

# September Newsletter

From Shining Stars Preschool  
Miss Bliss's Class

September 9, 2009

Dear Parents,

September is such a beautiful time of year in New Mexico. It inspires all kinds of activities to introduce to the children while we are together. The temperatures are dropping, the geese are heading south, and the sun is going down a little bit earlier. The children notice these changes too. We will be exploring the change in season, weather, and the harvest at this time of year.

During the home visits we noticed that we all have in common the amazing view of the mountains. While I was learning my way around your neighborhoods, the Sandias were also my compass and guide. We will be exploring the view of "Our Mountains" from many perspectives, in particular, the child's view. Could you begin to think about taking photos to share in class of the Sandia Mountains? They change daily, with the seasons, and as clouds pass over. Ask your child what they notice or what they would like to capture in a photo. We will be putting these photos up in the room, and I am sure it will stir many ideas and conversations.

It is fantastic to see the children excited about making new friends. They are so enthusiastic! Children learn *a lot* in a social context. For instance, I have observed children helping each other out, tending to each other when they are hurt, answering questions, getting supplies for each other, and sharing play dough tools. They use their language skills to communicate their needs *and* to take care of them. Four year olds are masters at Play and Socializing.

Our Weekly Schedule is taking form: On Tuesdays we go to the Library every week. The children check out one book for the week, and **Return it in their Library Bag** the following Tuesday. We will do our best to help remind you. Every other Tuesday we also have Story Hour in the Library. What a beautiful resource we have here at SSP!

We have the pleasure of Miriam coming to volunteer in our room on Fridays, she will speak Spanish, and teach us songs and games in Spanish.

Next Monday, September 14, all children will have a hearing test, conducted by Nurse Susan.

We will have a substitute teacher Sept. 9 & 10 while Miss Bliss is at a Pre-K training for professional development.

Thanks for all the T shirts for art smocks. We have plenty now.

It has been wonderful getting to know each of your children, all unique, with so much to contribute to our classroom. Thank you.

Miss Bliss