



# Director's Newsletter

Children's Center Preschool

October 2016

Dear Parents,

We are honored that you have chosen the Children's Center for your child's preschool experience. We provide an environment that is physically safe, cognitively challenging and emotionally nurturing, where your child may freely explore and be fully involved in age appropriate learning projects.

We offer an "open door" policy, so please visit our office as we would love to have the opportunity to meet you all personally. We are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead.

- Co-Directors Dee Gray & Heidi Bliss

## Why is Play the Cornerstone to Learning?

*Play! What a wonderful word! It carries with it hope and anticipation about a world of fun and make-believe, a world of adventure and exploration, a world of the young child. Play is the essence of creativity in children throughout the world. Play is universal and knows of no national or cultural boundaries. It is a self-satisfying activity through which children gain control and come to understand life. Play teaches children about themselves; how they physically move through their environment, what words to use to get a turn on the round-about, and where to put their hands on the climbing frame. Through play, children learn about their world. Play takes many forms. Children play when they sing, dig in the sand, build a block tower or dress up. Play can be purely physical, running, climbing or throwing a ball, or intellectual - solving a puzzle, remembering the words to a song. Play is creative when crayons, collage materials or finger-paints are used. Its emotional form is expressed when children pretend to be mommies or daddies. Play is the cornerstone to learning, the foundation from which children venture forth to investigate and discover.*

*Here at the Children's Center we embrace this philosophy as we believe learning through play supports the whole child.*

*(Source: When Children Play, Frost & Sunderlin)*

## Good to Know

\* \* \*

\* Join us for our Parent Education Event: *"Parenting with Presence: Raising Confident and Caring Kids"* on Wednesday, October 19th, 7-8:30pm in Creekside, by Parenting Expert, Susan Stiffelman. Admission is free.

[Register Here](#)

\* "Halloween Hoot" & Food Drive at the Children's Center on Monday, October 31st. A *Spooktacular* event 10-11am (2s & 3s) 11-Noon (Pre-K).

\* No school on Tuesday, November 1st.

\* We are holding our annual Open House on November 5th, 10:00-Noon.

\* We will be holding our annual Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) school-wide evacuation drills on November 21 and 22. More details to follow.

**LAUMC Children's Center Preschool**  
650-941-5411     [info@childrenscenterpreschool.org](mailto:info@childrenscenterpreschool.org)  
<http://www.childrenscenterpreschool.org>  
655 Magdalena Ave  
Los Altos, CA 94024

Copyright © 2015. All Rights Reserved.