4 Year Old Kindergarten Information

January 5, 2009

Dear Families,

We would like to welcome you and your family to 4K, share information about our program, and tell you about our new registration procedures. Census records show you may have a child who will be four years old on or before September 1, 2009 and will be eligible to attend 4 Year Old Kindergarten in fall.

The 4K Informational Meeting will be held Thursday evening, February 5th at 6:30 in the Merton Primary School cafeteria. Parents only please.

At the Informational Meeting you will meet the 4K school staff, learn about the 4K curriculum, and how we establish a family connection in order to provide an optimal 4K experience for your child. You will receive registration forms and a short questionnaire about your child’s development. We understand parents know their child best, and appreciate your help in gathering developmental information about your child prior to entrance into the 4K program. We thank you for sharing specifics about your child’s language, pre-academic, fine motor, and social skills. Please be prepared to complete the questionnaire that evening, as this valuable information will replace the traditional kindergarten screening process we have done in the past. Typical developmental guidelines have been included in this mailer for your reference.

Our staff is more than willing to screen children whose parents have a concern about their development. Additional information is often needed to decide if a child is ready for 4K especially if he or she has a summer birthday. Another concern parents may have is if a child would benefit from special services such as speech and language during or prior to 4K. Early Intervention can make a dramatic difference in the life of a young child, and is available for all children three years of age and older who demonstrate the need according to state guidelines. Please call the Primary School if you have specific concerns or questions.

Please respond to this mailer by returning the attached form in the envelope provided. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Mike Budisch, Principal
4K/EC Teachers:
   Shelly Stevens
   Catherine McMahon
   Amy Basse
   Sue Baral
Please complete and return in the envelope provided.

Thank you!

______ I will attend the 4K Informational meeting on Thursday, February 5th.

______ I will not be able to attend the meeting. Please mail me the information and questionnaire and I will return it promptly.

______ My child will not be attending 4K in the fall.

______ My child will not attend Merton Primary; we have made the decision to enroll him/her elsewhere. Please remove from your mailing list.

Parent’s Name ________________________________

Address ___________________________________

Telephone ___________________________________

Child’s Name ________________________________

Child’s Birth Date ______________________________

Please return completed form to:
Merton Primary School
PO Box 15
Merton, WI 53056