

Enchanted Desert Waldorf School

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Welcome to the First Grade, have a Rose

Tucson, August 23, 2006 - Roses were handed out yesterday at the Enchanted Desert Waldorf School, as the Rose Ceremony marked the beginning of the school year. The school community welcomed the incoming 1st grade class by creating a human corridor at the school entrance. The 1st graders walked into the school, some holding their parents' hand, and proceeded to the playground, as everyone sang a welcoming song. At the playground, 7th and 8th graders welcomed the 1st graders with a rose and took their hand to lead them to their teacher in the middle of the circle formed by the other children, parents and teachers.

Linda Braun, the new first grade teacher, welcomed her students and thanked the older children and the community for their support. She mentioned everyone's excitement at the beginning of a new school year. New students in other grades were also handed a rose.

While all sang "Follow, follow, follow me...," Mrs. Braun led her new students into their class. Her group was closely followed by the rest of the grades, as each teacher led their group to their classroom. Parents, teachers and friends felt the warmth of a new beginning in their hearts, and some even shed a few tears.

The Enchanted Desert Waldorf School offers a developmentally-appropriate vigorous curriculum, rich in arts and culture, with a goal of the student to enter adulthood with the gifts of self discipline, independence, mastery of analytical and critical faculties, and reverence for the world's beauty and wonder. The school seeks to begin a lifelong love of learning in an atmosphere of wonder, gratitude and reverence. The Enchanted Desert Waldorf School is a non-profit, independent school providing education in Tucson.

Waldorf education has an 85-year track record of proven learning techniques backed up by research in brain development, kinesthetic learning, and emotional intelligence. For more information, please contact Cynthia Bistrain, Enrollment Coordinator at 325-5514 or visit www.TucsonWaldorf.org.

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