

Dear Families,

September 25, 2008

Your children are moving happily into the school year! The Early Kindergartners are getting settled into the routines of their day and are becoming more comfortable with one another. We have only been here for a few weeks, but are well on our way to becoming a caring and cohesive EK community.

To celebrate the coming together of our new class, we will be having a **Breakfast Potluck** on **Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** from 8am to 9am. A sign up sheet will be posted, so please bring a dish to share. Siblings and caregivers are welcome.

As school is just beginning, children are slowly starting to take responsibility for some of the tasks that help our classroom run smoothly. For example, just last week we discussed how to care for our class turtle, and now Chocolate receives his veggies from two EKs everyday. Children have also been helping by setting lunch tables, turning off the lights when we leave the room, and bringing the attendance to the receptionist each morning. Beyond the daily jobs that need to take place, we are also responsible for helping one another. We've had meetings to discuss questions such as: How can you help a friend who's feeling sad or upset? What can you do if a friend is hurt? Some of the Early Kindergartners' ideas for helping in these situations include the following:

“You can tell them something funny.”

“You can make a silly face.”

“You can hold their hand.”

On another note, fall is in the air! Our class will be embracing this season both inside and outside the classroom. Soon we will take our first class trip. On **Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>** we will visit the **Union Square Farmers' Market**. There, we will set out to collect examples of fall produce. On the way back we will stop to play at Washington Square Park. On **Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**, we will collect leaves at **Washington Square Park**. We will bring these leaves back to school to observe, identify, compare and contrast. You are welcome to join us on either of these trips and can sign up on the sheet that will be posted on the Parent Note Board (please only sign up for *one* trip so

that all parents have a chance to join us, and not to worry if you can't come this time—we'll go on more trips throughout the year).

Last but not least, we have a very special event happening this month. **Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> is Curriculum Night.** We will begin at 6PM in the auditorium. Please join us as we discuss the many things that we will be learning about this year in the EK.

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Diane & Charles

**EK Fall Events:**

October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Curriculum Night</i>
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Breakfast Potluck</i>
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Trip to Union Square Farmers' Market</i>
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Trip to Collect Leaves at Washington Square Park</i>