

WELCOME TO PRESCHOOL FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR!

I am very excited to begin getting to know you and your child. For some of you, this may be your child's first school experience and we hope to make the transition an easy one. Here are a few tips to make that happen.

- **DAILY FOLDERS / E-MAILS** – Throughout the year, we use a folder for important papers. Please check it every night and use it to send papers back to us. I will be using e-mail and the DOJO app to correspond with you about any concerns you may have as well as any upcoming classroom activities. I will also send newsletters by e-mail on or through the DOJO app on Fridays each week. I will check my e-mail in the morning before 9:00 and in the afternoon around 2:00 PM. If you do not have e-mail access, please let me know and I will provide a notebook for correspondence.
- **LUNCH MONEY** – A menu will be sent home with your child at the beginning of each month. Please send lunch money in a Ziploc bag or envelope labeled with your child's first and last name. PLEASE DO NOT PUT MONEY IN LUNCH BOXES. You may prepay for the week or month if you choose. If you wish to apply for free or reduced lunches, paperwork must be filled out and returned to the school. However, each child will be charged the regular lunch price until otherwise notified by the lunch program.
- **TOYS FROM HOME** – Please refrain from sending toys to school with your child as we do not want special items to be lost or broken.
- **A REST TIME SHEET AND BLANKET** – These items will be used every day and sent home on Fridays to be washed and returned the following Monday. An old crib sheet is the best fit for our sized cots. NO PILLOWS or sleeping bags please (they are a safety hazard as per school policy).
- **COMFORTABLE CLOTHES FOR MESSY & ACTIVE PLAY** – Sneakers are the best choice for shoes. However, if you choose to have your child wear sandals, please make sure they have a strap around the back as per our school dress code policy. Please wear clothes on your child that allows him/her to use the bathroom independently.
- **EXTRA CHANGE OF CLOTHES** – Children may have the occasional accident whether it be bathroom related, a snack spill, or a painting oops. Please provide a shirt, underwear, shorts/pants, socks, and sneakers in a bag labeled with your child's name for us to keep in our classroom. Also, please remember to replace them when soiled and update them seasonally.
- **SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS** – Each month we will participate in the Scholastic Book order. These books are inexpensive and any books purchased by parents help us to earn additional books for our classroom that all the children can use. Please note that only checks written to Scholastic Book Company may be accepted.
- **SNACKS** – Please send a healthy snack with your child daily. Juice is not necessary for lunch or snack as the school provides water and milk during both times.
- **FAMILY PHOTOS** – Feel free to send in family photos. We love to see pictures of families that can be displayed in our classroom (not to worry, we return them at the end of the year).
- **BACKPACKS WITH BUS TAGS** – Busing can sometimes be scary for parents and children. A bus tag is our way of identifying your child and where they are to be picked up and dropped off. When you receive a tag, please make sure all information is correct and keep it on at all times. If you need to request a new one or make a change to the information, just let us know and we will make sure to supply one.
- **Birthday/Holiday treat guidelines** - Treats no longer need to be individually wrapped. Ingredients must be included. Submit ingredients 24 hours prior. This helps with any students who need an alternate snack due to allergies. Goody bags options – small pretzels, mini muffins, juice boxes, goldfish crackers, kind bars, animal crackers, graham crackers, teddy grahams. Please refrain from small toys, small candy, and balloons as they are choking hazards.

I hope this information is helpful. We can't wait to get to know you and your child as we embark on this wonderful journey of knowledge. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. I will be more than happy to help you or guide you in the right direction.

Mrs. Dominek & Miss Anderson