

THE EDITOR

Reporting Starting Point News

Download Our App!

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Staff Updates

Office hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Come get a closer look in the classroom! **Parent Observation Days** are Tues. & Wed.

*Appointments are to be scheduled one week in advance.

Upcoming Events

11/9 Tuition Due

11/13 Stone Soup Day

11/18 Parent Teacher Conferences (School will be in session)

11/23 Tuition & Box Tops Due

11/24 Reading Logs Due

11/24 Thanksgiving Luncheon

11/26 Thanksgiving Holiday Break (No School)

11/30 School Re-Opens

From the Executive Director's Desk

Greetings,

Being that November is the month that we give thanks. I give many thanks for your time, support, and inspiring attitude with our scratch off and help fundraiser. Your dedication and sunny personality made all the difference with this fundraiser. We received many compliments and expressions from donors as they expressed no problem of giving for the cause of raising funds for new playground cover for our students.

We believe it's safe to say that you made a generous impact on the success of this event. We haven't reached our projected goal yet, but thanks to the parents that participated; we are getting closer. Starting Point Montessori truly appreciates you.

Our sincere thanks to you!



Educationally yours,

Karen Friday



Kids Corner

Erwin Apple Orchard Field Trip was Amazing!

Our first field trip of the year to Erwin Apple Orchard on Friday, October 16, 2015 was a great time for our students, parents, and teachers! Not only did the children get to learn about life on an Apple Orchard but they also got to pick apples and pumpkins, drink cider, eat donuts, and visit Mr. Bee's 3D Adventure!

Our God's Creation Party was Perfect!



The God's Creation Party was good and clean fun for the children. SPM students got to wear costumes, hear stories, see a magic show, feast, trick or treat, and watch movies!

Box Tops 4 Education

November Box Tops Due Date:

November 30

Box Tops Participants will be able to pick a prize from the Box Tops Treasure Chest for each collection sheet turned in on:

November 30

News Parents Can Use!



Conserve Energy For Fall & Winter Season

Daylight Savings Time took place on November 1, 2015, which means that time fell back by 1 hour. Make sure that you are prepared for season changes with these helpful tips.

- Change batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors and test them to make sure they are working correctly.
- Check fire extinguishers to make sure they're accessible, damage free, and properly pressurized (make sure the needle is in the green).
- Check & change air filters for your homes AC or furnace. It will help keep energy costs down and extend the life of your system.
- Trim trees away from power lines before icy winter conditions arise.

What you need to know about Parent Education Class:

Parent Education Class has been rescheduled to take place Tuesday, December 2, 2015 from 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Come and learn how you and your child can get the best out of the *Starting Point Experience*. Students do not attend. **Meeting Theme:** Montessori Show-n-Tell (If interested please come to the main office to sign up.)

Office Notes

• As part of our study of cooperation and working together towards a common goal, we are going to make Stone Soup on Friday, November 13, 2015. Assigned ingredients are due on November 9, 2015.

• Parent-Teacher Conferences are as follows:

Busy Bees: Monday, November 16, 2015 - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Shining Stars: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Creative Kids: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Appointments are scheduled in 15 minute intervals. Please sign-up in the main office.

• Our Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held on November 24, 2015 and is strictly for students only.

• All pictures from field trips and events at our school can be found in the gallery on the SPM phone app and website.

Box Tops 4 Education October Winner:

Amari Jones of Creative Kids was the October Box Tops 4 Education Winner. He won a Deluxe Treat Basket at the God's Creation Party for turning in the highest Box Top Coupons (40). Good job Amari!

Learning Shouldn't Stop at Starting Point



Free Educational Language Apps For Kids

Check out this amazing list for free educational apps for your kids. We want them to learn and have fun doing it, but we don't want it to break the bank.

Applications on iPad:

Spelling Magic 3 by Preschool University: Kids learn to spell 4-7 letter words with two syllables. Helps kids learn basic phonic rules.

Pinkfong! Kid Songs Stories by Samsung Publishing Ltd.: 130 singalong songs, 90 musical storybooks and other fun games and coloring pages. The ABC phonics songs look fantastic along with the adorable sticker books.

Phonic Genius by Innovative Mobile Apps: This app is loaded with content. We are talking over 6,000 professionally recorded words carefully grouped into 228 categories by phonics. For ages 1 to 6 years old.

Applications on Android:

Hooked on Phonics by Sandvids HOP, Inc.: Games, lessons, and stories to get kids hooked on phonics! Kids will love the bulldozer game to "push" the correct letters into words - so fun!

50 Languages by 50 Languages: Learn 50 languages for free using your native language! 50languages.com contains 100 lessons that provides beginners with a basic vocabulary. With no prior knowledge, you will learn to fluently speak short sentences in real-world situations in no time. The 50 language method successfully combines audio and text for effective language learning.

iStorybooks by iStorybooks: Free story books with fun pictures, text and audio for your little ones; ages 2-8.

Special Acknowledgements

- Thank you to all parents that donated items and volunteered for our God's Creation Party. Whether you gave candy or your time; we appreciate it!
- Ms. Davenport (Mother of Ryan Davenport in Busy Bees) donated Let's Go Magazines.
- Ms. Tinsley (Mother of Madison Tinsley in Shining Stars) donated Bananas to the Starting Point Kitchen.
- Thanks DynaMike for giving a great Magic Show at our God's Creation Party!

