

# Station Descriptions for 2007 - 2008

## E ... EASELS:

- Get your assignment from the teacher. You may be used to fill in at an unattended station or help on the climber in the younger classes.
- If doing easel, set up paints, smocks, towels, hand wash water, paper, and brushes.
- When finished, do not pour out paint; wash out cup tops and replace.
- Clean up involves washing down easel, brushes, and smocks.
- Remind parents to take home art paintings.
- For baby class, this person is another set of hands on climber.**

## C ... CLIMBER:

- Supervise children on climber.
- Show proper hand and foot placement, encourage all efforts, and seek help from observation parents when needed.
- This requires special supervision, ask another parent to help if needed.
- Arrive on time for station.
- Keep a close eye on climbing children at all times.
- Please remain at your station until all children have left.

## S ... SAND:

- Supervise sand table and keep an eye on the house.
- Encourage children to scoop, fill, and pour out sand in the table.
- Encourage conversation and cooperation.
- Keep sand swept up so ground does not become slippery.
- Clean up involves sweeping area thoroughly and covering the table.
- For baby class, this person is an extra set of hands on climber and/or playhouse.**

## W ... WHEEL TOYS:

- Supervise wheel and push toy play outside.
- This area includes the spaceship, area at north end of building and grass area.
- Watch out for potential conflicts between two children wanting the same toy.
- Monitor children's climbing and their "space needs" on climber next to the wall. Do not put children on the climber or slide.
- Clean up for morning class involves lining toys up against outside wall under windows; afternoon class needs to put toys away in shed and/or Rubbermaid.

## F ... FOOD:

- Bring snack from home. This is often cup-up fruit or vegetable, crackers, or other starch, and a cheese or other protein. We would appreciate you bringing healthy foods, for children as well as adults.
- Please avoid peanut butter and strawberries due to allergies.
- A light snack for the parents is also appreciated. PM

classes span lunchtime, so those snacks need to be heartier.

- Please answer the phone and take messages on pad provided



## B ... BOUNCER:

- Supervise the bouncer at the northeast end of yard.
- Encourage children to hold on with both hands.
- Please keep an eye on children at gate.
- Double check that gate is dead-bolted.
- Help wheel toy parent if necessary.

## P ... PLAYDOH:

- Supervise children's creative play with Playdoh.
- Encourage interactive play, individual creativity and language.
- Playdoh is to stay on table; avoid carpet or outside.
- Clean up involves washing down table as well as Playdoh utensils (roller, cutters and presses).
- Return all **clean** utensils to cupboard.
- Return Playdoh to covered container for next class.
- For baby classes we will set up mats and small climber in Playdoh area.**

## D ... DRESS-UP AND IMAGINATIVE PLAY:

- Supervise space from kitchen to dress-up area.
- Encourage imaginative role-play and cooperative play.
- Clean up involves hanging up clothing and shelving appropriate items.
- Organize kitchen area, removing toys that do not belong there.
- For baby class, this parent automatically assists on loft.**

## M ... MANIPULATIVES:

- Supervise choice making and cooperative play; offer words of encouragement and support.
- Keep area somewhat picked up so children can walk safely around.
- Keep an eye on driving toy by mirror, as some children may need help getting on and off.
- Clean up involves collecting all pieces of toys, and returning all toys to appropriate places on shelves before music time.

## A ... ART:

- 1<sup>st</sup> semester, teacher will provide the project or art experience.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, parent will provide ideas and preparation.
- Supervise activity, encouraging process and language.
- Emphasis is on process rather than a finished product.
- Clean up prior to snack, and check with teacher about art after snack. Clean all materials prior to music time.
- For baby class, this parent either helps food parent or helps at the driving toy on rug.**
- Remind parents to take home their children's art work.

## L ... LOFT:

- Monitor base of loft steps and supervise play.
- Encourage children to go up stairs and down slide feet first.
- Watch for possible pushing on steps or platform.
- Please ask dress-up parent or others for help if needed.
- In baby classes, it works best to have one parent at the top of the loft and one at the bottom.**