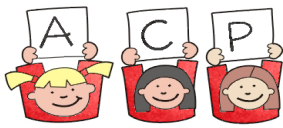


September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017



Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 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 and posted to the preschool website: [www.facebook.com/avocaprek](http://www.facebook.com/avocaprek). If you'd prefer a paper copy, just ask!

## This Week's Schedule

### Transition Day 1, Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

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 1:45-2:45**

### Transition Day 2, Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> (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 form a car line in the circle drive by the front doors of the school. Either Miss Barello or Mrs. Hale 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 13<sup>th</sup> our typical schedule will begin for both classes.**

## Drop Off and Pick Up

We will begin drop off at 8:50AM and 12:25PM promptly. Please remain in your car and drive up to the curb where a teacher will take your child out of the car, into school.

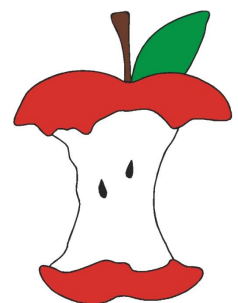
Pick up will start promptly at 11:10AM and 2:45PM. Please drive up to the curb and a teacher will bring your child out to you.

We understand that there may still be some separation anxiety 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.

## Curriculum Night

The preschool teachers would love to host a curriculum night for all new families to our program. We will review all of the things that we do during the day to help your preschooler develop and grow! We understand that this time of the year can be busy, so please follow this link to fill out a quick interest survey about curriculum night! Thank you!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XHFPJC7>



# centers and reminders

Center	Activities	Why are these activities so important?
<b>Blocks</b>	Doll Houses and furniture Wooden blocks	Creative play; turn taking; strengthening fine and gross motor skills; task persistence and problem solving
<b>Table Toys and Games</b>	Assorted puzzles	Visual discrimination; measurement and size; turn taking with a peer; hand-eye coordination
<b>Dramatic Play</b>	Housekeeping	Developing language and social skills; socialization and building friendships; imaginative and pretend play; sharing materials and turn taking
<b>Writing</b>	Crayons, paper, scissors and glue sticks	Fine motor skills; early literacy; language development
<b>Library</b>	Back to School Books	Book-handling skills; social interactions; imaginative and pretend play; early literacy
<b>Sensory</b>	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
<b>Snack</b>	Self-serve during center time; Opens Wednesday!	Self-help; language development and social skills
<b>Art</b>	Coming Soon!	Expressing creativity; developing fine motor skills; Applying new knowledge
<b>Tech</b>	Coming Soon!	Turn taking; developing hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills; practicing various cognitive skills (literacy, math, science concepts)
<b>Science</b>	Coming Soon!	Exploring cause and effect; making observations; turn taking with peers
<b>Listening</b>	Coming Soon!	Language development; book-handling skills; practicing literacy concepts

## August/September Birthdays

August 23rd- Isabella (PM)  
 August 28th- Marguarette (PM)  
 September 6th- Sawyer (AM)  
 September 17th- James (PM)  
 September 21st- Santi (AM)

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