

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Simonian Center for Early Learning! We are looking forward to a wonderful 2008-2009 school year. In addition to our monthly newsletter, Chalk Talk, we will utilize this website to share information regarding our preschool – grade 2 school. We encourage you to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns during the year (508-581-1610). A successful educational experience requires a strong home-school connection.

Our **Open House** is Wednesday, August 27, 2008. In response to traffic needs, we are trying something new this year. Students with last names A-M are asked to attend 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. and those with last names N-Z are asked to attend 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. I hope that you are able to take this opportunity with your child to visit their classroom as well as meet their teacher. Many ‘first day jitters’ experienced by students (and parents) are eased after attending Open House.

The first day of school for kindergarten – grade 2 students is Tuesday, September 2, 2008. **If your child will ride the bus to school, I strongly encourage him/her to do so on the first day.** On the first day of school, all available staff will assist with the unloading of buses. Buses are unloaded one at a time in the order students sit. Kindergarteners, who sit in the front throughout the school year, are unloaded first, then first graders, followed by second graders with fifth graders, who sit in the back, exiting last. All students are given a number card to bring to their teacher. For example, students exiting bus 6 are given a number 6 card. Staff members walk in our young students in small groups to their classroom. Classroom teachers reference bus lists to ensure that the given card matches the bus list. If a number card does not match, we then address any bus issues before the end of school on the first day.

Again, we welcome you to the start of another school year, the first for many! Enjoy the remainder of summer vacation with your family. We will see you soon!

Sincerely,

Lauren Dubeau
Principal