

## **PARENT INPUT**

The Preschool staff recognizes the important role of parents in the learning process. We welcome and encourage you to take an active role in your child's program. We also hope that you will enjoy new friendships with other families as a result of your child's experience. All-School Picnic Potlucks, Friday "Lunch and Play", and Outreach socials, and play dates with other children outside of school are wonderful opportunities to meet and enjoy the Preschool families. A Preschool Directory is published every October to encourage out of Preschool family social activities.

## **PARENT PARTICIPATION**

Parents are ALWAYS welcome to participate in the school program in a number of ways.

These include:

- Touring the Preschool before your child attends. Parents, Grandparents, and Child Care providers are welcome to tour and see what your child will experience at school.
- Parents are encouraged to take the opportunity to meet with staff on a regular basis to discuss their child's needs and progress and for staff to exchange information about their class, child's progress and Preschool curriculum and program.
- Reading to your child's class (Grandparents and caregivers also) Please talk to the staff to make arrangements in advance.
- Special occasions when we will need parent volunteers to help with school projects.
- "In-House" Field Trips- Parents, Grandparents, and care providers are encouraged to share hobbies, collections, skills and talents with their child's class or the whole school. In the past, the children have had a French horn and guitar demonstration, had a surgeon talk about the hospital, learned how to make bread and pizza, had a dentist, policeman, pilot, carpenter, and scuba diver visit the class, and that's only to name a few!
- Families participate by providing supplies and food for special projects, and cutting and assembling curriculum at home.
- Little Free Library donations, and Book Swap
- Our Preschool has an Open Door policy in which parents can and should discuss their concerns about the teaching staff, child's classroom, and the Preschool with the Director. If at any time you have a concern about a teacher, a child in your child's class, another parent, or Preschool policies, please see the Director. Out of respect for all Grace Preschool children, parents, and staff, please do not discuss Preschool issues with other parents or in your child's presence.

Please let us know if you are willing to offer your time, talents or interests. We will always welcome your help and participation at our Preschool.