



Delaware Cooperative Preschool Monthly Newsletter  
September 2017

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## Welcome Back!

Dear DCP Families,

Welcome to what will surely be a great year, full of fun and learning. We are eager to both greet our returning families and welcome new ones. We feel that DCP is truly a unique, special place, where fellowship and relationships are valued as equally as growth and learning. It is our sincere hope that both you and your children find a home in our community. We welcome your involvement and input at all levels--please don't hesitate to reach out, step up, or dive in. It's going to be a great year!

Sarah Glissman, Board President

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## From the Teachers

The DCP Teachers are excited to welcome back our returning students and to welcome all our new kiddos! Our enrollment is at its highest! This will be a busy and great year at DCP!

**Preschool Class:** Anna Marie and Jennifer will be sharing information with you on a daily basis on the white boards outside the classroom doors, via email, and with papers in your child's folder. The folders should stay at school, the contents are yours to take each day. We will be enjoying the book, "The Kissing Hand" in the first week and touring the classroom to learn about all our different areas and what materials can be found in each area. We plan to take walks outdoors and visit our fenced play area.

**Toddler Time Class:** Our Toddlers will spend our first week together "Getting to Know You"! We will explore our room, our play area and begin to learn our daily routine. Regardless of the clock, our day will follow the following schedule: Table Activity, Circle Time, Free Play, Outside Play, Snack and Closing Circle. New activities and toys will be added each week as we explore our various themes. Farm animals, dinosaurs and trucks will keep us moving and sharing in these early weeks! Linda is happy to share information on a daily basis....we will be busy!!!

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## Important Reminders!

- \* Preschool class starts September 11 at 9:15a, but you can begin arriving at 9. Feel free to explore the classroom with your child then, but please do not leave the room until 9:15.
- \* Toddler Time class begins September 12 at 9:30. Feel free to arrive early and enjoy the books Mrs. Linda sets out for you and your child to enjoy together! Please do not leave the room until 9:30.
- \* Make sure you sign in on the sheets outside your classroom door each morning.
- \* Children can leave backpacks and jackets in their hallway cubbie each morning.
- \* If you have not dropped off supplies already, please bring them your child's first day of school. Preschool supplies are: 1 ream of copier paper, 1 package of Pipsqueak markers, and one container of Clorox wipes. Toddler Time supplies are: a 4 pack of playdough, Clorox wipes, 1 package of 3oz white plastic bathroom cups.
- \* Our first General Membership Meeting is Thursday, September 14 at 6:30pm in the McCoy room of Asbury Church. At least one adult from each family is required to attend **each** of our GMMs.
- \* Snacks must be completely prepared at home. The preschool teachers have asked that items be brought in serving bowls with a serving utensil when appropriate, so children learn to serve themselves.

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## Montessori Moment

We believe that children learn best when every aspect of their nature (cognitive, physical, social and emotional) is nurtured. Our Whole Child education, based on the Montessori Method, focuses on early literacy, logical thinking, problem solving, social understanding, physical coordination, creativity, and positive character traits, such as cooperation and self control. Whole Child Education allows your child to develop the critical thinking skills and intellectual curiosity that creates good citizens and fuels successes in the classroom and beyond.

Each month, in this newsletter we will highlight another aspect of Montessori Method learning and how you can use the principles and practice at home, too.

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## What are those words?

Every month, we will include the words to a new preschool circle time song! Now you can sing along!

My birdhouse I open wide, and I set all the birds free. They fly over hills and mountain sides, And they perch on the tallest tree. And when they return from their merry flight, I close the door and say good night. Ku-ru-lu, ku-ru-lu, ku-ru-lu, ku-ru-lu, ku-ru-lu, ku-ru-lu, good night.