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Dear Parents,

Primary 1
September 28, 2011

It is hard to believe that we have only had 26 full days at school! The ground rules are in place, and through our Grace and Courtesy lessons the children are learning to taking care of our environment and each other. The children are establishing their routines and exercising their independence as they choose their 'own work' from several appropriate lessons they have received. This ability to make "their own choice" motivates them to work on activities that "truly interest" them. Motivation leads to repetition. Repetition and the practice of these works builds not only their abilities but also confidence and concentration! The ability to concentrate and focus on work is instrumental in the development of a child's attention span.

The P1 team enjoyed seeing our new and returning families at our classroom orientation last Tuesday. It was a pleasure to be able to share just a little bit (there is so much) of the Montessori philosophy and method. We encourage you to attend all of the wonderful parent evenings we have planned this year!

Please plan on joining us for a special visitation day on Thursday, October 13th. We have set aside the morning for our parent/child visitations. We will have two sessions. Each child and **one** parent are invited to come to the classroom for 45 minutes. The children will be giving lessons on the things that they have learned. The teachers will be the observers that day. The rest of the day will be scheduled for conferences.

Visitation times and conference appt. times will follow.

Thank you to:

- Karlee's family for the new handwriting template and "Pets" 3 part cards!
- Sedona's family for "All About Me" parts of the body puzzle!
- Our wonderful lunch parents, we are so grateful!
- All the families that help provide our children with enjoyable and healthy snacks!

Happy Birthday to our friends who celebrated in September, Karlee (6), and Sedona (6)!

Children's Line: *(please choose small items or a picture, place in a bag with your child's name)*

Thursday, Oct. 6th – 2 objects that rhyme.

Thursday, Oct. 20th – Something in the shape of a sphere, cube, cylinder, cone, rect. prism

Thursday, Oct. 27th – An object that sinks or floats.

Important Dates:

Thursday, October 13th – AM Parent/Child visitation morning - PM Conferences

– **No School** for students after their visit with parent. (Day Camp is available)

Friday, October 14th - Parent/Teacher Conferences – **No School** (Day Camp is available)

Tuesday, October 26 – Parent Ed Series – Learning to Read

Friday, October 28th – Fall Party – *(more info to follow soon)*

Coming in October - P1 Parent Social *(more info to follow soon)*

Please arrive by 9:00am. Children who arrive late may miss important morning group lessons as well as be out of sync with the rest of the class.

Sincerely,

The P1 Team,

Lisa Elliott, Linda Gerwig, Kim Bergamo and Joanne Bossa

"What we need is a world full of miracles, like the miracle of seeing the young child seeking work and independence, and manifesting a wealth of enthusiasm and love."

- Maria Montessori