



ST. GEORGE'S KINDERGARTEN AND MOTHER'S DAY OUT

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Dear St. George's Families,

We hope that you and your family are enjoying a relaxing summer. It is hard to believe that in a few short weeks the halls of St. George's will be bustling with children excited for a new school year!

Over the summer the board has met and evaluated various aspects of our program. We focused on two main areas. The first is the birthdays for each age group. **These changes will not impact the upcoming school year and will take effect for the 2012-2013 school year.** The over-arching change that we are making is that your child will begin the 3s in the calendar year that they turn three, begin the 4s in the calendar year that they turn four, and begin the 5s in the calendar year they turn five. We feel that this will be a more straightforward approach, and will allow us to group more children together who will ultimately be in the same grade together at their next school. These changes will be most evident in our Threes classes. In response to parent requests, we want to provide as many families as possible with the number of days they would like in the Threes. With this in mind, we have decided to add a 5-day three-year old classroom to our program. We hope that this offering will be especially helpful to our dual-working families. Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year the Threes will look like this:

- "Young Threes" (formerly "Older Twos") – Turning three in October, November or December of 2012. Offered two days per week on either Tuesday/Thursday or Wednesday/Friday
- 2-day Threes – Turning three January-September 2012 – 2 classrooms – Tu/Th
- 3-day Threes – Turning three January-September 2012 – 2 classrooms – M/W/F
- 5-day Threes – Turning three January-September 2012 – 1 classroom – M-F

** Preference for 3-day and 5-day spots will be given to communicants and siblings

The second change reflects a modification to our current EDP structure. Upon reviewing enrollment practices over the past few years, it was clear that an overwhelming majority of our families take advantage of the EDP offering on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and Fridays. For that reason, we have decided that St. George's Kindergarten will become a 9am-2pm program on these days. **Again, these changes will not impact the upcoming school year but will begin in the 2012-2013 school year.** Mondays will continue to be a 9am-12pm school day with teachers and staff meeting in the afternoon. So, on Tuesday through Friday, all our children will be attending school from 9am-2pm, as most already do. We are excited about the increased instruction time and flexibility this will provide our teachers. Under the present schedule, all curriculum requirements must be completed by noon and these changes will allow us to provide a richer program for your child. Offerings such as Spanish, extra work in handwriting, or enrichment projects that allow our teachers to dig deeper into subject matter can now take place between 12pm and 2pm.

St. George's Kindergarten strives to combine an academically excellent program with a loving, Christian environment. We always want to be willing to review, adapt and make changes that better serve our families and our children. Please do not hesitate to contact Zee or any member of the board with questions or concerns about these changes. We look forward to seeing you in a few weeks!

For more information about these changes please join us for one of the Parent Meetings being held on August 31st and September 1st in Johnson Hall at 9:15 am.

Sincerely,

Kristi Skeeters
Kindergarten Board President