

January 7th, 2010

Welcome Back!

While it is always nice to have a break and the opportunity to spend some additional time with our loved ones, I'm sure most of you were as excited as us to return to school. Second semester always brings us the opportunity to meet new friends. We have new students who have joined Miss Cindy's class, Miss Christie's class, and Miss Suzanne's class. Please take the opportunity to introduce yourself to our new families and welcome them to the MSYC community.

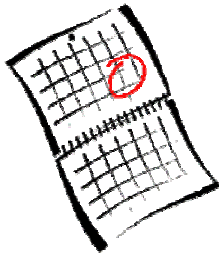
George Burba & Maria Zoroyan- Parents of Amelia Burba in Miss Cindy's AM class

Jeff Tangeman & Callie Slater- Parents of Eliza Slater Tangeman in Miss cindy's AM class

Jaehyoung & Heeyoon Kim- Parents of Ashley Kim in Miss Christie's PM class

Wilder Interiano & Tiffany Dalton- Parents of Lydia Interiano Dalton in Miss Suzanne's class

Kelli Hepburn- Mother of Sawyer Hepburn in Miss Suzanne's class



Important Dates to Remember!

Jan. 11th – Board of Directors Meeting, MSYC 7:00pm

Jan. 15th – Parent Education Event, 7:00pm Preparing for Kindergarten

Jan. 18th – NO SCHOOL, Staff work day

Jan. 27th – Pancakes & Pajamas Day

Please note that the January Board of Directors Meeting has been Moved to THIS Monday, Jan. 11th. All Parent's are welcome!!!

MSYC Parent Surveys

Please take some time to read over and complete the enclosed survey. The results from this survey will be used by the Board, Administration, and Teachers for future planning and improvements.

You may return the survey by mail or in the drop box in the school office. Your input is important to the school and is greatly appreciated! If you have any questions you can contact Carrie or Emily in the office at 489-4366.



Please pay close attention to next weeks Thursday Note for information on the Snow Make Up Days!

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Love and Logic Potty Training Tips

From Dr. Charles Fay, Nationally Certified School Psychologist & co-author of *Love and Logic Magic for Early Childhood*

Don't Sit on the Potty

Okay, I guess the title of this week's tip is a bit perplexing. So is the whole subject of potty training little tykes who've developed "throne aversion syndrome" Once this sad condition takes hold, the resulting power-struggles can be enough to bring even the strongest adult to their knees.

If you're beginning to fight with your little one over using the potty, stop right away. That's right! The more you battle, the longer it will take-and the more tears of frustration will be shed by both you and your child.

In our book, *Love and Logic for Early Childhood*, we teach the single most powerful technique for teaching young children anything:

Model the behavior with great joy and excitement.

Sure, it may feel a bit embarrassing to some folks, but it goes a long way toward teaching the skills you want and replacing anger and frustration with smiles and giggles.

Another powerful strategy involves using a little paradoxical or "reverse" psychology. The only thing that would get our youngest to start sitting on the potty was looking at him with the faux-stern look and saying:

"Whatever you do, don't go into that bathroom and sit on the potty."

Being just like his father, he couldn't resist the challenge! Over the years, we've met many parents who were desperate enough to give this strange approach a shot. Time after time we hear them say, "It was the strangest thing. As soon as we backed off trying to make her, she began wanting to do it on her own."

Dr. Charles Fay

For more information or tips from Love and Logic go to their website at loveandlogic.com.

