

Ship to Shore from the Learning Ship

September 2011

News from the Dolphins & Whales

Dear Parents,

Hello and welcome to this year's bright beginning of preschool for your precious child. We hope you find our program to be a comfortable, secure and exciting environment for your child to explore. While he/she is in our care, we promise to do our best to provide your child with a love for learning, a love for others and a love for Christ.

Our first two weeks will begin with the themes of **All About Me/Emotions, and All About You/Friends**. We will use this time to learn more about each one of our students as they learn how each one of them is special and unique. We will learn about the school rules and daily schedule. We will focus on self-respect and respect of others. We will also concentrate on manners, sharing and thoughtfulness of others. We will also begin working with your children using "Centers" to teach the lessons in small group settings. We feel this will benefit each child as he/she will have structure to their "play" as they learn.

In our third week we will begin the alphabet. Our theme for the week will be **A is for Apples**. We will be looking into apples, seeds and how it all works together. We'll cook, color and create some neat crafts-all centered around apples!!

SHARE BAG INFO!! What is the share bag? Each class time one child will take home a small white tote bag with a note in its pocket. Help your child "read" the note; follow its directions for the next time your child is in class. Your child will have an opportunity to "share" what is in the bag, i.e. a favorite toy, book, picture, etc. with the class. Whoever brings the share bag to school that day will be the "special helper". He or she will be the line leader, **provide the snack for the day** and help out at calendar time.

Birthdays will be celebrated as close to your child's real birthday as possible. If you wish, you may bring a prepackaged treat to share with the rest of the class. Summer birthdays will be celebrated all together in the last week of school. **Fair Haven is a peanut free building...please do not bring in food containing peanuts or nuts. Thanks!**

Each month you will have the opportunity to **order books** from the Scholastic Book Club. The order will go in one week from the time it is sent home, and will come back in two to three weeks. You may order the books online or send in your order with a check written out to Scholastic, or you may also pay in cash. Any questions or concerns, please feel free to email us or call. We are here for you and your child.

September Birthdays

Dolphins
Austin Bolt ~ Sept. 11
Zander Driesenga ~ Sept. 23

Whales

Nora Beckett ~ Sept. 12
Brian Herrmann ~ Sept. 12
Macenna Bessey ~ Sept. 24

God Bless you!

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