Field trips.**

Children will be multilingual, learning **French, Spanish, and Sign Language.**

Our entire staff is excited to be able to work with a new group of children, and impart the love of learning in them!



MENU FACTS

A lot of thought, as well as input from parents, has gone into deciding our menu. Our breakfast includes **healthy low sugar** favorites, along with **seasonal fresh fruit** and milk; **hot lunch** is served, and includes **nutritious high protein, low-carb entrees**, served with hot veggies, fruit and milk; and afternoon snack includes many **whole wheat and organic selections**, along with orange juice. Check our web site for a detailed fall menu....

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Cotillion & Variety Show!

Parents of **Summer Campers** will be delighted to see our kids show off their **manners and formal dancing skills**, as well as entertain everyone with **songs, skits, dances, bands**, and more, displaying everyone's special talent!

Please join us for this special show on **August 11th and 12th**, as per your campers class schedule, at **3:30 pm**.

Happy Grandparents' Day

Come and enjoy a special moment with your grandchild...

To celebrate **Grandparents' Day**, all grandmas and grandpas are invited to join us for an **Ice Cream Social on Friday, September 10th**, at **3:30 pm**.

We hope you can make it!



Hearing and Vision Testing

As per State requirement, we will be conducting an **on-site Hearing and Vision screening for all 4 year olds and up on September 8th, 2010**. If you are interested, please let us know. The cost is \$15.00

Things to Remember

- Our program is **curriculum based**, and **continues throughout the day**. For any child to get the full benefit of our program we encourage parents to drop your child off by **8:30 am**.
- If your child arrives after 8:15 am, please make sure they have **eaten breakfast at home**.
- After 8:30 am, all children must be dropped off by the classroom door, and **goodbyes said outside** the classroom.
- Children are allowed to bring toys and other items **only on "Show & Tell" Wednesdays**.
- Children are required to **wear their orange t-shirt** to be able to go on field trips.
- Please make sure that your child has an **extra set of clothes**, including underwear and socks, in their cubby at all times.
- Tennis shoes** must be worn at all times. This is a safety regulation.



Farewell Pre-K !

With mixed emotions, we will be saying goodbye to our Pre-K Class of '10. Some of them have been with us since they were newbies, and are all grown up now!! **We are so proud of each one of them!!!**

To make their last week at Willow Bend very special, we will have a **Farewell Party** for our soon to be Kindergarteners on **August 18th**, at **3:30 pm**.

A Very Happy Birthday to...

August: Ms. Monica, 8/11; Ms. Nicole, 8/23; Noah P, 8/3; Carson B, 8/3; Jacob B, 8/3; Lily P, 8/4; Elena H, 8/4; Matthew W, 8/7; Grace H, 8/10; Judy Z, 8/10; Arnav G, 8/16; Nathan C, 8/16; Emma G, 8/17; John I, 8/18; Valentina C, 8/19; Morgan W, 8/22; Ryan R, 8/24; Gabriel Y, 8/25; Alana G, 8/27; Kate M, 8/29; Karsyn C, 8/30; Mark Z, 8/31

September: Ms. Shanita, 9/10; Ms. Chelsea, 9/25; Renee F, 9/1; Andrew K, 9/1; Cooper F, 9/4; Carter G, 9/5; Ryan D, Ava C, 9/13; Bianca W, 9/14; Jerry Z, 9/15; Brycen K, 9/17; Paige G, 9/20; Chase H, 9/20; Gabriela T, 9/23; Miles B, 9/24; Maximilian H, 9/27; Max F, 9/27; Lucas S, 9/27; Griffin Y, 9/27; London M, 9/29; Garrett S, 9/29; Morgan R, 9/29