

Welcome Back

Dear Parents,

I hope you are having a fun-filled summer! I want to welcome you to the 2022/2023 school year. I have been busy planning and prepping for the school year and can't wait for the fun we are going to have!!

I wanted to give you a sneak peek into what your child will be learning and doing in our Pre-K Full Day Program (8:30 am-2 pm). We are following Next Generation Pre-K Standards. Some of the topics that your child can look forward to learning about are:

- All About Me and Five Senses...the kids will get to know themselves, each other, and me (the school year begins on this topic).
- Families and Communities: students will learn about their families and the roles that everyone has in their family. We also learn about the community and different places in the community. We learn about careers to keep the community going.
- Animals & Habitats: We learn about different animals and where they live.
- Plants: We learn about the parts of a plant and well as what a plant needs to live and survive. We also talk about our needs and wants.

The curriculum is interconnected with the Next Generation Standards so we also learn a letter of the alphabet a week. We learn to identify the letter, the sound, and give a word that begins with the letter/sound. We play with the picture cards for phonemic awareness including, beginning, middle, and end sounds. We identify pictures, complete rhyming and count our syllables each morning.

In math, we count to 20, identify numbers from 0-10, and write numbers from 0-10. We also count with one-to-one correspondence, sort objects, and compare objects.

In science, some things that we learn about are combining colors, working with magnets, and learning about things that sink and float.

We are learning and exploring new things every day. A lot of the things that we do to teach the curriculum in Pre-K are hands-on and interactive with other

classmates and the teacher so **attendance is important**. I know as a parent, myself, things happen and children get sick but I always try to stress the importance of attendance because for a 4 year old it is difficult if they aren't kept in their school routine. If your child is sick it is necessary to keep them home, otherwise, I am looking forward to learning with your child daily.

So your child is **ready for Pre-K** they will need a backpack and should wear it to school every day. It is helpful to have an extra set of clothing (including undergarments), smock (initialed), sneakers for gym, as well as a sweater or sweatshirt. All their items will need to be kept in their book bag so nothing is let in cubbies for daily deep cleaning purposes. We will provide you with a pocket folder for transporting important papers to and from school as well as anything else needed for our day to day activities.

I am looking forward to a great school year with you and your child!!!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathryn Matthews

Pre-Kindergarten Teacher