



# Spears Creek Road Child Development & Montessori

## Program News by Mrs. Mosso-Taylor

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### SIC Update

The SIC (School Improvement Council) meets the 4th Thursday of every month. Should you like to take a leadership position, this is a wonderful opportunity to do so. Each classroom currently has at least one parent who is on our committee. Please see your classroom SIC representative should you ever have any questions, concerns, ideas or suggestions. We would love to hear from you.

### Fall Festival set for November 1, 2009



Last year's Fall Festival was a blast!

We hope to see everyone at the 2009 Fall Festival, Sunday, Nov. 1st from 3-5. Lots of fun for families and children. This is an opportunity for all the families from all the centers to mix and mingle and get to know one another. Balloonopolis will be here, as well as the Sheriff's Dept making free children ID's. There will be vendors selling jewelry, art and home decorating items so don't forget your wallets! You may find something for the holidays! There will plenty of free things too, so come on out and enjoy the afternoon with us!

### Parent Volunteers Needed

A HUGE thank you to Danielle Silva for securing donations to support Balloonopolis for our Fall Festival.

We are always in need of parent volunteers to help with securing businesses, making children's reading books (SCR Montessori), grant writing, etc. If you have any time and you would like to volunteer, please email your classroom teacher or the program lead teacher (smosso@richland2.org). We can use you!!

Reminder! Please remember to have your children at school by 8:10 for Kindergarteners and 8:30 (for 3 and 4 year olds).

### A note from Mrs. Mosso-Taylor

Well it is hard to believe that we have been in school for 9 weeks already. It always seems to just fly by. We have had an awesome start to our 2009-2010 school year thus far.

I would like to encourage you to talk to your child often about what they are doing in school. Oftentimes young children will respond, "I played" when asked what they did at school. You may want to try being more specific in your questions. Try asking, "What books did you read today?, Who did you play with? What center did you play in? or What did you write in your journal?" And then follow up with questions specific to their responses. We want children to feel that they are playing so that is a good thing. Fredrick Froebel, also known as the founder of kindergarten, once said, "Children's play is their work". We concur!

### Health Topics

We are diligently working on washing hands and teaching how to cover sneezes and coughs. I have been so impressed with the children who are doing a wonderful job remembering to do all that they've been taught. Please encourage your child to continue this practice at home. We have been fortunate that none of our children have been severely affected by any of the illnesses floating around. Please remember that children must be fever free for 24 hours (per our policy) but doctors are recommending 48 hours with out medication, before returning to school. We appreciate your continued support with this. Some reminders:

- Wash hands for as long as it takes to sing happy birthday
- Wash hands before eating, after handling pets, after sneezing or coughing, after playing in water or sand, after you come inside from playing
- Keep hands away from your face out of eyes, nose or mouth
- Sneeze or cough into the crease of your arm at the elbow

Also-Information regarding the H1N1 vaccine will be coming home soon.

### Coming Soon:

Ning-Spears Creek Road  
CD Community & Pod casts

-Stay tuned for further information on both!

### Calendar

November 1, 2009- Sunday  
Fall Festival- 3-5:00 pm