



# Monte Tavor Newsletter

## News

### Highlights

- Monte Tavor would like to welcome all new families with toddlers and young infants. Please help us welcome each and everyone who are now part of our school community. Help us introduce yourselves!
- Our next round of conferences will happen from October 7<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>. Conferences can always be scheduled any day in the mornings. Always feel free to have a conference to discuss questions, comments, suggestions or ideas. Sign up for a time by 2<sup>nd</sup> door.
- Children's dance performance event conducted by Liz in July was rated among one of the best in last few years. Graduates did an excellent job with their choregraphical work. The classes of 2014 and 2015 shined and were among some of the most favorite performers and dancers according to parents & grandparents.
- Graduates have started kindergarten and the 2014 class have moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> area, where they seem to love it! Some children had the opportunity to participate with the prior class and now are the class leaders and role models in this group.
- Monte Tavor will continue to pair up activities: Science and Art. Art and Music. Music and Writing. Writing and Science (cause-Effect / Discovery) and writing). Music and Physical games. Science and Physical games. Writing and math concepts. Water Play and Dance/drama play ex: Umbrellas, bells and water sprinklers; while music is playing and children are laughing hard.

Monte Tavor started the hiring and training of new staff members, to making sure that all lesson planning were executed and presented to the children in a timely matter and without much interruption. Teachers integrated well and older children were excited to get new teachers.

Monte Tavor continued with all events and activities as planned, Animal Fair, Toddler and Preschool Dance Performances, summer long of core courses- Music, Dance, Physical Games, Dramatic Play, Water play, Sensory Play, Art, and Reading among some. Older Infants and Toddlers continued to be engaged into our play based emergent themes on exploration, science/discovery and cause and effect; while all based on children interest and teachers' observations. They also participated in all the above mentioned events and daily activities, but in a much more playful and free choice manner.

Preschoolers started writing -on small boards, dry erase boards, line paper, and journals using chalk, pencils, and thin crayons as part of our daily activities. The young to mobile infants were challenged daily with sensory toys, tummy times, balls, listening to music, songs, baby band instruments, reading time, and outdoor exploration-- enjoying the visits of birds chirping on the trees and squirrels jumping from branch to branch.

Monte Tavor is starting the new school year with a lot of activities for children to immerse into. All activities and events are with the intent to keep them challenged, excited and looking forward to it every day to help build socio-emotional friendships and attachments for developing minds (see attached article). Teachers have been given a workshop on this article and its importance in the field of child development. Monte Tavor thank you for your patience and support during the critical times.

Yeira Howell,

Monte Tavor Provider

## In-School Activities

- Children of all ages will be considered for a class photo. A class photograph will be posted by the entrance and their classroom. Also, we ask that each family provide a family photo, as it will be displayed in the classroom, where children can see their parents and relatives daily.
- We will be having our cultural event on 9/14 @ 10:00 am, where parents and children can wear costumes to represent their heritage. You can also bring a side dish, a recipe, arts and crafts, a photo album, maps, flags etc. of where ancestors came from. A carnival/game theme will be present during this event.
- Halloween party October 31<sup>st</sup>. Children can wear and bring their non-scary costumes on this day. Families can send clothes in a bag, so children can get changed for nap time.
- Help children create a fall display on the week of 10/7; children can bring an item that represents autumn. For example a plant, dried leaves, a pumpkin, or Indian corn to help decorate a fall corner.
- We are looking forward to our science experiment and discovery themes Science Fair! With a lot of natural ingredients and messy fun on Friday October 18 from 3-5 pm. Hope to see parents of 18ms-5 yrs be there! And ready to get dirty!!

## Fall 2013 Calendar

- August:
- 8/03-05 Teachers Training
- 8/06 New children starting

Days closed: 9/2 Labor Day

- September:
- 9/14 Cultural Event

- October:
- 10/07-10/18 Parent/Teacher Conferences 29 minutes long for each conference
- 10/7-10/11 Bring an Item for Fall Display
- 10/18 Science / Discovery Event 3-5 pm. Join us!!
- 10/31 Halloween party.

### Infant highlights

Young Infants are constantly in movement touching, looking, tasting, feeling and hearing. Infants are developing each of their senses and discovering the world around them while crawling or sitting up and all sorts of things they are putting in their mouths non-stop. We find that it is the most enjoyment and that everything around them tastes so good! So we provided all kinds of sensory toys with lots of textures, natural sounds, vivid colors and the opportunity for them to feel it and taste it, the results are happy and active babies!!!

## **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.