



Monte Tavor Newsletter

Toddlers Activities

The summer is almost over and fall is just around the corner. This is the time when we start planning for more of the outdoor/indoor activities and prepare for activities that will be happening as the seasons are starting to change later in the year. The Children's Routines or Daily Schedules for 15 months and older, Calendar 2014-2015 and Menu are now ready to be viewed on our website at www.montetavor.com The Calendar has a lot of activities and events planned for children and families in Celebration of our 20th Anniversary. We invite all families to participate in events for all age groups. This year we have added volunteer parent planned activities in the 3 years and older groups.

The months of June and July were just here not too long ago, but it feels like it was awhile back when the older Toddlers performed their cute little dances and families were taking pictures of their moves. We were very impressed on how the younger seemed in much control and confidence as they were surprised to see the big crowd in front of their eyes. The older toddlers did an amazing job dancing and learning from all the different genres that this year was put together for this age group. Children had the opportunity to listen to different rhythms of songs not only in Spanish, but Portuguese, Swahili, French and English. We feel that this really helps children with expanding abstract thinking that will be very beneficial to them much later in school.

The older Toddlers have become officially preschoolers! You can read about this group who recently has stepped up for newer challenges in our preschool publication.

Who will the Toddlers be during this school year?

All children whose birthdates are from April 2012-March 2013 will be considered under the Toddler category. We will be referring to this group as young or older Toddlers in our newsletters until March 2015. Continue reading in the next pages about the recent Toddlers activities that have been happening and activities for them to come along with events that you can check out in our calendar.

Toddlers will continue to get challenged with daily reading and songs promoting language skills and abilities to communicate among their peers and teachers.

The learning of new songs during our singing sessions are allowing children to start expressing more verbally without really being aware of new words and phrases that each day they are acquiring naturally. Some children may be shy to repeat once asked the word or phrase they have said as some speak softly and you have to be very close to them to really hear their words. Keep an eye out and be close by to hear them speak!

The use of musical and sound toys has really awakened the curiosity to learn about tunes in the songs. The use of xylophones, jingle bells, shakers and bells are helping children recognize tunes of basic songs that are being sang daily. Music and instruments are to be found in many of the activities.

The music and movement activity paired up with our physical and movement activity has really shown to help children recognize that their bodies can do specific movements to follow the tempo of music. The speed is something that gets them excited when participating in the high energy activities.

Water and music play was also a unique time to create structured movement skills for children to promote core movements in a fun and entertaining way. Children were able to learn basic essential skills such as balance and self-esteem. Our movement and music program was well planned out and invited children daily to be engaged and use their imagination with music and noncompetitive exercise activities. The high energy spirits among the young crowds have been exhausted throughout our daily outdoor time in the mornings and afternoons.

We cannot thank enough our outdoors!!!

Toddlers Activities Continued

Art Activities

The introduction to crayons, oil pastels and chalk along with a thick brown textured paper was a tremendous success among the younger Toddlers as it has really helped them understand its purpose of paper in having a paper tough enough and not easily destroyed when they put it in their mouths or used on rough surfaces. They have already figured out that it cannot be eaten or easily ripped!

The older Toddlers when they paint or use watercolors on the same type of paper has also allowed them to use the brush and paint on the same exact spot over and over without getting torn. This has also helped the teachers not to be so concerned about telling children "You have more space on this side of the paper", "Do not paint on the same spot because you will make a hole on the paper". We always tell our teachers that when that really happens that teaches children about negative space on a paper.

Outdoors

Pouring and measuring activities are part of the outdoor free play for example bird seeds, rice, corn meal, flour along with props such as cups, funnels, sifters, spoons, animal creatures or collections. Balls, mobile vehicles and pull along toys. Also, swings and slides, houses, and areas to use chalk.

Sleeping and Sippy cups

Young toddlers are now training to be sleeping on mats and using sippy cups successfully as the majority are not bringing any bottles from home.

Welcome!

We would like to welcome the following new children and their families in the Toddler group:

Teague (Torrún's brother)
Micah
Aurora

Bienvenidos a Monte Tavor!!!

Summer/Fall 2014

DAYS CLOSED and Events

- September 1 CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY
- September 5 Graduates Parent meeting Only
- September 9-11 Cultural Parent Planned Activities 9:00-9:30 am. Arts or crafts, read a book in a foreign language, tell us a folk tale, 3 years and older.
- September 12 Cultural Event 4:30-5:30 pm
Bring a cultural dish, sing a song, share photographs, art pieces and or wear a cultural outfit or t-shirt! All ages
- September 23, autumn begins! Bring in items that represent the fall and harvest season. Pumpkins, Indian corn, scare crows, hay etc. One-two parents to help decorate front entrances. All ages
- September 29-October 10 Sign up for a Parent Conference. All ages

Monte Tavor's Contact information

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Thank You Families!

Thank You for allowing us to be part of your child's life and discovery years and thank you for the continued support of our programs.