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MY FIRST SCHOOL IN SESSION AT THE MAGIC HOUSE!
Preschoolers discover the magic of school
September 21 – November 18

ST LOUIS (July 15, 2010) – It starts with baby steps. So, The Magic House, St. Louis Children's Museum is offering a preschool prep class for kids who are "sooo big", they are ready to go to school. Almost! **My First School** is a fun and creative preschool program at The Magic House that encourages gradual independence within a nurturing environment to get children (and parents!) ready for that next big step – school!

This nine-week program for **2 ½- to 3 ½-year-olds** begins with six weeks of parent-child classes. During these weeks, children build relationships with teachers and peers while learning basic school skills. Parents are there to support and encourage their child's independence in the classroom. In the final three weeks, grownups go to their own classroom to participate in a parenting program conducted by staff from St. Louis Children's Hospital, while the children go to school all by themselves!

My First School will take place once a week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays from 9:30 am to 10:30 am or 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. Classes begin the week of September 21 and continue through the week of November 18.

The cost for the program is \$100 for members and \$135 for non-members. Parents ready to take that next step can visit The Magic House's website at www.magichouse.org or call the museum at (314) 822-8900 for more information or to enroll in classes.

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About The Magic House, St. Louis Children's Museum

The Magic House is a not-for-profit participatory museum that provides hands-on learning experiences for children and families that encourage experimentation, creativity and the development of problem-solving skills within a place of beauty, wonder, joy and magic. Regular museum admission is \$8.75 per person.

Children under the age of one are free.

The Magic House is located at 516 S. Kirkwood Road, one mile north of Highway 44 in historic downtown Kirkwood. Hours during the school year are Tuesday through Thursday, 12:00 pm to 5:30 pm, Friday 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Saturday 9:30 am to 5:30 pm and Sunday 11:00 am to 5:30 pm. The museum is closed on Mondays during the school year. Parking is always free at The Magic House.

For more information, please call (314) 822-8900 or visit The Magic House online at www.magichouse.org.

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