

Academy Child Development Center @ Cold Spring Elementary
Quest Newsletter, September 2010

Dear Parents,

We start off by wishing all of you a great school year 2010-2011. We hope that you enjoyed the summer and are now ready for another year filled with fun and learning. This year, the Tiny Tots/Quest team which includes Vera, Shaheda and Irene has been busy preparing developmentally appropriate activities to foster your children's growth in all areas: physical, socio-emotional, language and cognitive.

Also, we would like to welcome Rylen Arthur who has joined our Tiny Tots/Quest group. We welcome him and will work with his parents to make sure his transition is as smooth as possible. This year, we have the advantage of staying with the same group of children we were with last year. So, we have already bonded with them; we know their routines and developmental level skills.

Therefore, all along the school year, we will continue to use the Creative Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers as a guide but will introduce the Creative Curriculum for Preschools soon. Cognitively, the children will learn more songs, nursery rhymes, numbers, colors, shapes, and more. We will encourage them to use their words more and get engaged in conversations between each other and with the teachers. Emotionally and socially wise, the children will learn to share toys with their friends, sit properly during circle time, follow the classroom routines and directions, and eat by themselves.

We will work with you to help children be fully potty trained as a way of preparing them for entering preschool. Basically, we will focus on helping them develop their independence skills. We will of course continue to observe them and evaluate them weekly. We will use the results of our observations and evaluations to prepare developmentally appropriate activities. The weekly planned activities will be posted in our room and also sent to you via email. We will continue to send you some pictures of your children doing different activities.

To finish, we would like to remind you to label all your children's belongings so we can keep a good track of them. In case you have any other question, do not hesitate to talk to us. Thanks for helping us creating a wonderful environment in which children can not only learn, but also thrive.

Sincerely,
The Tiny Tots/Quest Teachers