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Minds N Motion
Learning Center

"Today's Children Are Tomorrow's Future"

September 2016

Back to School Time

"On the Road to Academic Success!"

Welcome families to a year which promises to be full of fun, friendships, learning and growth. We are excited to begin our preschool year with new adventures and ideas.

Special Days

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| LABOR DAY HOLIDAY..... | 9/5 |
| SCHOOL BEGINS..... | 9/12 |
| GRANDPARENT=S DAY..... | 9/11 |
| PATRIOT DAY | 9/11 |
| HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH..... | 9/15-10/15 |
| PRE K & K BOOK & SUPPLY FEE DUE..... | 9/16 |
| CITIZENSHIP DAY..... | 9/16 |
| FIELD TRIP: LA COUNTY FAIR..... | 9/22 |
| CONSTITUTION WEEK..... | 9/19-23 |
| NATIVE AMERICAN DAY..... | 9/23 |
| FIRST DAY OF FALL..... | 9/23 |
| BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT..... | 9/30 |

A NOTE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Dear parents,
If you have any concerns or complaints regarding the school, please discuss them with me before making any decisions. It is extremely difficult to resolve any issues you might have if you send a letter anonymously instead of coming to me personally. We are here for you and there is no problem we can't attempt to solve. Thank you for your continued support!

The administration and the staff believe that safety is a priority for each child and we have their best interest in mind. We are concerned about the welfare of each student attending Minds N Motion Learning Center. Together we can make a difference in the growth and development of the *A*whole child, @ emotionally, physically, academically and socially.

We are excited about what's in store for the new school year so buckle up and here we gooooo!

Sincerely,
Dr. Stephanie I. Holloman

Meet The Staff

Dr. Holloman- Administrator
Ms. Paige Patton- Administrative Assistant/Teacher
Ms. Carter- Director/Butterflies & Wise Owls Teacher
Ms. Pamela Mendoza- Butterflies Teacher
Ms. Cynthia Rose- Bumble Bees Teacher
Ms. Taylor Tooke Spearman- Bumble Bees Teacher
Ms. Letitia Anderson- Caterpillars Teacher
Ms. Adriana Padilla- Lady Bugs Teacher
Ms. Alejandra Salcedo- Teacher
Mr. Cedric Holloman- Program Manager
Mr. Bradley Patton- Teacher's Assistant

Acknowledgements

We would like to take a moment to thank all of the parents who have supported us so graciously with supplies, snacks, and other nice gestures of kindness. Thank you Mr. Hamilton (Reese's dad) for the case of

toilet paper, Ms. Aguet (Dottie's mom) for the fruits, milk and other snacks and Ms. Taylor (Ella's mom) for the fresh pastries, toys and other technology donations. We really appreciate your kindness and support over the years.

Your Child's Teacher

Get to know your child's teacher and teacher's assistants. They will help teach your child many things this year, but you are their first and most important teacher!! Your child's teacher is here to work with you. If there is any change at home please let us know; a new baby, a new separation, a late night out, a bad dream, a lost pet, or a new fear. These usually make a difference in your child's emotions and disposition, so give her a "heads up", so that the teacher can better address your child's mood.

Field Trip

We will be going to the LA County Fair on Thursday,, September 22nd. We will leave promptly at 9:00 a.m. and return by 5:00p.m. The cost of the trip is \$15.00 for children and \$20.00 for children & adults 6 yrs. and up. All children must wear a school t-shirt and bring a brown sack lunch with drink.

The Three R=s

The new school year is here! You can help make it a successful one by setting the stage for learning. Share these R=s with your children: readiness, routines, and responsibility.

Readiness

Ensure that your child goes to school, ready to learn every day.

§ Speak positively to your child about school and the teachers. Your attitudes toward learning will send a powerful message to your youngsters.

§ See to it that your child gets at least eight hours of sleep and a nutritious breakfast so he=ll feel rested and alert.

Routines

Develop simple routines for smooth, stress-free mornings:

§ Help your child prepare for school in the evening.

Have her put everything she needs for school in a special Agrab= n= go@ corner.

§ Together, create a regular morning routine. For example, you might make your bed while your youngster gets dressed.

Responsibility

Teach your children responsibility by helping him get organized:

- § Give him/her chores to perform at home.
- § Purchase a family pet so your child can care for something.

Excerpts from: Resources for educators, a division of Aspen Publishers, Inc.

Health

Please remember your child=s immunizations, and **remember to update their records as required.** We can only administer prescribed medication with your written permission: **No over-the-counter medicine!** If your child is sent home sick for any reason, he cannot return to school for at least 24 hours or until all the symptoms are gone or the doctor can send a written permission for the child if he or she is under doctor’s care.

Late Pick Up

A fee of **\$15.00** is charged for **every 15 minutes or portions** thereof when you are late picking up your child **after 6:00 p.m. *THERE IS NO GRACE PERIOD.*** The fee must be paid in cash when you arrive. Please call if you are late for any reason.

Late Payment of Fees

Tuition is due and payable on **Friday** in advance of the coming week or Monday of the week through Tuition Express; otherwise, it is considered late. There’s a **\$1.00 late payment charge** for everyday tuition is late, including Monday. **Your child may not return to school until tuition is paid.**

Uniforms

Children are required to wear their uniforms daily, except on **Friday, which is a free dress day.** Failure to stick to this policy may result in disciplinary action. All sweaters, coats and other personal items **must be labeled** with the student=s name. **The school is not responsible for lost clothing. Backpacks are not permitted at school. No exceptions!**

Alternative Payment Programs

Parents that have children enrolled in an alternative payment program must sign **in and out, daily**, on the specific time sheets. Your child may be terminated from the program if you don=t sign in daily, ***no exceptions.*** Also, remember to **sign the time sheets at the end of the month.** This is the only way we get paid for your child=s tuition.

Please stay in compliance with all rules and regulations of your contract for hours, termination procedure and notifications of eligibility for enrollment. If you continue to bring your child to school after you have been notified by your program of termination from that program, you will be responsible for any payments to the school after such termination dates have been given.

Breakfast Snack

Breakfast snack is served until **8:30 a.m.** Please do not send breakfast from a fast food restaurant or from home to school for your child. We are trying to encourage good eating habits due to the increase of childhood obesity. Also please do not send children to school with snacks or drinks. We do not have room to store these items and we are trying not to encourage bugs to visit us.



Sign in and Out

Our licensing agency requires that all parents sign their children in and out of school daily. We are monitored throughout the year to make sure parents comply with this procedure. Please do not drop your child off in the parking lot.

Sheets and Blankets

All children are required to bring from home **two crib sheets and a blanket** for their child to sleep on at naptime. The dirty sheet must be **taken home on Friday, washed and returned** to the center on Monday. You must also **supply a clear plastic bag** for the storage of the sheet at the center. Please **label** bag, clothing and sheets. If you forget your child's sheet, you will be charged a rental fee of \$5.00.



Extra Clothing

All students should have two sets of extra clothes, which remain in their locker, in case of a grooming accident or any other reason your child might get dirty.

Attendance

All children should be in school by **9:00 a.m.** for morning opening. We take roll daily and the totals will be recorded on their report card.

Building confidence

- § Let your child ease into new situations. Think of them as the kind of children who prefer to wade gradually into a cold pool instead of jumping in all the way.
- § Point out their strengths. When kids know they’re good at something, they tend to feel more confident.
- § Teach them manners. Children are more at ease around other people when they know the right things to do and say.
- § Make sure they know you love them, no matter what. Your love will help your children feel secure.

Phone Calls

Please refrain from using your cell phone while on school property. It is a distraction to staff and students when you walk in the building engaged in a conversation on the telephone. Remember that we are to model appropriate behavior for our children. They are observing and repeating everything you do!

I’m A Little Apple

(Sung to the tune of “I’m A Little Teapot”)

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| I’m a little apple, | (Hold arms at side.) |
| Round and red | (Use arms to form a big circle) |
| Here are my leaves, | (Touch top of head with both hands.) |
| Here is my stem. | (Touch head with one hand.) |
| When I finish growing, | (Hold arms at side.) |
| Round and red. | (Use arms to form a big circle.) |
| I fall from the tree and | (Pretend to start falling.) |
| Land on my head! | (Fall down.) |

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AThe best compliment you can give us is a referral of your friends and family!@

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