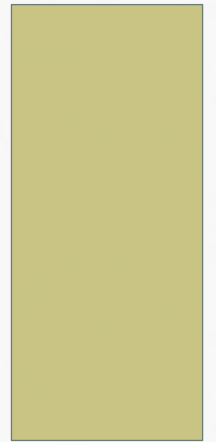


EARLY CHILDHOOD ORIENTATION

2022-2023



WELCOME/OPENING PRAYER



MEET THE TEACHERS

Mrs. Soldner



Ms. Serenity



EC CLASSES

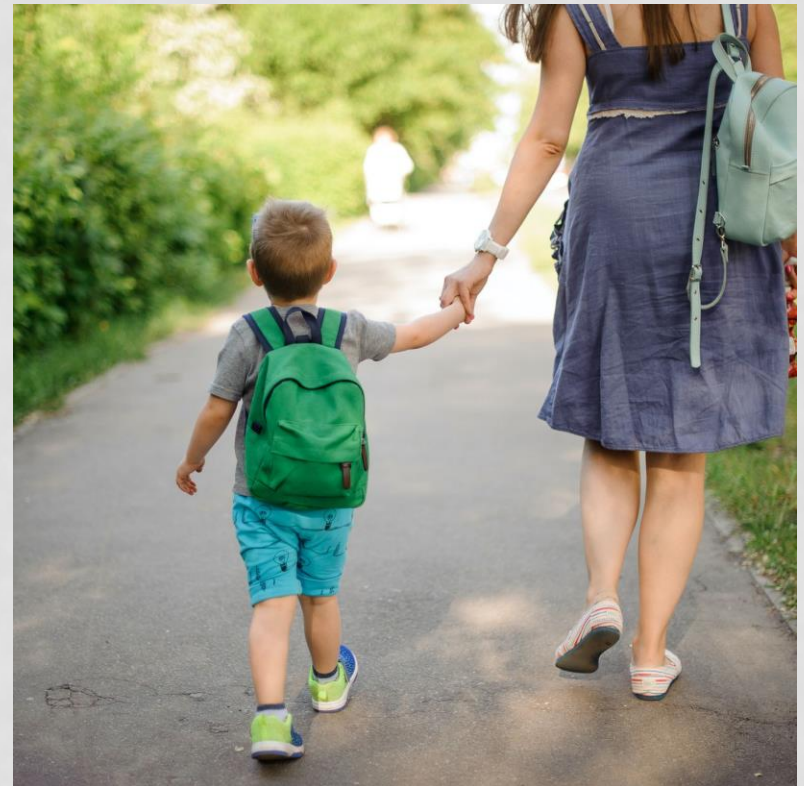
- **Preschool (PS)**
 - Tuesday & Thursday AM
 - 9:15 – 11:45 AM
 - Age 3 by Sep 30th
- **Pre-Kindergarten (PK)**
 - Monday, Wednesday, & Friday AM
 - 9:15 – 11:45 AM
 - Age 4 by Sep 30th
- **Transitional Kindergarten (TK)**
 - Monday – Friday PM
 - 12:45 – 3:45 PM
 - Age 5 by Sep 30th OR teacher recommendation

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

- Every child is different
- If you set high expectations, children will rise up to meet those expectations
- Rewarding Positive Behavior
 - Hole Punch Cards
 - Prizes
- A variety of strategies will be used as appropriate:
 - Use of choices
 - Redirection
 - Warnings
 - Time Outs (followed by discussion of behavior)
 - Reminders of Cozy Corner
 - Behavior Logs
 - Natural Consequences
 - Principal (if needed)
- Communication with parents as needed
 - Please contact me with any questions/concerns

TIPS FOR DROP-OFF FIRST DAYS/WEEKS

- Establish a routine
- Send your child with a family photo
- Talk about your child's feelings/validate them
- Remain confident!
- Set up play dates with others in class
- Remember—things will get better/easier!



COMMUNICATION

- Communication is essential!
- Reduce communication at arrival/dismissal
- RenWeb/Family Portal
 - Instant Alert
 - Please make sure correct emails are in the “correspondence” section for everyone who should be receiving regular communication
- Folders
 - Please check folders nightly
 - Place items for teachers in folders if possible
 - OR include note in folder to retrieve item(s) from backpack
- Other methods of communication:
 - Email
 - Notes
 - Phone
 - Scheduled in-person meeting

CONFERENCES

- Fall & Spring Conferences
- At conferences we will:
 - Review data
 - Discuss progress/concerns
 - Set individual goals
- Please be on time
 - Limited availability to be able to meet with all ~60 families
- Rescheduling
 - If there is an available remaining slot to meet, we will reschedule
- Note: Meetings will be available in January upon request to discuss next year's placement

YOU CAN HELP TOO!

- PTO
- Read Together
- Reinforce/review skills at home
- “Ways you can help” section of newsletters
- Teaching Strategies Family Engagement:
 - Gather data at home
 - Ideas for additional activities you can do together at home (optional)
 - Access to reports/classroom documentation

FAMILY EDUCATION NIGHTS

- Will offer two this year
- Will attempt to offer in-person offerings this year (at least one in-person)
- Topics covered in the past:
 - Sleep/Bed Time Routines
 - Phonological Awareness
 - Reading Together
 - Fine Motor Development



GRADUATION

- ONLY for students moving onto Kindergarten
- Pre-K Graduation will be at 10 AM
- TK Graduation will be at 1 PM
- Preschool families will help host graduation reception (set up, clean up, etc.)



BIRTHDAYS

- We celebrate birthdays!!!
 - If they occur during the school year, we will celebrate on the closest class day to your child's actual birthday
- Treat Options
 - Non-food item to share
 - Snack of child's choice (NO SUGAR)
 - Please inform teacher in advance in case of allergies
 - If a sugar item is brought in, it will NOT be served in class



CLASS PARTIES/CELEBRATIONS

- Marked on the EC calendar
- Families will be invited to attend the last 15 minutes of parties
- Volunteers to help with parties
 - Sign up sheet will be coming
- Items for parties
 - Please only bring items you signed up for
 - ONLY TWO sugar options will be served per party; no candy/food items to take home (except Christmas, there will be a candy cane)
- Allergies:
 - Will be communicated if considerations need to be made in purchasing (such as peanut or nut-free)
 - Other allergies – parents/caregivers will be responsible for providing an alternative, if desired

RESOURCES IN FOLDER

- EC Calendar
 - May be updated throughout the year
 - Different from K-9 calendar
 - Will be adding a Google calendar version
- School Supply List
- Class Schedule
- Drop-off/Pick-up
- Teacher Contact
- Policies
- EC Website
- Forms to Fill Out
 - Family Information
 - Volunteer

ANY QUESTIONS?

