

SEPTEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

TOTS' TOWN, INC. CHILD CARE CENTER



Dear Parents:

Welcome to our 2014/2015 School Year! I want to welcome many of my students back after being off for the summer as well as some new families. I am looking forward to inspiring your child's curiosity and help him/her to gain the skills they will need to prepare for the future. My staff and I aim to support your child as we build school-readiness support through our curriculum.

This year our I will be utilizing some of the Scholastic's *Let's Find Out* series for my preschoolers as well as *My Big World with Clifford* for my toddlers. These are magazines just for little learners! Your child will have his or her own magazine to bring home. It's a great opportunity for you and your child to sit together and practice reading simple nonfiction. We will also be utilizing *Alpha Tales* which are letter books also offered through Scholastic Books. Beginning with the letter "Aa" our book will be entitled *The Adventures of Abby Alligator*. Please make sure to read this book to your child at home. We will also to continue to follow the guidelines for our curriculum from the *RI Early Learning Developmental Standards or RIELDS*.

Curriculum— Each month our curriculum will consist of 3 letters, two numbers, one shape, one color and several themes. On the last Friday of each month the children will enjoy "Show & Tell". This will give them an opportunity to bring in a small toy and share it with their friends.

This month our letters are "Aa", "Bb" and "Hh", our color of the month is "yellow", our shape is the "circle" and our numbers are "1 & 11". Please have your child bring in something that is our color of the month.

Backpacks and Lunches—

Please make sure your child brings a backpack to school everyday. This allows him/her to put any art activity they may do during the day in it so that you may view it at night. They are also responsible for putting their lunchboxes in their backpack after they are finished with their lunch. Also, please make sure your child has a healthy, nutritious lunch every day. No peanut butter sandwiches, peanut butter crackers or peanut butter cookies are allowed at any time due to the possibility of peanut allergies. I am happy to offer your child milk with his/her lunch. If you want to pack a juice box for your child, feel free to do so. No sugary drinks are allowed. Please limit your child to two snacks with their lunch as well as a fruit of some kind.

Monthly Reading Clubs—Each month I will be providing you with a few reading clubs from Scholastic Books. They will provide you an opportunity to purchase books at discount prices. Every purchase you make earns FREE BOOKS for the Center. It's a great opportunity for you to provide your child with a library of their own at home and share the love of reading with them and for the Center to earn free books. Thank you very much.

Please fill out the student order form(s) and return it to me by Tuesday, September 9th. Payment for

your purchases is not due until I receive the books.

Fundraiser

I am doing a fundraiser this month entitled "JOY for all Seasons". Please find it attached to this newsletter. I would appreciate your support in participating in it. The proceeds will be used to purchase a laptop and new software for the Center. I am looking forward to 100% parent participation. The fundraiser will kick off September 10th and end September 24th. Please return your payment along with your order.



Updated Forms— Each September I ask that all families update some important forms for me. Please find a Emergency Form and Release Form attached to this Newsletter. Please update the information on them and return to me by the end of the week. I will also need the latest immunization records for your child. Feel free to have your Doctor fax their records to me at (401) 231-6886. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

If you are new to the Center and this information has just been submitted, thank you very much.

Fall officially begins September 23rd. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the changes in the weather.