

February 12, 2010

Dear Parents,

This year's Kindergarten Round-Up is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, March 15 and 16. Our records show that your child is eligible to be enrolled in next year's kindergarten class since he/she will be five years old by September 15, 2010. We hope that you and your child are looking forward to kindergarten at Sioux Center Christian School.

The School Board decided for the 2010-11 school year that all three Kindergarten sections will come to school on the same days of the week. During the **first nine weeks** all the kindergarten students will come three days a week – **Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday**. During the **remainder of the school year** the kindergarten students will come four days a week – **Monday through Thursday**. This new format will allow for more consistency for the teachers and the students.

I know that many of you already have children who are students here at Sioux Center Christian. The staff and I consider it a privilege to work with you and your children from day to day. I pray that those of you who are sending children off to school for the first time have already considered the importance of a quality, God-centered education for your child. Sioux Center Christian offers an instructional program that is based on God's Holy Word and which meets the highest of academic standards.

Kindergarten Round-Up at Sioux Center Christian School is designed to provide an opportunity for you and your child to become better acquainted with our school and to see the kindergarten classroom. Your child will have the opportunity to meet new friends in a small group setting and experience some typical kindergarten activities.

Our round-up process is designed to gather information concerning various developmental areas. Your child will participate in a screening that focuses on the following areas: 1) hearing; 2) gross motor skills; 3) fine motor skills; and 4) speech and language skills. If parents desire a formal assessment, please contact a kindergarten teacher for further information. The information that you provide about your child and the information gathered through the screening, can help us work together to provide a “good start” in the education of your child.

Please find your child's name on the enclosed schedule and note both date and time. Please call the school office at 722-0777 if the time assigned does not work for you.

Several important items in addition to the schedule are enclosed: 1) a cumulative record form; 2) information survey; and 3) immunization/health forms. Please complete and return these when you bring your child to Round-Up on March 15 or 16. If your child attends a pre-school in town, the immunization form will be sent to our school from the pre-school. If you are unable to complete the immunization/health forms by Round-Up time, they may be turned in before school starts in August.

Plan to drop your child off and pick him/her up at the assigned time at Mrs. Van Soelen's room (in the northwest corner of the building). It is best that you not stay with your child during the round-up process.

Please plan on a **mothers and fathers meeting on Monday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m.** We will meet in the lunchroom and have a short presentation by the kindergarten teachers regarding Round-up and the Kindergarten program. You will receive additional health information, review your child's round-up folder, have opportunity to address questions to the teacher, and meet other parents. In addition, I will address such topics as tuition cost, busing, hot lunch, etc.

Please call the school office if you know of someone who is interested in Christian education here at SCCS or if you have further questions.

We are looking forward to meeting you and your child.

In His Service,

Joe Dirksen, Principal

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