



Storyland School

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Welcome

The staff here at Storyland School would like to welcome you to the 2009-2010 school year. We are all excited and looking forward to seeing those of you returning, as well as meeting those of you new to our school. Our goal is to give your child the best preschool experience and education possible. Thank you for sharing your children with us and giving us the opportunity to work with them. Please feel free to call the school or contact us via e-mail with any questions or concerns. It is never an inconvenience and always a pleasure to talk to parents. By working together, we can provide the best atmosphere in which our children can grow and learn.

Meet Our Staff

Ms. Elena Mannwieler	Owner/Director
Ms. Debbie Colvin	Assistant Director
Ms. Anette Vollmer	Assistant Director and Tiggers Teacher
Ms. Sara Huchinson	Goof Troop Teacher
Ms. Sara May	Looney Tunes Teacher
Ms. Bobbi Pierce	Looney Tunes Teacher
Miss Shaley Clarke	Mickey Mouse and Music Teacher
Miss Rebecca Graves	Mickey Mouse and Little Rascals Teacher
Ms. Stephanie Biagorria	Teddy Bears and Spanish Teacher
Miss Jen Robertson	Teddy Bears Teacher
Mr. Jose Jimenez	Owner/Teacher

Curriculum

For the month of September your child will be introduced to classroom rules and routine as well as self-awareness, family, friends, school, community and the number 1. We will also begin studying our letters of the week. Our curriculum is based on the weekly letter (beginning with A) and integrated within all areas of learning including: reading, writing, art, math, science, health, nutrition and physical activities. A progress report will be given at the end of every month to provide you with your child's academic and social development.



Storyland's Peanut/Nut Free Policy

To ensure the safety of all our children, Storyland is now a "Peanut and Nut Free School". As of Monday, August 24th, **no peanut or tree nut products are allowed in our school at anytime.** Tree nuts are defined as walnuts, almonds, hazelnuts (filberts), Brazil nuts, pecans, cashews, pistachio nuts, pine nuts and macadamia nuts. Please check labels carefully for foods where peanuts or nuts might be a "hidden" ingredient or for foods that have been manufactured on the same equipment as peanuts or tree nuts. All store bought packages are required to post a warning if there are any peanut contents.

As with other policies of our school, staff, parents and children are expected to comply. We thank you for your cooperation.



Back to School Night

Come join us for Back to School Night, Thursday, September 17th from 6:00-7:00 pm. Please take this opportunity to meet your child's teacher and learn valuable information regarding your child's classroom. Teachers will be discussing rules, routine, curriculum, goals and answering any of your questions and/or concerns. Child care is limited, so please check the front bulletin board for a sign-up sheet.

Spanish Enrichment Program

Beginning August 31st, Storyland will be offering a Spanish Enrichment Program for our students ages 3 and up. The program is called Sonrisas and it uses kinesthetic, linguistic, and intrapersonal actions to teach the language in a natural immersion style. The children learn the language similar to how they learn to speak English - through natural speaking, singing, and experiencing of words.

The class will be Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:15 pm and Ms. Stephanie will be the teacher. There are 2 more spaces available. Half day students are welcome to return in the afternoons for class. The cost for the class is \$45 per month + a one time fee of \$20 for a CD for your child to take home.

If you are interested in enrolling your child please contact Ms. Elena at elena@storylandschool.com or check the sign-up sheet on the front communication board. If your child is younger than 3 and you are interested in enrollment please let Ms. Elena know. They will be added to a waiting list and be able to start class as soon as they are old enough.

Book Fair



Please stop by the Usborne Books & More display table the week of September 14th. You can take a look at some of the best of Usborne's 1,400 titles, browse the catalog and specialty fliers, then place an order that will benefit Storyland (we will receive free books in our school based on a percentage of sales). Orders will be accepted throughout the week (payable by check or credit card), and books will arrive approximately 2-3 weeks later.

You can also visit our Storyland e-Fair [now](http://www.ubah.com/BF32698) and shop on-line www.ubah.com/BF32698 Web orders will be accepted through September 20th.

All orders placed at Storyland and through our Usborne Web link will help Storyland fill its bookshelves with new materials.

Our Usborne Books & More independent consultant, Kerrie Lindstrom, is happy to answer questions and make suggestions based on your child's abilities and interests. Inquiries (and appointment requests) can be emailed to: littlegrapesbooks@comcast.net. Or, call 925.373.0331.

Reminders

- To provide your child with a sense of comfort and security please keep to a regular drop-off schedule, before 9:00 am. Late arrivals also cause interruptions to our program and cause your child to miss important class time learning.
- Please label all of your child's belongings such as jackets, sweaters, lunchboxes, sheets/blankets and pillow cases.
- Check your child's file folder daily for their art and school work, as well as any paperwork or important notices from teachers or administration.
- Please provide a pillowcase for storing your child's sheets and blankets, if you have not already done so.
- Please remember to sign your child in and out everyday. Licensing will charge a \$100 fine for every missing signature.

Upcoming Events

September:

Back to School Night Thursday, September 17th from 6:00-7:00 pm

October:

Potluck Dinner Friday, October 2nd

Cookie Dough Fundraiser October 5th-16th

Picture Days Wednesday & Thursday, October 20th & 21st

Halloween Parade and Party Friday, October 30th

Pumpkin Patch Dates:

Mickey Mouse—Tuesday October 12th

Looney Tunes—Wednesday October 13th

Goof Troop/Tiggers—Thursday October 14th

Teddy Bears—Friday, October 15th

Happy Birthday!

Juliet Johnson	9/3
Taya Trevino	9/3
Sienna Trevino	9/3
Ms. Debbie	9/7
Miss Jen	9/7
Elle Ayres	9/19
Ms. Elena	9/23
Sabrina Lau	9/25





Helping You Child Cope With Separation Anxiety

By Marcia J

Dropping your child off at preschool when he is crying can be traumatic for both parent and child. Knowing that most children experience separation anxiety at one time or another, and it is a natural part of development, doesn't make it easier. There are things that parents and caregivers can do to lessen the apprehension and help children cope.

1. Preparation is key. Knowing what to expect can ease a lot of anxiety even before arriving at preschool. Talk with your child about the routines and events at the school. Let him know that you will be leaving and when you will be back.

2. Bring your child in for a visit. Introduce him to the teachers, and help him form a bond with them. Let him explore the environment a little. Play with him and get to know the classroom a little yourself.

After the visit, talk with your child about what he liked in the classroom, some of the children he met and toys he played with.

3. Be confident. When you bring your child to school on the first day, you may be experiencing a little of your own anxiety. This can increase your child's tension, so do your best not to let it show. Keep a positive attitude and try to get your preschooler excited about his new adventure.

4. Develop a routine. Tell him what will happen when you arrive at school, when you will leave, and keep it consistent. Once you tell him you are leaving, say goodbye and go quickly. It may be hard to leave him if he is crying, but staying longer will make it worse.

5. Let him bring a security object. Having something familiar with him or pictures of his family will help to comfort him when he misses you.

6. Get to know some of the other parents and children in your child's class. Arrange a play date with one or two of the other children to help your child form friendships. Knowing some of the children will help him feel more comfortable at school.

7. Be patient. It can be difficult to see your child upset. Keep in mind that this is difficult for him and allow him some time to adjust. Sometimes it takes children a week or two to feel comfortable in a new environment.

