



August 1, 2011

Welcome to new Montessori Children's House families!

Welcome back to returning families!

We hope everyone has been enjoying a fun-filled summer. Soon it will be time to start thinking about the new school year. This will be our fifth year as a preschool in Northfield and it feels like quite a milestone. The school is looking fantastic inside and out. The gardens are abundant, thanks to all the rain over the summer. If you have not seen the new chicks (bantam silkies) feel free to stop out any time and meet them. They love a handful of corn. Bela loves summer attention, too and there should be something growing in the garden to pick for him. It gets a bit lonely out at 2400 Division when summer school ends...and we are looking forward to Shana's August music week and then orientation and the start of the 2011-2012 school year.

Along with this letter new students will receive an orientation schedule for the week of August 29. The orientation is an opportunity for the child to meet the teacher and learn a bit about the school environment in a relaxed and informal manner. At the orientation new families will receive the MCH Handbook giving further information about the school and its policies and operations. If returning families need another handbook, please let us know.

All families are welcome to visit school on Friday, September 2 to see the classrooms and reconnect with teachers and friends. Indoor shoes and a change of clothes to stay at school may be brought in at that time or on the first day of school—September 6. The doors will be open on the September 2 preview open house day from 3:00 until 5:00. We hope to see you there.

The 2011-2012 calendar, also enclosed, shows the major dates to note for our upcoming school year. Please note that all families must fill out an up to date permission form and tuition agreement form (received in the Spring) and we ask that you inform us of any changes in your emergency information. For the 2011-2012 school year we will be welcoming back all of our wonderful staff members:

Megan Durkin—Teacher-Classroom One, Director

Annette Hickey—Assistant Teacher/Montessori Intern-Classroom One

Shana Hodel—Teacher-Classroom Two, Extended Day Music

Danielle Pedretti—Assistant Teacher-Classroom Two, Lunch/Rest Supervisor

Pat Rogne—After School Care Teacher

Angie Ekern--who will be joining us this year for Extended Day Art (welcome Angie!)

All classroom pets...and the new chickens.

See you in September—

Megan