

Dear Discovery School Parents and Prospective Parents:

We have selected Discovery School for our children because of its exciting curriculum, spirit, and especially because of its philosophy that children learn and grow through active play. In our programs, children learn through hands-on discovery, thought provoking projects and discussions, and by encouragement of independent thinking. This very unique and special environment gently guides our children to tasks that prepare them wonderfully for their next experiences in regular school. Teachers promote positive feelings about themselves and their work. Most of all, children here feel very special and loved.

Rather than rushing children prematurely into quiet desk work with paper and pencil tasks, our children **play** with early concepts. They cook, plant gardens, care for animals, develop motor skills, learn Spanish and music. They take exciting field trips to museums, parks, community events and celebrations. They make costumes and put on shows. They paint, sculpt, sew and glue. All these are pre-academic skills that prepare them for elementary school and are promoted in a multi-sensory way. Those of us with older children who have “graduated” to other schools, are aware of how other teachers and principals compliment their readiness and their excitement about learning.

This school is totally parent owned and run. We are lucky to have a talented and committed director and an outstanding staff, but it is only with our cooperative effort that we can provide the best possible preschool environment for our children. Since our continued goal is to allow any parent that wants to send his/her child to Discovery School to do so, we depend on maintaining tuition prices that are affordable and competitive, as well as a scholarship fund to provide financial assistance to qualified families.

As tuition is the only means of income and does not cover expenses without augmentation from fundraising activities, we rely strongly on parent participation in these activities. Parents are encouraged to serve on committees, help with field trips and pitch in when we need a work day at the school. Parents have been instrumental in building and improving the playground, classroom improvements, and wonderfully successful fund raisers. A few hours help from parents makes such a difference in the quality of the school, and when everyone helps it is fun as well -- even small gifts of time and energy can make a big difference!

We welcome you and your child to our Discovery family, and appreciate the opportunity to share in a wonderful Early Childhood experience.

Thank you, and have a wonderful year ahead.

The Discovery School Board of Directors