



## Monte Tavor Newsletter

### Monte Tavor

Monte Tavor is very proud of how our preschool curriculum has developed over the years. This past spring and summer children had a fantastic time filled with endless activities, events, and exciting mementos. Children spent 80-90% of their time outdoors. They were able to participate in outdoor activities in at least two to three facilities each day and each week. You can read about these activities in each of our newsletters in the "Infant," "Toddler," and "Preschool" groups. Now, as we say goodbye to our memorable summer, graduates and a few families, we would also like to welcome and say "Bienvenidos" to all our new students and their families.

Monte Tavor have been diligently working to put together new tools and information for families. Beginning with Kinderloop; an online app designed for childcares and preschools as a communication tool for families to privately share a child's development and progress. We will be able to upload photos and short clips of activities throughout the week. All that is required is a consent form to begin engaging families in their child's activities. This will only be accessible and shared with current Monte Tavor families. More information visit [http://kinderloop.com/assets/img/Kinderloop\\_imageuse\\_form\\_0514.pdf](http://kinderloop.com/assets/img/Kinderloop_imageuse_form_0514.pdf)

SmartCare is another tool to stay connected with your child. This new app will allow parents to sign in/ sign out their children through their smart phones or a kiosk found at the entrance, enabling parents to keep tracks of their hours through an efficient signing in and out experience. A journaling feature will allow photos and videos to be received by parents of their individual child as they occur. Parents will now be able to pay their child's tuition with a credit card or debited from a checking account. The online web portal will give all parents access through log-in to their individual information at any time they choose. We are hoping to launch by the end of October. More information will be obtained through conferences held on site by a SmartCare team member. Dates will be posted soon.

### Emergency Protocols

Emergency and Safety Preparedness is revised every year around August and September. We are implementing a suggestion from last year; that on a yearly basis each child is to bring their own backpack with their own supplies and medication needed in the event of an emergency. At the end of each year, expiration dates will be inspected and any goods perishable within six months will be donated to the Alameda County Food Bank. A list of suggested foods will be emailed to each family. A family recently reached out to us and suggested that Monte Tavor prepare a written emergency plan to be distributed to families. Our current written emergency plan and protocol sent last year to families is being revised and will be expanded upon. A copy will be presented and distributed to each family within the next week.

### Staying Connected

Monte Tavor hopes all these new tools and information will be of great benefit in further involving school life with parents. Monte Tavor believes we can connect children with parents even while they are at work, so they do not miss precious moments in their child's growth at school. Please be sure to check Monte Tavor's school calendar posted on our website for a list of special events and holidays. A payment schedule calendar is available for assistance in tuition payments while SmartCare is finalized <http://www.montetavor.com/calendar--schedule--menu.html>

### Conferences

You may now once again begin scheduling your parent conferences for the fall. 30 minute time slots for conferences will be available from October 5<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> from 7AM-9:30AM. Please sign up soon to ensure desired dates and times. Be sure to include your children's question for their teacher. Parents will be able to submit questions through the online scheduler or can submit directly through email.

### Preschoolers

The warm weather has allowed for outdoor reading time and many chances for individual outdoor writing time in their Spanish/English journal. Gardening has been a fun new activity where children are able to tend to their plants and watch their slow development. And, it wouldn't be summer without some water play. Water tables, sink and floats and sprinklers were a great way to stay cool in the sun.

### Dance Events

This year preschoolers and graduates put together a fabulous event. The dance rehearsals every morning allowed kids to participate in physical development activities while putting together dance choreography. Every year this event makes us think back to our very first show in December '99, and it makes us proud to have seen it grown from a yearly preschool event to a two weekend yearly event, not only for preschoolers but now for toddlers and older infants as well.

### EVENTS / PARENT PARTICIPATION

Children are welcome to bring fall items to decorate front entrances in celebration of fall harvest: Pumpkins, Indian corn, posters and stickers. Parents may volunteer to help decorate. Send us an e-mail.

Parents are welcome to share, plan and/or prepare an activity resembling their culture and heritage. October 7, 2015 at 9:00 am i.e.: Books to read, presentations and crafts activities.

Dress up week October 26-30. Children are welcome to bring their dress up costumes daily during this week.

Welcoming to Monte Tavor the following infants and their families: Avi, Olivia, Xan, Micah

## Summer/Fall 2015

### DAYS CLOSED and Events

#### WELCOME PARTY

- AUGUST 15, 2015

#### CLOSED

- SEPTEMBER 7 Labor Day

#### GRADUATES CORE MEETING

- SEPTEMBER 11 AT 5:00 PM

#### FALL SCIENCE FAIR

- SEPTEMBER 18 AT 4:00 PM

#### ART FALL DISPLAY CHILDREN BRING ITEMS TO DECORATE

- SEPTEMBER 23 AT 9:00 AM

#### PARENT CONFERENCES

- OCTOBER 5-16 (SIGN UP NOW)

#### CULTURAL EVENT

- OCTOBER 9 AT 4:30 PM

#### MONTE TAVOR BOOK FAIR

- NOVEMBER 9-20  
(STORY TIME 11/18 at 4:30 pm)

### 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 we thank you for the continued support of our programs.