

REmail: February 18, 2005

Subject: More Ideas on Attendance at First Day School

Rebecca Grunko, RE Coordinator at Cambridge Meeting, added the following ideas on dealing with sporadic attendance:

"One other idea about attendance is to plan for and work with days you know will be low attendance. When planning curriculum for each trimester I look for days when I know we will have fewer kids (like Presidents' Day weekend) and rather than having classes in their own rooms, I plan an all-FDS lesson. These usually involve going outside and an art activity. I don't worry about furthering our curriculum goals with these lessons. This way, I don't have to scramble to find subs for teachers who are absent (hard on holiday weekends) and substantive lessons are reserved for days when kids are more likely to be there. We all benefit from the change of pace and the inter-generational nature of the all-FDS lessons.... "

Request for Addresses

The Christian Education Committee is preparing a mailing for late next week containing information on our Curriculum Workshop in Portland, ME on April 30, 2005. We'd like to take the opportunity to update any address changes or add new Friends who have not been receiving our newsletter (the last issue was last June).

Also, let me know if you would like to be included in an NEYM--First Day School Directory. I was thinking it would be fun to have a booklet of FDS teachers/RE Committee members.

The entries would appear as follows:

Name:

Address:

Meeting affiliation:

Email:

Phone number:

Areas of special interest:

Ages taught:

The mailing list and the Directory are separate. Please do help us double-check your snail mail address even if you choose not to be in the Directory.

In the Light,
Beth