



Welcome
to
Pre-K!



Our Classroom:

- We are very busy in pre-k! Here are just some of the things we work on: colors, shapes, numbers, letters, letter sounds, social behaviors, routines, OT/Speech, fine & gross motor activities, technology skills, Handwriting Without Tears, science and social studies themes, library, music, art, outdoor activities, and more. You will be receiving newsletters keeping you informed of what we have been up to.
- **Outdoor play:** Weather permitting, we will be going outside quite a bit. Please be sure that they are dressed appropriately every day! This includes footwear- no flip flops please!
- **Take Home Folders:** This is very important! It's where you will find newsletters, handouts, class calendars, etc... Please place any notes in the folder, we check them at the beginning of every day.

Meal Time:

- We eat breakfast and lunch in the classroom. Meals are provided by the school at no cost to you. We have a snack every day as well, which is also provided at no cost to pre-k students through our grant.
- We will be sending home school menus monthly. If your child does not like what we are having, please feel free to send in a healthy alternative. Also, if your child has a food allergy, please make your child's teacher aware.
 - Please do not send in soda, candy, or junk food.

Attendances and Tardies:

- School is a child's work. It is important for normal development. If your child is absent often, it may be harder to keep up with the class. It is important your child does not miss more than a few days of school a year due to illness. Ask your doctor or call the school nurse if you are not sure about keeping your child home.
- Any time your child is absent, tardy, or misses part of the school day (ex. For an appointment), we are required by the State Education Department to have a written excuse on file. Please send a note in with your child when he/she returns to school after any absence whether it be for illness or an appointment.

Arrival and Dismissal:

- *School Hours*

- 8:05-3:00

- Arrival

- Students who ride the bus will be dropped off at the elementary doors and then walk to the pre-k meeting spot. Any students that are dropped off by their parents will also be at the pre-k meeting spot.

Please DO NOT come down to the classrooms

- Dismissal

- Parent pick up students will be dismissed at the Parent Pick up entrance of the school (cafeteria). Bus students will be walked to the busses at the elementary wing. If your child normally rides the bus and someone will be picking him/her up instead, we will need a note from you indicating this ahead of time.

We will need a note each time there is a change in pick up.

Classroom Management:

- *Making our classroom a safe and positive environment requires everyday rules and procedures.*
- We will be spending a lot of our time during the first few weeks of school just going over routines and rules for playing, mealtime, carpet time, and instruction. We expect that students will treat each other with respect and kindness so that we can facilitate a supportive learning environment for everyone. Once we feel that students are aware of our expectations, we will be sending home a more detailed behavior management plan.
 - As always, if there are any behavioral concerns your child's teacher will be in contact with you.

Supplies:

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- Your child will not need much to start off the year in Pre-K as we are fortunate enough to have most of the basics here already; however we do ask for the following:
 - One complete change of clothes (shirt, pants, underwear, socks), all labeled and in a clear plastic bag
 - A small blanket for rest time (no sleeping bags or large blankets please)
 - A durable, regular sized backpack

If you are unable to provide these items, please let us know and the school will make them available for your child

Other:

- Rest time: To help accommodate our nap/quiet time, we ask that you send in a small blanket labeled with your child's name. We will send them home frequently to be washed. We would also prefer that no toys be brought to school. There is always the possibility that it may be misplaced.
- Birthdays: In honor of your child's birthday, he/she may bring in a treat to celebrate their special day. All treats must be store bought.

*If you are planning a party for your child outside of school, please mail invites. Unless all students in our class are invited, students will not be allowed to pass out party invitations at school to prevent any hurt feelings.