

September 2007 Newsletter



We would like to welcome our new friends Alex & Zach, and Jack & Beau. We would also like to welcome our daycare helper Barb. Barb will be at daycare with me 2-4 days a week this fall. Sadly, we had to say good-bye to our friends Zach and Joey.

The wonderful season of fall is here. Although hard to say goodbye to the hot sunny days of summer, the crisp fresh air is terrific too. The kids will be back in school and we will be starting our Funshine Express Preschool Curriculum at daycare. Please pay your preschool fee the 1st of each month.



Fall is a time of adjustment for us all. Some of our friends are back, after being gone over the summer. Other friends are gone all day or part of the day—off to school.

Our days will be more structured. Summer allows us time to relax. Fall is a time to get the routine down and see what interests and motivates our group. I have a lot of great ideas and hope the children find enjoyment in them.

Breakfast is Served Breakfast is one of the changes fall brings. Over summer I am able to be very adaptable to serving breakfast for a longer time period. We have school aged children to get off to the bus stop by approx. 8:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served from 7:00-7:45. If your child is contracted for an 8:00 a.m. drop off, please be sure to feed them breakfast at home.



Enter with Caution This brings us to another topic. PLEASE enter the driveway with caution!! There will be young children walking up/down the driveway, several times a day. The bus stop times are 7:59, 12:38, and 3:54. Be very aware and on watch for the school aged children walking to or from the daycare house. 7:59 children will be standing by the line of pine trees, towards the end of the driveway. The 12:38 children will be standing near the black dirt pile.

Under Construction As I am sure many of you have noticed, Troy and I have been working towards our goal of having the basement finished this fall. So far the lighting in the basement is done, the new basement door (with a wonderful window) has been hung, and we have a new screen door—that was desperately needed. Troy tells me that the rest should go quickly, finishing the walls, ceiling, and flooring.

I am up for relicensing this November. Two of Mindy's Playhouse families will be chosen randomly by the count and will be receiving paperwork to fill out for the county.



Important Days in Sept

T 9/4 Lynn 12:30-2:30 (It is Kamran's 1st day of K & Kayla has a Doctor Appointment.)

W 9/5 Barb 4:00-Close

F 9/7 Sub 9:30-Close (out of town for my brother's wedding)

T 9/11 Barb 12:15-12:45 (Kayla's 1st day of preschool)

W 9/19 Apple Orchard Field Trip

Th 9/20 Barb 1:15-2:30 (Mindy's doctor appointment)

F 9/21 Sub 9-Close (Off to Madison, WI for a wedding. Kayla is the flower girl.)

Th 9/27 Barb 9:00-11:00 (Kayla field trip)

T/Th I will be dropping Kayla off at All God's Children Preschool at 12:30 and picking her up at 3:00. Barb will be at daycare during these times.

Pine Tree Apple Orchard Wednesday September 19th, we would like to take a field trip to the Pine Tree Apple Orchard near White Bear. We plan to leave daycare around 9:15 and arrive around 1:30—in time for the children to nap. The cost will be \$4. This includes a hayride, apple treat, and lunch at McDonald's. I will be sending home a book about apples with each child as a special token of our fun day. If anyone would like to join us, please let me know.



Pocket the Bear Pocket the Bear has joined Mindy's Playhouse Family Daycare. Pocket will take turns spending the night at each daycare child's house. Pocket comes with his personal journal, for you to write comments about his stay with you. This is very special for the kids.

Pocket still needs the following

1. A pair of bibs with a "pocket" on the front size 0-3 months
2. Small pillow for pocket to sleep on



Fire Safety Week We are planning a field trip to the Lindstrom Fire station Oct 12th for fire safety week. There will be no cost for this field trip. If anyone would like to join us, please let me know.

If you would prefer your child not attend any of the scheduled field trips, Barb will be staying at the Playhouse with the children under 2. Please let me know so we can plan accordingly. More information will be send home when plans have been finalized, closer to the dates.