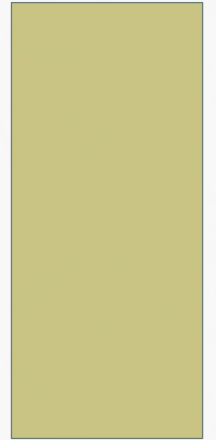


# EARLY CHILDHOOD ORIENTATION

2023-2024



# 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 30<sup>th</sup>
- Pre-Kindergarten (PK)
  - Monday, Wednesday, & Friday AM
  - 9:15 – 11:45 AM
  - Age 4 by Sep 30<sup>th</sup>
- Transitional Kindergarten (TK)
  - Monday – Friday PM
  - 12:45 – 3:45 PM
  - Age 5 by Sep 30<sup>th</sup> 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 and phone numbers 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 ~55 to 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
  - Monthly BINGO boards
  - Monthly family letters on how to reinforce skills (Aug – Dec)
  - Weekly Family Bible letters
- “Ways you can help” section of newsletters
- Guest Speaker in our classroom
- Classroom Party Helpers
- PS & PK: Guest Reader or Craft Helper
- TK: Helper for Science Experiments or Escape Rooms

# ROOM PARENTS

- Each class will have a PAC or Room Parent
- PK & TK already have Room Parents
- Still need Room Parents for PS
- Some responsibilities will include:
  - Creating a craft for your child's class party & providing materials
  - Creating a game to be used at all three parties & providing materials
  - Laminating
  - Cutting
  - Assisting teacher throughout the year
  - Running class Facebook page
  - Communicating with class families
  - Etc.
- Interested? Contact: Jenna McSwain
  - [Jenna.mcswain@immanuelhamilton.com](mailto:Jenna.mcswain@immanuelhamilton.com)

# FAMILY EDUCATION NIGHTS

- Will offer two this year
- Will attempt to offer in-person offerings this year (refer to EC calendar for dates)
- Topics covered in the past:
  - Sleep/Bed Time Routines
  - Phonological Awareness
  - Reading Together
  - Fine Motor Development
  - Happy, Healthy Families



# CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

- Combining all 3 classes
- 6 PM
- Order of Events:
  - PS sings
  - PK sings
  - TK pageant
  - ALL classes sing final song
  - Children dismissed to families
- Short “reception” in gym following program
- Invited to stay for Advent service after
- NOTE: Children will NOT be dismissed until the end of the program



# GRADUATION

- ONLY for students moving onto Kindergarten
- Pre-K Graduation will be at 10 AM
- TK Graduation will be at 1 PM



# 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
    - Find ideas [here](#).



# 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
  - NO processed sugar items this year; may still offer popsicles for end of year party
- 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
  - Google calendar version under “classes” section of website
- School Supply List
- Class Schedule
- Drop-off/Pick-up
- Teacher Contact
- Policies
- [EC Website](#)
- Forms to Fill Out
  - [Family Information](#)

ANY QUESTIONS?

