



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome! A new school year is starting and we are looking forward to having your child in our Pre-School (A-1 green school bus) classroom this year! Below we have listed a few items for your information to help ease the transition of the new school year for you and your child:

- Send your child to school with a bookbag and check it daily for school information, notes, reminders and schoolwork.
- Make sure your child has an identification tag on their bookbag at all times. If it falls off, please let us know and we will attach a new one.
- Each child will receive a folder. Items in the “Left at Home” portion are for you to keep; the items in the “Bring Right Back” portion should be sent back to school with your child as soon as possible.
- Your child may purchase breakfast and lunch every day. Your child will have an account with the lunchroom and you can pre-pay for breakfast and lunch in any amount you wish (please send all money in an envelope or baggie with your child’s name on it) or you can add money on the district website. If your child eats breakfast at home, you do not have to purchase it—also, if you do not wish to purchase lunch, please send in a healthy lunch and drink to school with your child. In addition to this, we eat snack every afternoon—please send in a small, healthy snack every day—you may also send in your child’s snacks in bulk and we will keep the snacks in their cubby. Please fill out the Food Service form on the district website to find out if you are eligible for free or reduced breakfast and/or lunch. However, until notified, your child must bring lunch from home or must pay for breakfast and lunch.
- Please send in a full extra set of clothing with your child (shirt, pants/shorts, underwear and socks). Each item of clothing should have your child’s name on it and should be placed in a large ziplock-bag with your child’s name on the front.
- Please dress your child in clothing that is appropriate for play and messy activities. More importantly, make sure your child is dressed in clothing that allows him/her to use the bathroom independently. For example, one-piece outfits, overalls and tights are often difficult for a child to manipulate/remove. In addition to this, the children will go outside everyday (weather permitting) --please dress your child in comfortable shoes/sneakers (no backless shoes or flip-flops) and clothing that is appropriate for the weather outside that day.
- Your child will need a crib sheet and crib sized blanket with his/her name on it for rest time (no sleeping bags). Your child can also bring a small stuffed animal to sleep with, but do not send anything that needs to be sent home daily. All rest items will be sent home weekly to be washed—please return them on Monday.
- Birthdays are very special and can be celebrated in the classroom. If you would like your child to celebrate their birthday at school, feel free to send in a snack/treat to share with the class. Please let us know in advance. Any and all food items sent in for special occasions MUST be in its original packaging showing the ingredients. The school nurse will confirm the food item is safe for all students.

Please understand, any food sent to our school without advance notice and not in its original packaging will not be served.

- Pre-School can be an adjustment, and the children often miss their family. Please send in a family picture that we can display in your child's cubby/family board for when they miss you.
- Please notify the school if your child is going to be absent. You can also email us, or we will use the ClassDojo app, which will send messages like texting. This is the quickest way to get in touch with us. Download the ClassDojo app and in the coming days, you will receive an invitation to join our class.
- Please fill out the Drop & Go form to have it on file in the office. Also, please fill out the questionnaire—it will help us to get to know your child better. Kindly send both forms back with your child on the first day of school.
- **Meet the Teacher** for the green hallway will be on Thursday, September 5th from 9:30am to 10:00am. **Back to School Night** for the green hallway will be on Tuesday, September 10th at 5:00pm.
- Special dismissal times for September 6th, 9th and 10th. Please check the district website for dismissal times.

Finally, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at school, on ClassDojo, email us at siorio@pemb.org or drop a note in your child's folder. We will be happy to help you in any way possible!

Sincerely,

Ms. Susan Iorio, Mrs. Amber Lynn & Miss Amy Davidson