



St. Martin Of Tours Preschool  
November 2011 Parent Envelope  
7714 El Cajon Blvd., La Mesa, CA 91942

October 31, 2011

Dear Parents,

We are so excited about our upcoming "Walk in the Shade"! We have had many families turn in their letters. Sending out those donation letters will help us reach our goal! Please remember to turn in your letters for mailing, if you have not already done so. (Extra form letters are available.) Walkathon t-shirts will be given out to each student as a thank for turning in your 5 donation letters for mailing. Our first Walkathon t-shirt day will be Wednesday, November 3rd.

Our teacher/parent conferences are coming up this month. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to talk about their social, academic and spiritual growth. It is important that the information shared at conferences be pertinent and beneficial for all concerned. With this in mind, we have sent home a "pre-conference" sheet with a few questions for you to answer. This will help us to better prepare for your individual conference. We ask that you return your "pre-conference" form no later than, Monday, November 14th. Please note that **conferences are for parents only**, students or siblings will not be allowed to attend conferences. Please make child-care arrangements before coming to your scheduled conference. Also note, conferences are **only** held during our scheduled times. We look forward to meeting with you!

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Anne Gardipee, Director

**Announcements:**

**Collection of Halloween Candy:**

Once again this year we will be collecting "extra" Halloween candy. The candy will be donated to Casa de los Pobres in Tijuana. The candy can be left by our sign in/out sheet between Tuesday, Nov. 1st and Thursday, Nov. 3rd.

## **Announcements Continued:**

### **Traffic Light Issue on El Cajon Blvd:**

We have addressed the signal timing leaving the school grounds with the city of La Mesa. We reported that it is especially difficult from 7:45 - 8:15 and 2:30 - 3:00 Monday through Friday. On school days we have arrival/dismissal for 250 students. The City is reviewing the timing for this signal. If you wish to contact the city go to : <http://www.cityoflamesa.com> (government/public works). Our request was assigned to Kathy Feilen.

### **End of the Year Scrapbooks:**

We are not going to do our end of the year scrapbooks this year. Unfortunately, the books are very expensive, not to mention extremely time consuming and we had to make the difficult decision to discontinue. We will have another very special keepsake to present to you instead.

### **Circletime During Noon Pick Up:**

If you pick up your child at 12:00, you have noticed that we are always in circletime. The purpose for having circle during pick up time is to maintain order during a "hectic" time. Please remember that when you arrive to pick up your child, they need to get up and go with you. Please do not encourage them to stay in circle. The children have been taught, since the beginning of the year, that it is a transition time and they are to leave when their parent (or designated adult) comes to pick them up. We appreciate your cooperation and thank you in advance!

### **Classroom Updates:**

Beginning this month....look for our classroom "snip it" signs. These signs will give you a brief glimpse of things we are doing in our classrooms. This will help prompt conversations with your child about specifics in their day/week.

### **November Enclosures:**

- \*Director letter
- \*Calendar
- \*Classroom Newsletter
- \*Hot lunch Menu
- \*Pre-conference form
- \*Walkathon day of event flyer
- \*Walkathon permission slip  
(T, Th and M-F children only)