

# Welcome!

**St. Martin Of Tours Preschool  
August & September 2016 Parent Envelope  
7714 El Cajon Blvd., La Mesa, CA 91942**

August 29, 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome to school! I hope each and every one of you had a wonderful summer with your family. It is nice to see so many familiar faces and new ones too! As a staff, we are looking forward to working with your child on a daily basis. Our preschool is a wonderful place where your child can grow intellectually, socially, and spiritually.

One of our goals this year is to keep you, the parent, informed of what is happening at your child's school. This is your first parent envelope of the year. You will receive an envelope once a month with important information. Please read the entire contents, sign the front of the envelope, then return it back to school. When you return your parent envelope, please place it in the black basket by the sign in/out sheet.

We look forward to a year full of learning and adventures!

Anne Thompson, Preschool Director

**Enclosures:**

- \*Calendar
- \*Classroom schedule of activities
- \*Flyer regarding extra clothes and nap items
- \*Earthquake flyer and release form
- \*Birthday book club information and application
- \*Grandparent's Day flyer
- \*Photo release form
- \*Hot lunch information

## IMPORTANT TO KNOW

"There's increasing evidence that children gain a lot from going to preschool," says Parents advisor Kathleen McCartney, PhD, dean of Harvard Graduate School of Education, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. "At preschool, they become exposed to numbers, letters, and shapes. And, more important, they learn how to socialize -- get along with other children, share, contribute to circle time."

\*Children may be dropped off and picked up only at their scheduled times. If your child is picked up later than their scheduled time the charge will be \$1.00 per minute plus \$10.00 late fee (to be paid at pick up). If punctuality becomes a problem it may be grounds for termination from our program. Please note: Our front door will remain locked until 7:55a.m..

\*We are excited to offer morning day care! Please note that day care is ONLY available on a prearranged basis. If you need day care hours please see Mrs. Thompson for additional information.

\*Preschool parking is located in front of the parish hall. For safety reasons, parking is not allowed in front of the preschool.

\*When signing your child in or out of school, a full signature is required (first and last name).

\*Children are only allowed to go home with an adult, other than the parent, if it is in writing or designated on the child's paperwork. A picture I.D. will be required.

\*Hot lunch will begin the second week of school. More information will be coming.

\*Information is posted on the "information" bulletin board inside and also on the wipe board outside. Please check them daily.

\*Also, remember to check your child's cubby every day (at the end of the day) for any art projects, information etc.

\*Please remember when your child brings anything to school (jackets, sharing etc.) it should be labeled with your child's first and last name.

\*Please note that we have wood chips in our outdoor play area so for safety reasons we ask that all children have closed toe shoes and socks at all times!

\*Please let the teacher know if your child has any health problems, including, but not limited to, food allergies, asthma etc. Even though we have asked you to specify this on your child's paperwork, it is important to let your child's teacher know verbally as well.

\*We like to celebrate birthdays through our birthday book club (information enclosed). You are also welcome to bring a simple, healthy snack in honor of your child's special day. If you wish to bring a snack please make arrangements with Mrs. Thompson one week in advance. In consideration of our children's feelings, we ask that if you are planning a birthday party outside of school, you do not bring any invitations to school. All invitations must go through the mail. We will be helping you with this by sending home a family directory including everyone's addresses and phone numbers. If for any reason you do not want to be listed in our family directory, please let Mrs. Thompson know by September 2nd.

\*Picture day for our M-F and T,Th boys and girls is scheduled for Thursday, September 29th. Our M,W,F boys and girls will have their pictures taken on Friday, October 14th. More detailed information will be sent home later in the month.