

The Acorn- A School for Young Children
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Monday, Friday AM Class: The Caterpillars

Dear Parents,

We are excited to start another school year. We will be having a special parent-child orientation on **Thursday, September 2 from 9-9:45**. This will be an opportunity for parents and children to tour the classroom together, explore the playground and meet your child's teachers and classmates. **All parents will need to wear masks while in the building and children are encouraged to wear masks while in the building as well.** Your child's first day of school will be **Friday, September 10, when the children come for only two hours, from 9:15-11:15**. Most children will be ready to stay on their own, though if you feel your child needs you to stay, you may remain in the "Parent Parking Zone," outside the gate, as we are still limiting adults in the building. Your child's **second day of school, Monday, September 13, we will begin the regular class times: 8:40 - 11:30.**

The Two-Day AM Class (Monday and Friday AM Class) will be using our main upstairs classroom, and your child's Head Teacher is Christine Orbin. This is Christine's 15th year teaching at The Acorn; she worked with us for 10 years, took time off to complete her studies, and returned to the Four Day Afternoon Class, and the MF Class in its first year. She has also been the head teacher in our 5 year old classroom. She earned her BA in Early Childhood Studies, and received the Norma Ziegler ECE award in 2008. She and her husband, Jack, have four children, including Sosha who graduated from The Acorn and is a teacher, too! They have four grandchildren, and their grandson, Connor is also an Acorn graduate. Christine puts her all into her program, and brings lots of high level ideas and activities alive for the class. Her laugh is contagious, and her knowledge, insight into children, and high energy creates a fun, creative learning environment for the children.

Christine will introduce your child's other teachers in the first newsletter.

During your child's home visit, we would like for you to provide **two** changes of clothing for your child, which we will keep here all year, just in case we need it. Please include underwear, socks, a shirt, and pants, and put them inside a zip-lock bag with your child's name clearly marked on it. If your child ever needs these clothes and wears them home, **please return them the next day** to replenish their bag.

Many thanks; we do appreciate your cooperation! We are really looking forward to classes beginning on the 10th. We all can't wait to get started on a new school year! Enjoy the rest of the summer, and we'll see you soon!

Rich, Wendy, and Mara