



2011-2012 School Year
Quail's Nest
Parent and Child Playgroup Classes

Dear Parents,

Parent-child classes are offered at the Tucson Waldorf School to serve families with children from birth to age 2 1/2. Playgroup classes are a fun way to connect with other parents and to share the joys and challenges of parenting our very young children. The classes also offer a basic introduction to Waldorf education. Classes are taught once a week in eight-week sessions. The classes are structured to be peaceful and relaxing and the environment is carefully arranged for creative play. All classes are facilitated by an experienced Waldorf teacher. Each toddler class session includes time for play, snack, singing, circle and lap games. Seasonal crafts and stories are also part of the curriculum. Waldorf ideas and other relevant parenting topics are brought by the facilitator to share, or discussion topics may come out of the parents' questions.

In the infant class, the teacher will lead parents in observation and discussion of infant behavior in order to help parents learn to assess a baby's changing needs as they progress through developmental stages. This observation can assist parents in supporting the child's natural growth. In addition, the teacher will bring a simple circle with games and songs to each class. Each week will also include a discussion of recommended readings from books and articles.

This year we are delighted to have Carmenza Adkins and Ursula Ramos serving as our Quail's Nest teachers. Miss Carmenza will be teaching the toddler classes and Miss Ursula will be teaching the infant class. Carmenza is an experienced educator with a background in art education teaching students of all ages. She is currently a teacher in the early childhood after-care program. Ursula is an experienced Waldorf educator and her past experience includes teaching parent-child classes and working in a Waldorf kindergarten as well as operating her own home-based early childhood program. Both Ursula and Carmenza are parents of children in our school and have a long history of participation in our school community.

The Parent Child classes are fun for both parents and children! Space is limited, so please return your application as soon as possible. Classes fill on a first-come first-served basis.

Registration Details:

Tuition:

- Tuition for the 8-week toddler session is \$120.
- Tuition for the 8-week infant session is \$90.
- Shorter sessions will be pro-rated.
- Tuition will be pro-rated for parents joining mid-session.
- There is a \$10.00 materials fee per session in the toddler classes.
- A 50% deposit is required by the first day of class and to reserve a space.
- Balance of tuition is due at mid-point of each session.
- A discount is available for siblings of children currently enrolled in TWS Early Childhood Program.

Session Dates:

For the 2011-2012 School Year we are offering five 8-week sessions of Parent Child Class:

- **Session 1:** Begins the week of August 29th, 2011 through the week of October 17th, 2011
- **Session 2:** Begins the week of October 24th, 2011 through the week of December 12th, 2011
Please note, session 2 does not meet during Thanksgiving week and is 7-weeks long
- **Session 3:** Begins the week of January 2nd, 2012 through the week of February 27th, 2012
- **Session 4:** Begins the week of March 5th, 2012 through the week of April 30th, 2012
- **Session 5:** Begins the week of May 7th, 2012 through week of June 25th, 2012

Class Days and Times:

Children are placed in a class based on age range and available spaces. All toddler classes meet from 9am to 11am. The following days are currently scheduled:

Wednesdays: 9am to 11am

Thursdays: 9am to 11am

Fridays: 9am to 11am

Infant Class Day: Thursdays, 11:15am to 12:30pm

If you would like more information and a registration form, please contact the Presidio Campus office at 325-5514. We look forward to seeing you at Parent Child Class!

Warmly,

-Rebecca Briamonte
Enrollment Director