



Children's Academy of Science & Arts NEWSLETTER

August /September 2010

2010-2011 School Year Starts Monday, August 23rd

The 2010-2011 Academic Year is right around the corner... it's time to get ready. The school day is from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Students should report to school with a complete uniform, a backpack, and a lunch box (if they will be staying for After-care, be sure to pack extra snacks!) The first day of school can be exciting but stressful for your student; please allow a few extra minutes for the drop-off process. If you have any questions about how to prepare for the big day, let us know!



School Uniform now available at Sunshine Uniforms

We are using the same uniforms as last year. Below are the details for each gender. The shirts and dresses must be purchased at the uniform store; the other pieces can be purchased elsewhere.

Boys Wear:

- Light blue polo with school patch on left chest
- Navy blue bottoms, either shorts or pants - NO CARGOS, please.
- Navy blue socks
- Black rubber-soled shoes (black sneakers OK, but must be plain – no characters)

Girls Wear:

- Navy Polo dress with school patch on left chest
- Navy blue shorts underneath dress
- White or navy blue socks
- Black "Mary Jane" shoes

All students must also purchase the P.E. t-shirt

- Children ages 5 and up will wear these shirts (with navy gym shorts and sneakers) for P.E. class.
- All students use these shirts on Field Trips

Adherence to the uniform policy is mandatory and strictly enforced. It is also an important lesson for our students – we appreciate you doing your part to help them with this task!

Sunshine School Uniform
9660 Sunset Drive
Miami, FL 33173
Telephone: 305-595-5200

Back-to-School Orientation

Tuesday, August 17th at 7:00 PM

All parents are invited and encouraged to attend our Orientation on Tuesday, August 17th. At this event parents will meet with the administration and review the new policies and procedures for the new school year. We'll answer your questions and help you get ready for the start of school. It is also an excellent opportunity to help ease your student's first-day-of-school jitters by showing them their classroom, and allowing them to socialize with their future classmates, even if only for a short while. You'll also have a chance to meet other parents and get to know us a little better. Don't miss out on this informative session!

See you there!

Extra Curricular Activities

We are proud to offer a variety of Extra-Curricular activities that are held on campus, after school. Registration forms and pricing for each activity will be made available at the Orientation and thereafter at the front office. The activities (except team sports) are scheduled to start on Tuesday, September 7th.

Activities include:

- **Ballet & Flamenco**
- **Individual Music Lessons**
- **Team Sports: Soccer**

Team sports are seasonal. The practices are typically on campus after school; games are Saturdays at McMillan Park. Coaches needed!

Science Topic for
September:
FROGS (Biology)





Mark your calendars ...

No School
Monday, Sept. 6th
Labor Day Holiday

Contributions for the Class:

Pre-Primary

The items below are things that the teachers use constantly and supply can rarely keep up with demand. We ask that parents contribute to the class at least 1 of the items listed below.

- hand sanitizer
- facial tissues
- ketchup
- paper towels (used in projects)

Toddlers

These items are used by all students, all the time. Each parent should send the items listed below at the start of the school. As the items run out, a note will be sent home to parents to "refill" the stock pile:

- box of wipies (multi-pack box!)
- diaper cream or Vaseline
- facial tissues
- paper towels (used in projects)
- hand sanitizer
- ketchup (1 bottle)

School Supplies

We provide our students with all the Montessori materials they'll need for their lessons. However, please be prepared to send the following items for your student.

Toddlers and Pre-Primary students that will nap:
(These items will be kept in the classroom)

- fitted crib sheet, small pillow & blanket plus a "comfort" item (stuffed toy, pacifier, etc.)
- extra diapers, wipes, and diaper cream
- a change or two of clothes

Pre-Primary:

Your child should bring a backpack each day so that he can take home and bring back any homework assignments or projects. Students will need the following items (that will be kept in the classroom)

- 2 composition notebooks (no wire-bound)
- 2 tablets of story paper
- a reusable water bottle

Students that are ready for workbooks will be provided with their first set at the start of the school year (after teacher assess their level).

Should your child complete a set of books prior to the end of the year, the next level will be purchased for him and the parents' account will be billed accordingly.

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME:

Backpacks, lunchboxes, tupperware, sweaters, water bottles and more! It's easy for kids' things to get mixed up and hard for teachers to keep them straight.

Start their day with a healthy breakfast!



Research shows that kids that start their day with a healthy breakfast rich in fiber have better concentration throughout the school day. In fact, kids should receive most of their daily fiber intake at breakfast! Avoid sugary cereals – your child will get to school all wound up, but then experience a "crash" when it's time to start learning!