



From The Director,

Welcome to another great year at TPCDC! Thank you to all the families who have expressed appreciation for the quality of care and education that the children received this past year. We will work very hard as a staff to continue to improve the program while keeping in place all the things that you have come to value in the TPCDC community. Please continue to give us support as we make this an even better program for children and their families, as well as for the caring staff. The teachers created a summer program that was fun-filled and adventurous with so many educational and thrilling field trips, and then worked even harder during the professional week to prepare their classrooms for the fall learning activities.

Staffing Patterns!

There are staff bios posted in both buildings; one next to the office and the other is inside the church building hall. Please take a moment to learn a little about your child's teachers. We would like to acknowledge the transitions of our current staff members. The current staffing pattern is as follows:

TEDDY BEARS

Ms. Ana Rodriguez
Ms. Martha Talento
Ms. Reina Vasquez
Ms. Rosa Lopez
Ms. Rosy Hill

MUNCHKINS

Ms. Beatriz Perez
Ms. Yanira Salgado
Ms. Pam Colvin
Ms. Razia Begum
Ms. Rosy Hill
Ms. Candy Escobar

RAINBOWS

Ms. Beatriz Ramirez
Ms. Teresa Abanto
Ms. Corina Powell
Ms. Rosa Lopez
Ms. Brenda Roberts
Mr. Leo Lopez

EXPLORERS

Ms. Selvi Vijayakumar
Ms. Sherri Smith
Ms. Arly Reyes
Ms. Indhira Hill
Ms. Dorothy Battle
Ms. Amanda Dullin-Jones

BRIGHT STARS

Ms. Brenda Roberts
Ms. Christine Bui
Mr. Stephen Lopez

SHINING STARS

Ms. Rosa Lopez
Ms. Pam Colvin

SCHOOL AGERS

Ms. Dorothy Battle
Ms. Najwa Plunkett
Mr. Jonathan Berrios

TEDDY BEARS' NEWSLETTER

Dear Teddy Bears Parents, the Teddy Bear team would like to welcome you and your child to our classroom. We look forward to a great year. In the month of September, we will provide opportunities for the children to get to know the classroom routine, as well as the different learning areas in the classroom. We will play alongside of them in each area in order to help them to use toys in an appropriate way, participate each activity and learn in multiple ways in each area. These teachable moments will be a great opportunity to get to know each other and to begin building a relationship with each of them. Once again, welcome to the Teddy Bears Classroom!

MUNCHKINS' NEWSLETTER

Hello and welcome to the Munchkins classroom! We are glad you and your child are here with us! This is an exciting time for us (teachers) as well as your children. There will be lots of new challenges and learning experiences and we are thrilled to encourage the children as they partake in these experiences. Our theme for the month of September is "All About Me." We will learn about our classmates and their families. Our theme will help the children learn that every person is unique and special in their own way and that every child's thoughts and ideas are important. They will learn that no one person is more or less important than the next. We have a fun-filled month of playing games, adventures in nature, enjoying the arts and social interactions. Finally, we are ecstatic to have your family as an extended part of our classroom. We look forward to working closely with you to provide the best experience for you and your child as possible. Please let us know if you have any questions, concerns or ideas.

RAINBOWS' NEWSLETTER

The 2015-16 school year is here! We are looking forward to an exciting year that is not only fun for your child, but also will provide them with many opportunities to develop important social skills, learn to share, cooperate, take turns, follow simple directions and express their wants and needs. We will be spending the month of September learning about our classroom, friends and most of all

becoming comfortable in our learning environment. Some of the fun and educational activities planned include: dress a paper doll, draw a self-portrait, trace the first letter of their name, and explore the classroom materials while learning rules for using them. In addition, we will provide numerous opportunities to practice motor skills through play, as this promotes optimal growth physically, socially, emotionally and intellectually. We will help the children practice these skills by playing games such as dancing with scarves, musical chairs and follow the leader. We will also work in small and large groups to practice cooperation. **REMINDER- Please bring a family picture, an extra change of clothes (including socks and shoes) and a fitted sheet and blanket for your child's cot.**

EXPLORERS' NEWSLETTER

Welcome New Explorer's! Our focus this month will be getting to know our new friends and teachers, learning the rules and routines in our classroom, learning interesting things about each other and building relationships to encourage positive interactions throughout the year. We plan to make learning fun and exciting by incorporating songs, finger-plays and games into our daily learning experiences. Children will be given opportunities to express feelings, ask questions, share opinions and contribute to the planning of activities. A welcome email was sent to families sharing information about the Explorer classroom to help with the transition. If you did not receive the email, please inform an Explorer teacher. We look forward to a wonderful year of learning with you and your child.

BRIGHT STARS' NEWSLETTER

For the month of September the Bright Stars will focus on getting to know each other. We will continue to review classroom rules, routines and other important information about the Bright Stars classroom. We would like to welcome all the new and returning friends! We are looking forward to the new school year filled with fun games, cool projects and extra special activities. As a reminder, please remember to sign your child in/out (full signature), check your child's mailbox and notify the Bright Stars staff or office (via telephone or email – tpcdcbrighstars@gmail.com) if you child will be absent on any given day or other important information. If you have any questions, concerns or comments please feel free to contact the Bright Stars staff, we always welcome your feedback!

SHINING STARS' NEWSLETTER

Shining Stars are so excited to welcome our new and old friends back to TPCDC. This is going to be a great year filled with tons of fun activities and wonderful projects. For the month of September we will be talking about rules, responsibilities and how to treat everyone with respect. We are going to start getting to know each other by doing an activity called "All About Me." We also are going to be talking about families, friends and pets. Parents, please call the office or send us an email (tpcdshiningstars@gmail.com) if your child will be absent from TPCDC or other important information. We would also appreciate it if you could check your child's mailbox frequently (located on the wall outside the classroom). All information and field trips will be posted outside the classroom. Once again, we would like to extend a warm welcome to the Shining Stars!

SCHOOL AGERS' NEWSLETTER

Welcome new and returning School Agers! It's time to put away the beach towels and flips flops and pull out your notebooks and pencils. We have an exciting year ahead of us. In the month of September we would like all of our friends to get to know each other and the classroom. Children will participate in activities that will help them become familiar with each other. Homework help is available every day for children who would like to do so. Parents please let the teachers know if homework at TPCDC is mandatory for your child/children. Please contact us via email (tpcdcschoolagers@gmail.com), telephone or in person if you have any questions or to notify us if your child will not be attending TPCDC on a particular day. Let's make this a wonderful school year for everyone!

Parent Orientation Night

Please join us for the **Parent Orientation Night** on Friday, September 18th, from 6:15- 7:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet with the teachers to learn more about the classroom activities, goals and age-appropriate learning activities as well as get answers to questions and share ideas. We are providing childcare and pizza, but please be sure to sign up so we can plan accordingly.



Annual General Board Meeting

The **Annual General Board Meeting** will be held on Thursday, October 8rd, from 7 -8 p.m. At TPCDC, we encourage families to participate as much as possible, and serving on the Board is one way to help the Center run smoothly and keep the high quality of care and learning that you have grown to know and rely upon for the children. Being an involved parent and sharing your skills is a great way to ensure that all the children have the best start possible. We are also recruiting room parents for each classroom, so please consider this as a way to help be an involved parent. All parents are requested to participate in at least 2 volunteer activities each year. Again, we

are providing childcare and pizza, but please be sure to sign up so we can plan accordingly. Election will be held by electronic ballot.

Fall Clean-up Day



Are you handy with a broom, hammer, and rake or paint brush? Come spend a couple of useful hours sprucing up the Center on our **Fall Clean-up Day** on Saturday, October 24th, from 9 am to noon. **Note: childcare will not be available at this event.**

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