



2009

Welcome back to school!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new families to Three Four Open the Door and welcome back our returning families.

We have so many new and exciting projects and field trips planned!

Our Theme for September is "All About Me". Talking about what makes each of us unique and special and what it means to be a friend. Some of our projects include one of our all time favorites; tracing ourselves, conducting interviews to learn more about each other, writing a book about ourselves and creating a huge jigsaw puzzle in which we all play an important part.

We will be studying a different Author each month. For the month of September it will be Peter H. Reynolds; author and illustrator of *Ish*, *The North Star*, *The Dot* and *So Few of Me*. Peter has also illustrated many books.

Our Cultural Arts program this year will be taught by Miss Hilary. In preparation for our study of Colonial America in November, we will be visiting England first. Miss Betsy will be coming to us once a month for our Art Smart program. The monthly fee for these workshops will be \$75.00. You may add this to your monthly tuition check.

Our Spanish program will begin sometime before the end of September.

Reading and Writing will be incorporated into our daily curriculum. Reading Center will take place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and Math on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Our letters for the month of September are H, S and T. We will be making puppets each week during our Center time. You will find the corresponding songs in your Friday folder.

**Friday Folders** will be sent home the last day of the week that your child attends school. We ask that you empty the folders over the weekend and return them to your teachers the first day of the week that you are back at school. If these folders should become lost we ask that you please replace them as they make sending home your child's work so much easier.

**NEW THIS YEAR!!** We will be sending home white 3,4 Information Binders during the first week of school. In these binders you will find very important information such as – Annual calendar, School Directory, your child's class list, September Newsletter and Calendar, NEW SICK POLICY, information on the H1N1 flu, information about after school activities, extra medical forms, and playdate permission slips. Each month we will be sending home the Newsletter and Calendar 3 hole punched as well as the monthly songs, reminders and any new information we think you should have. We encourage you to add all these things to your binders and keep them in a safe and convenient place where you can refer to them quickly. Because of cost we cannot replace lost binders.

Pizza Wednesdays start on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. AM Lunch bunchers and afternoon Threes and Fours are able to purchase one or two slices of pizza for an annual, onetime fee of \$60 per slice. If you are interested please let Cyndi or Jenn know.

Look in your Friday Folders once a month for Scholastic Book flyers. You can also order online. A letter will be sent with online login details.

We will be having fundraisers and charitable events throughout the year for both Three Four Open the Door and our affiliate school Three Four Academy. Our first Three Four Open the Door fundraiser is Yankee Candle. Packets will be sent home in early September and are due back by September 25<sup>th</sup>. Other fundraisers this year include Scholastic Book Fairs in November and May, Greenraising Eco Products in April and bi-monthly Pizza Fundraisers through Four Brothers Pizza starting in October on the second or third Tuesday nights of the month. Details to follow each month. All proceeds go towards scholarships and financial aid for students.

**Pick up/Drop off** – If you choose to participate in our drop off program it begins at 8:45am. We ask that you pull in the entrance and bear to the left so that you are in the lane closest to the school. If you are bringing your child(ren) into school please park in a designated parking spot in the back parking lot. It is important that you remain in your car at pick up time. We have enough teachers available to load your child(ren) into your car and strap them in safely. If you need to speak to a teacher or parent at pick up we ask that you pull through to the parking lot and park or call the school at 454-1924.

We are still young and accidents do happen. Please bring an **extra change of clothes** (tops, bottoms, multiple pairs of underwear and socks) with you on your first day of school that can be left in our classrooms for future use. Please label all articles of clothing and put them in a plastic bag with your child's name on the outside. You can replace them throughout the year with seasonably appropriate clothes.

**SAVE THE DATE – Three Four Academy October Fundraiser- October 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm at Aitoro Appliance on the Westport/Norwalk line.**

**We are looking forward to a wonderful year with you and your children!**

**Miss Cyndi, Miss Jenn, Miss Gina, Miss Lori, Miss Linda, Miss Leslie, Miss Nikki,  
Miss Marilyn and Miss Margaret**