

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! It is such a pleasure to be writing the first of many weekly newsletters that will provide information about our class themes, centers and other special occasions. In an effort to save paper, the newsletter will be emailed to all families. If you'd prefer a paper copy, just ask!

This Week's Schedule

Transition Day 1, Monday, September 9th

Please make sure you know which group you and your preschooler are in for this day (Group A or Group B). You should park in the Marie Murphy parking lot, sign in at the school office and then make your way down to the preschool classroom. We can't wait to see you all!

AM: Group A runs 9:00-10:00, Group B runs 10:10-11:10

PM: Group A runs 12:30-1:30, Group B runs 1:40-2:40

Transition Day 2, Tuesday, September 10th (AM runs 9:00-10:30, PM runs 12:30-2:00)

This will be the first day that we will follow standard drop off and pick up procedures. Please wait with your child in your vehicle by the front doors of the school. One of the preschool teachers will come pick up your preschooler from the car. We are prepared for some tears. Please help us ease your child's transition by giving a quick goodbye and then letting us take him or her from the car. If your child is crying or upset, usually it just takes a few minutes inside to calm down. If your child cannot calm down, we may give you a call, so please have your phone on hand.

Starting Wednesday, September 11th our typical schedule will begin for both classes.

AM Drop off is at 8:50AM, Pickup is 11:10AM

PM Drop off is at 12:25, Pickup is 2:45

*Because our preschool program is small, pickup usually takes no longer than 5 minutes. Please be prompt at dismissal!! Especially in the beginning, a late pickup can cause major stress for your preschooler.

Drop Off and Pickup

Drop off begins at 8:50AM and 12:25PM. Please remain in your car and drive up to the curb where a teacher will take your child out of the car, into school. If you would like to walk your child to the front doors, please park in the parking lot.

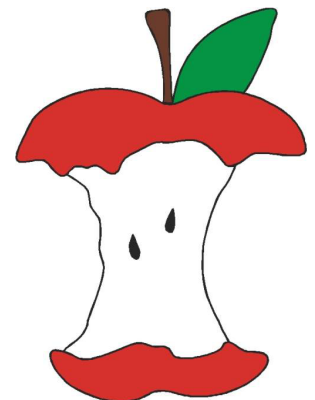
Pickup is at 11:10AM and 2:45PM. Please drive up to the curb and a teacher will bring your child out to you.

We understand that there may be some tears at drop off. Please trust that we will help your child enjoy school. In order to ease this transition, we ask that parents do not come to the classroom with their children at arrival other than our first transition day.

Our First Few Days

During our first week of school, our main goal is to help your child become comfortable in our environment. We are so excited to have them explore our room and begin to love school! Our daily schedule looks like this:

Arrival
Table Time
Music and Circle Time
Centers
Story and Letter Work
Snack
Outside/Gross Motor
Dismissal



centers and reminders

Center	Activities	Why are these activities so important?
Blocks	Doll Houses and furniture Wooden blocks	Creative play; turn taking; strengthening fine and gross motor skills; task persistence and problem solving
Table Toys and Games	Assorted puzzles	Visual discrimination; measurement and size; turn taking with a peer; hand-eye coordination
Dramatic Play	Housekeeping	Developing language and social skills; socialization and building friendships; imaginative and pretend play; sharing materials and turn taking
Writing	Crayons, paper, scissors and glue sticks	Fine motor skills; early literacy; language development
Library	Back to School Books	Book-handling skills; social interactions; imaginative and pretend play; early literacy
Sensory	Play dough table, rolling pins and cookie cutters	Sensory; fine motor development; volume and measurement; science concepts-sink/float, solid/liquid, hard/soft; sharing materials with peers
Snack	Opens Wednesday! We will eat snack as a full group activity.	Self-help; language development and social skills
Art	Coming Soon!	Expressing creativity; developing fine motor skills; Applying new knowledge
Tech	Coming Soon!	Turn taking; developing hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills; practicing various cognitive skills (literacy, math, science concepts)
Science	Coming Soon!	Exploring cause and effect; making observations; turn taking with peers
Listening	Coming Soon!	Language development; book-handling skills; practicing literacy concepts

August/September Birthdays

August 4th - Emmy(PM)
 August 5th - Marley(PM)
 August 17th - Luke(PM)
 September 2nd - Layla(AM)
 September 21st - Nash(AM)

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