

Kiddie Prep School

TEAM NEWS

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I would like to share an email with you.

There was a group of women in a Bible study on the book of Malachi. As they were studying chapter three they came across verse three which says, "He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver." This verse puzzled the women and they wondered what this statement meant about the character and nature of God.

One of the women offered to find out about the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible study. That week the woman called up a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. She didn't mention anything

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about the reason for her interest in silver beyond her curiosity about the process of refining silver. As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that, in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest so as to burn away all the impurities.

The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot - then she thought again about the verse, that He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver. She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined. The man answered that yes, he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he

had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. For if the silver was left even a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed.

The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, "How do you know when the silver is fully refined?" He smiled at her and answered, "Oh, that's the easy part -- when I see my image reflected in it."

Get inspired. Love yourself as God loves you and share that with the children and their families. Show them your creativity and love!

Fall Session Coming to a Close

Aug 5th - Allison's Last Day

Aug 7th - Alex's Last Day

Aug 8th - Emi's Last Day

Aug 12th - Welcome Sarahi and Kezia.

Aug 13th - Pay Day!

Aug 15th - Last Day for; Keila, Jane, Kammi, Ashley and Dayna.

Aug 16th - KPS Open 9-12:00? Come in and get your room ready!

Aug 18th - Fall Session Begins

Aug 18th - Welcome Amanda and Katie.

Aug 25th - Teacher's hand out Child Profiles

Aug 27 - Pay Day!

Aug 29th - Due date for parents to hand in Child Profiles

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Where Did the Summer Go???

- Reminder from the Kitchen - Please look in the kitchen to see if food is being prepared before walking in to get what you need. OR simply wear a hairnet and apron when entering from now on.
- Please remember that children are not allowed in the kitchen at any time. If you see someone abusing this rule, please politely remind them of the mistake. School Age children using the GP kitchen need to enter from the sanctuary side.
- Playground safety - Be sure to continue your compassion for the children outside. When a child falls, do not ignore them, even if you think the fall was nothing. We have had some injuries that could have potentially been very serious but with the aid of some caring teachers, they were tended to quickly. The office would rather error on the safe side and get things checked out.
- Playground Safety Team?? What do you think about forming a team that will help with monthly inspections of the equipment on the playground?? Email Melanie with your thoughts.
- New Children to KPS - All new children should be getting a canvas bag, a Dobson book, and a Welcome Letter soon after they begin care with us. These things can be found in the office. Another good idea is to have the parent fill out a child profile for your records and to help you get to know the child better.
- Reminder about child discipline - Do not take children to different rooms for discipline without authorization from the office. We need to know what is



going on in case we get a call from the parent. You should first call someone from the office down to the room to brainstorm with you to see what can be done to help.

Melanie's new hours as of August 21st will be 6:30-2:30. Please keep this in mind if you have any staffing questions during the day.

COMMUNICATION GOAL: We would like to have everyone understand that we have expectations and a goal for all lead teachers. Each Lead Teacher should be able to email notes, lesson plans, anecdotal, etc. to parents. This goal will be reached by mid-September. Please work hard on your presentation of the lesson plans and notes so the parents can see how creative and professional you are!

ASSESSMENTS: They are now computerized! Melanie will begin loading them onto your computers soon.

Anonymous Bag

Q: When do we use the soapy water??

A: Per state - Before all meals and snacks, you are to apply soapy water to the tables and wipe them down. They apply the bleach water to the tables and wipe them down. This is all done before the children are sitting at the table.

Q: Since the office gets the enrollment forms for new children, is it possible for them to make sure a child has a DOCTOR'S note and all nec. Paperwork for allergies before they are able to start. If a parent writes that a child has a food allergy on the enrollment papers, it is not always possible for the teacher to check on it right away. Or, is there a way to flag it in code on the Attendance Form like Dorothy has been, like P for peanut, M for milk, etc.? That way we have a heads up. Unfortunately, not all parents let us know about allergies on the first day.

A: The majority of the paperwork that the office receives comes in on the day the child first attends KPS. While understanding that the teacher is not always free to immediately read the registration paper, the teacher is allowed and available to ask the parent if there are any doctor diagnosed allergies to food or other substances. This will give you a quick heads-up to keep the child safe. If the parent says they are on the papers in the office, politely remind them that you will not be able to read the papers until later in the day. The teachers are responsible for reading the registration papers of all new student in order to learn more about the child who they will be caring for. There is a lot of good information that will help you understand where the child is developmentally and it will help you see what their family life is like.

No August Birthdays

August 12th, 2002 - Ryan
August 15th, 2005 - Trisha
August 18th, 2005 - Donita
August 23rd, 1999 - Dorothy
August 23rd, 1999 - Nicole

Happy Birthday!

KPS Anniversaries!

Affirmation Box

- Thank you Ms. Laura for being a great co-teacher with me this summer. It was nice working with you.

"Congratulations Laura!
You have won the Team Spirit award for this month."

- Jill is anxiously awaiting the final word from Washington, D.C.
- Erika is applying for a TEACH scholarship to finish off her bachelor's degree. Good Luck!
- Laura has applied for a scholarship that will help her complete her CDA and hopefully get her closer to her Associate's degree. She begins classes this fall.
- Meg has applied for a TEACH scholarship to have her final observation completed.

Fall registration will be coming up soon. Please be sure to give me copies of what you paid for registration and books. TEACH requires me to turn in this paperwork.

Connie Herndon will no longer be with TEACH as of Aug. 15th. She found a teaching position closer to home. Her replacement will be Linda Foreman. I have all of her contact information on file.

CDA Updates!