

Dear CMMS Families,

Our little classrooms have had a wonderful start to the new school year. The days are peaceful and productive, and the children have already learned so much and gained more independence.

**TODDLER ROOM**

We launched our new toddler room and want to welcome Ms. Jennifer Krensun and Ms. Mirialis Reyes to our Creative Minds family.

Ms. Jennifer comes to us with experience in teaching PE, personal training & nutrition, and brings a high level of energy to the classroom.

Ms Mirialis brings years of experience in the early childhood classroom and has knowledge of Montessori methods of teaching, which she shares in her calm and easy going way.

The students currently are Cash, Ms. Jennifer's son and Steven, Ms. Jill's grandson—we welcome them as our inaugural toddlers!



Cash at Free Play

**VOLUNTEER JOBS**

A big, sincere thank you to everyone who signed up for the volunteer jobs! Specific expectations will be sent to you soon if we haven't worked it out already. We can't do it all without you!



The job-holders are as follows in case you have ideas, suggestions or compliments for them:

**Administrator & Admissions Director:**

Lindsey McMurray  
This is a temporary position for Lindsey, we need a new volunteer

**Advertising Manager**  
Kerry Hourihan

**Bookkeeper**  
Arnie Perez

**Field Trip Coordinator**  
Karen Cichy

**Fundraiser Coordinator**  
VACANT

**Lunch Room Cleanup**  
Jennifer Krensun

**Materials Supervisor**  
Kristian Davidson & Cheryl Lynch

**Monthly Classroom Cleanup Coordinator**  
Kathy Feliz

**Official CMMS Babysitter**  
Megan Guenther

**Paper Goods Manager**  
Kimberly Carter-Premeau

**Room Parents, Primary Class**  
Adele & Brad Guarino-Sanders

**Room Parent, Elementary Class**  
VACANT

**Technical Supervisor**  
Debra Mehrberg

**Website Manager**  
Danielle Rosenthal



Allie, Cameron & Kevin in a stimulating discussion



Christopher giving Ms. Jennifer a lesson in the color wheel

**RECRUITING** We would love to add some new students to our wonderful student body, especially in the Toddler and Primary classrooms. We have implemented flexible scheduling for toddlers and preschoolers—we will work with families to create the schedule they need. If you know



any families who may like to join us, please give them your strong recommendation—remember, if you bring in a new student who signs a contract, you will receive half off one month's tuition!

You will also find a CMMS flyer attached. If you know of any place you could leave some—like dance or gymnastics or martial arts class, or your place of business or pleasure—please make some copies and distribute if you can.

#### FIELD TRIPS

We have two terrific field trips coming up:

Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00, we are going to visit a fire station and learn about fire safety.

Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00, we will be going over to Renaissance School to see Native American performer, Eagle Bear. He and his son share their culture with song, dance and artwork.

If you would like to join us on either trip as a driver and chaperone, please contact Ms Karen.

#### HALLOWEEN FUND RAISER

We have been invited by the church to join them in their annual Halloween fundraiser.



We enjoyed a big success when we participated two years ago, and we have accepted. The details will follow shortly.  
Alexandra, Finn, Aidan and Christopher in a plein air art lesson

#### EMERGENCY POLICY

In reviewing a recent emergency event at school, the Board has decided to implement a policy whereby the teachers will be calling **911 first, and then parents**, in an emergency situation, to ensure the safest possible outcome for the student.

Also, for the safety of our children, we need to firm up our policy on what kinds of shoes are appropriate at school. We are requiring **sneakers** or something very similar **with socks** be worn every day. No sandals, flip flops or croc-type shoes will be allowed.

#### SAVE THE DATE!

Please join us for a fun family get-together at the McMurrays' house on **Sunday, October 14th**. This will be a chance for all of our Creative Minds families to get to know one another. The children will be performing for you, and there will be a **very important parent meeting**. Details to come.

#### HELPFUL CONSUMERISM

Please remember to use our Yellow Brick Mall link whenever you are shopping online:

[http://www.yellowbrickmall.com/Creative\\_Minds.php](http://www.yellowbrickmall.com/Creative_Minds.php) .

Chances are that the online store where you are shopping is represented—there are hundreds!



Michaela drawing

Please save your Box Tops for Education and have your child bring them into school. Every little bit helps, and it is a good lesson for the

children in saving and contributing, helping them take ownership of their own education.

### INFORMATION

You should all have received in your child's folder a Contact List for your child's class and for the Board of Directors. If you have not received one, please let me know. Also, please make sure you have a copy of our Parent Teacher Student Handbook. Lindsey has new copies if you do not.



Ariana, Alyssa & Alexandra playing the Butterfly Game

We are so happy to have all of you in our Creative Minds family for the 2007-2008 school year. If you have any questions, comments or ideas, please do not hesitate to contact any Board Member.

We all look forward to a productive and fun year as we all continue to work outside the box!

Dina Solano  
On behalf of the CMMS Board of Directors

Pictures from the first day of school—we're off to a wonderful start!

