

# TriBeCa Community School Newsletter

## June 4, 2010

### General Notices

#### End of the Year Picnic:

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our end of the year picnic. If you did not RSVP yet, please RSVP to your child's teacher by Monday morning June 7, 2010.

- Date:** Thursday June 10, 2010  
(Rain day: Friday, June 11, 2010)
- Time:** 10:30AM-1:00PM
- Location:** Rockefeller Park.  
North end of Battery Park City, west of River Terrace.
- Invited:** Parents, caregivers, siblings, and other family members.
- Important:**
- Children must be accompanied by a supervising adult at all times.
  - There will be no sessions (AM/ PM) offered on the picnic day.
- Lunch:** Will be provided for all adults and children attending.
- Activities:** Will be offered at the site.
- Volunteers:** We are looking for volunteers to help (for up to 1 hr) with the activities. When volunteering, please make sure that you designate an adult to supervise your child. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Zvia: [zvia@tribecacommunityschool.com](mailto:zvia@tribecacommunityschool.com)

### End of the Year Notes from Room 1

Dear Families,  
With only a few weeks to go, we have just about reached the end of this year's journey together as a classroom "family". And what a year it has been! Looking back to those first weeks in September when the

seeds of many new relationships were planted, we recall our own anticipations:

establishing new professional partnerships in a new work environment, and excitedly awaiting the development of a classroom community together with all our families. It

is also easy to see now both the individual and collaborative growth that we have achieved since this September onset. As young artists, the children have explored many mediums including color, light, clay, watercolor and tempera paint. Creativity and fine motor skills emerged through this work in the mini atelier and through small group work involving paper, tape and scissors. Socialization and verbal skills developed in the ever-changing dramatic play areas, where hands-on endeavors in mixing and cooking encouraged us to work together with our peers. Expression and imaginations expanded through different venues such as storytelling, creative movement and music. Our class learned

responsibility when caring for our class plants and pets, while understandings of our environment and local community broadened during outdoor explorations. The gifts of our school-year in Room 1?

1. Friendships
2. Confidence
3. Experience.

Though we know we will see many of you here next year at TCS, we know that others will be heading down new paths. We will miss those, but wish you and your family the best of luck. We thank you for your interest in your child's education and your dedication to the community of the classroom.

## **End of the Year Notes from Room 2**

Dear Room Two Families,  
For our last newsletter of the year, we would like to express how much we enjoyed working with your children and your families this year. Thank you for being so involved in the school and in the classroom. Looking back at our documentation, we acknowledge how much the children have grown, not only in size, but in many other areas, such as independence, social skills and speaking and listening to each other and their teachers. At this point in the year, it seems as if they could almost lead the class themselves; in fact, HH, JO and OP have offered, in the absence of one teacher

to be the "co-teacher for the day." We will be truly sad to pass them along to the next set of teachers, but proud of the work they've done and very confident that they are ready for another great school year. For the remainder of the school year, we will continue working with clay, creating maps and building structures based on those maps, drawing trees from observation, exploring items that sink and float at CaVaLa Park, and celebrating 2 birthdays: JO and DB, who will both be turning four.

Best wishes for the summer and continued success throughout their school lives.

## **End of the Year Notes from Room 3**

Dear Room Three Families,  
What a wonderful year it has been! It has been such a joy working with your children, and we thank you for your support and your involvement.

We have seen growth in so many areas, from conflict resolution to Morning Meeting, where, independently, children now recognize and read their names tags out loud. We've enjoyed watching your children create extraordinary things with building

blocks, and sharing insightful thoughts, building on each other's ideas. We've loved read-alouds, and sharing personal mementos, as well as dance parties with some rock and roll.

We are sad to say good-bye to your children, but know that they are going to be spectacular wherever they go. We feel lucky to have had such a wonderful year with them.

Best wishes for the summer.

## **End of the Year Notes from Room 4: Atelier**

I would just like to thank everyone for a wonderful year at TCS! I was an amazing experience working with all of your children. I look forward to a fun summer program and

a new year ahead. As the atelierista I feel fortunate in working with children in my deepest passion of life. As a teaching artist both my worlds merge into one.

## **End of the Year Notes from Room 5**

It has been such a pleasure to watch your children grow and learn over the past year. We have seen amazing, inquisitive, sensitive, competent children develop into even more adept toddlers. We have heard detailed stories, laughed, dried tears, and shared milestone moments with all of you. For those of you who will be continuing with

us over the summer and next year, we cannot wait to learn more with you and your child. For those that are moving on, we know that you will do well wherever you end up. Thank you to all the families for their hard work, dedication and support throughout the year. We truly could not have done it without you. Have an amazing summer!

## **End of the Year Notes from Room 6**

As we finish up the year, we thank the parents and families of the Room 6 children for your wonderful support throughout the year. We have sincerely enjoyed working with your children over the past year. The ending is bittersweet—we are happy to see the children move on and up to Kindergarten, while we are terribly sad to see them leave.

This has been a year of tremendous growth both academically and socially and emotionally. We are proud to have worked with a group of such motivated, mature and insightful problem-solvers and learners.