

## Aide Day Extras....Notes from the Teachers



This is a special day for you and your child. In addition to assisting the teacher, you have the opportunity to see your child in their class with their peers and the opportunity to build relationships with the other children and families in your child's class. This day is largely what you make of it, so don't be afraid to jump right in.

Please arrive 10-15 minutes prior to start of class with only age appropriate/ enrolled children. (2 ½ - 5 years of age) Non-mobile nursing babies are always welcome. The teacher may have tasks for you to complete prior to the beginning of class

Help to engage children in teacher selected activities and free play. Work one-on-one with a child, read a book to children, ask questions about a child's play to encourage conversation, write names on a children's work...the possibilities are endless.

At circle time sit close to child/children who appear to be having difficulties focusing on the story or activity. A gentle hand on the back or shoulder works wonders to re- focus a child's wandering attention.

Conduct quietly periodic head counts inside, when going outside, while outside and upon returning inside from the playground. If a count discrepancy arises, notify the teacher. Be aware of the teacher's movements in the school and adjust your placement in the classroom accordingly.

During snack, sit with the children and the teacher at the tables. This is a great time to talk about the snack, (colors, shapes, textures, similarities, differences, etc.) as well as engage in conversation about preschool and other things happening in their lives.

Assist children with handwashing before snack and after outside time and as needed. Talk about the process of how to scrub their hands to make bubbles and to rinse all the bubbles off. Assist with preparation to go outside by helping children put on jackets, hats and gloves. Encourage their independence whether it is just zipping up their own jacket or putting the jacket on by themselves.

As teachers we appreciate your supportive role in our classroom as well as the janitorial duties you provide to make Steele Cooperative Preschool the wonderful, safe learning environment it has become.

Check the aide list daily for cleaning duties.

Morning parents please record the refrigerator's temperature. The recording sheet is on the side of the refrigerator.

Thank you for sharing your children and yourself with us.

Vanessa, Debbie and Lorelei

