



INNOVATIVE EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

September 9, 2009

Dear Parents:

As we finish up this third week of class, I want to update you on a few activities we have in mind, and then talk with you about our plans for the coming weeks.

This week, we are planning Fun Friday again which includes “show and tell,” so have your child bring an item to our morning meeting. We are headed down to Reed Canal Park before lunchtime, and all parents/grandparents are welcome to join us for a morning of play before heading back to school for lunch. In the afternoon, I thought we might work on a “home improvement” project that will be a thank you to our church for hosting our school. I would like to renovate the front garden walk by our door. TCA will purchase bags of mulch, and I am bringing a flat of red begonias. I welcome any small potted plants you would like to add to the garden and ask that you let the children borrow your garden trowel if you have one. I will also spring for the yard bags! If you would like to stay for lunch and then help out in the garden, you are also welcome. Please have the kids bring clothes that can get sweaty and dirty, and also perhaps an extra drink for this thirsty work!

Jennifer and I have had twelve full days to observe and work with your children, and we will be typing up formal evaluations covering what we see academically and behaviorally. We will also be setting some short term goals. Some of the goals we will be setting will require follow-up or follow-through work at home. We would like to see the children practice their social skill behaviors at home – we will target one at a time, and we would like to see nightly reading for all students of some kind. We will tailor these specific academic goals to each child and review them with you at the next PCP meeting. October 7th is our planning day so we can create “mid term” grades. Look for these evaluations to take place during the final weeks of September.

October 2nd will be the enrollment date for the second quarter of the year, and right now we are anticipating two new students – one for each class. More may be joining us, and we will let you know as soon as we do.

Thank you all so much for your continuing support. You have been a wonderful group of parents to start the year with, and we are grateful to have each and every one of you.

Mimi Lundell
Executive Director