

# 2010-2011 Preschool Program General Information

## Learn About the City of Milpitas Preschool Program

The City of Milpitas Preschool is dedicated to providing a nurturing learning environment in which young children and their families explore and grow. The preschool years are very critical in a child's life. At an accelerated rate, they are beginning to learn who they are, about other people, and the world around them. We believe that "play" is essential for children to learn.

## Answers to Frequently Asked Questions Regarding ...

### Preschool Curriculum

The City of Milpitas Preschool encourages a developmental approach to learning. Through many avenues of explorative play, children learn necessary skills with emphasis on social skills. Our program curriculum offers a wide variety of activities in order to give children the opportunity for self-discovery and the freedom to create by using their own imagination through individual choices. We view the child as a whole, which means we facilitate each child's social, emotional, intellectual, and physical growth. We create activities that allow children to express themselves in all of these areas. Our philosophy is based on the belief that each child is unique and deserves the opportunity for full development.

### Registration

Registration for Animal Crackers and KinderKids classes (Fall 2010-Spring 2011 school-year) begins **Thursday, May 27 for Milpitas residents** and **Thursday, June 3 for non-residents**.

### Waiting List

If the class you register for is full, you will be notified that your child or children have been placed on a waiting list. Persons enrolled on the Waiting List will be informed of openings as soon as they occur, you will receive a notice by mail or phone. The fees will be based on the number of remaining classes. It is not necessary to call the Community Center to inquire about your child's status.

### Preschool Refund Policy

**The \$100 Registration Fee is non-refundable. If you already received the program's T-shirt, the \$10 T-shirt fee included in the class fee, will not be refunded.** Please refer to the Refund/Cancellation Policy for more information.

### Potty Training

Children need to be completely independent in the bathroom. No "pull-ups" are allowed. Parents will be called to change their clothes if their children have bathroom accidents. Children with frequent accidents may be dropped from the program.

### Snacks

Children need to bring their own healthy snacks each day. Sweets and candy are discouraged.

### Separation Anxiety

For many children, preschool is their first experience from being away from their family. To help the teachers build important relationships with the children, we encourage parents to show their support by waiting in the lobby during these transitional times. We also suggest a family photo be sent with their child to class each day.

### English as a Second Language Preparation

In order to help children transition successfully into the preschool environment, parents are asked to introduce helpful English vocabulary at home, which will assist the child in communicating better with the Preschool teachers and other children in the class.

### Field Trips

Children are required to wear their Class T-shirts, which they received on the first day of class, to all field trips. Most field trips are within walking distance.

**Please call the Preschool Director at (408) 586-3204 for additional questions.**

## Parent Orientation Night

*Parent Orientation will be held at the Community Center as follows:*

- **Animal Crackers on Wednesday, September 1, 6:30-7:30 pm.**
- **KinderKids on Thursday, September 2, 6:30-7:30 pm.**

Parents are invited to an information night covering the preschool policies and procedures. This is also an opportunity for the enrolled children to see their assigned classrooms and meet the teachers. The orientation lasts about an hour. Registered participants will be sent a reminder postcard prior to this event.

