



Learning Circle Preschool
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Dear Parents and Friends of Learning Circle Preschool,

As we begin our fourth year, it's worth reflecting on last year's accomplishments:

- Last spring we achieved NAEYC accreditation, meeting between 95-100% of all reviewed standards.
- Playground enhancements included a new shed, additional raised garden beds, an arts table, and additional seating for the playground. We also began the development of our natural playground area by planting a tree circle and extending our lawn area.
- We offered a series of high quality enrichment experiences for the children, including visits by local Audubon museums, puppet shows, and visits from Barn Babies.
- We implemented a Simple IRA retirement plan for teachers.

In order to continue this work, we ask for your support for this year's Annual Appeal.

Our goal is to continue to develop playground space, taking advantage of an opportunity to collaborate with Trinity Church by:

- Clearing debris and defining an expanded natural area adjacent to the current playground where we can create trike and walking paths. These paths would "visit" a variety of habitats and expand our capacity to develop our science curriculum with the children. The project requires planning, creating paths, and fencing for safety.
- Expand our vegetable gardens in spring to support the **Early Sprouts Curriculum**, a science and nutrition curriculum offering hands on experiences with vegetables from the garden to the table

An additional goal this year is to add to our Enrichment Fund, assuring that an ongoing schedule of supplementary experiences can be available to every class every year.

- We would like to ensure that all the children – regardless of their schedule – have full access to a range of these opportunities. We would also like to expand offerings to include presentations from the Aquarium and ongoing use of kits from area museums.

Donations to our annual fund will help make these program enhancements a reality.

We work hard to keep tuition as low as possible, while assuring that the program maintains the highest quality possible. Your contributions help us meet program needs that tuition alone cannot directly support, especially in the areas of Program Enhancement and Enrichment, Financial Assistance, and Staff Support.

Your participation in our annual appeal at whatever level is deeply appreciated. We are hoping for 100% participation among our families and friends. We know how many of you contribute to our program in a multitude of ways. Supporting the annual appeal, at whatever level you can, strengthens our school. Please consider the special qualities that Learning Circle brings to our community and how your contribution can make a difference! Learning Circle Preschool is a 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please return the enclosed form with your check in the envelope provided.

Thanks from the Staff and Board of Learning Circle Preschool.

Yours,

Katrina Selawsky, Director