



Dear Families,

We are having a great time getting to know your children in their new preschool classes! I have set up a snack and play dough donation schedule for the whole school year. Each family will be in charge of making play dough and donating snack two to three times throughout the school year. When it's your turn you will receive an email notifying you that we need your help!

Lights, Camera, Picture Day!

This Monday, September 18th is picture day! You all received a picture order form. Please return that form by Monday, or order your preschoolers' pictures online.



Teaching Strategies GOLD

Invitations to Teaching Strategies GOLD, our online progress reporting system, will be emailed to all new students' families this week. Please set up an account so that you will receive your child's progress reports this school year. You will need to create a username and password.

"All About Us" Family Homework!

Please turn in your preschooler's homework for our class book! You can return the page early, but the due date is Wednesday, September 20th! Once all pages are in, we will create our first class book. Please use pictures and words. You do not need to include everything listed on the instruction sheet. Use it for ideas! Thanks for your help!

Class Roster

The rosters will go home as soon as I have everyone's class roster sign-up sheets. Please send in your roster forms if you haven't already done so. Hopefully this roster helps to facilitate some meaningful playdates between your child and his or her new friends! If your information should change, please let a teacher know.

October Field Trip: Didier Farm!

Please save the date for our fall field trip on Thursday, October 5th. The field trip for BOTH AM and PM classes will run from 9AM-12PM. Your preschooler needs to have an adult with him or her in order to participate in our field trip. A letter with more information will be in

Curriculum Night

Please fill out the curriculum night interest survey this week! Here is the link:

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

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centers and reminders

Center	Activities	Why are these activities so important?
Blocks	Wooden blocks and cars Wooden ramps Doll houses, furniture and dolls	Creative play; turn taking; strengthening fine and gross motor skills; task persistence and problem solving
Table Toys and Games	Pegboard builders and pegs Assorted Puzzles Mr. Potato Head	Visual discrimination; measurement and size; turn taking with a peer; hand-eye coordination
Dramatic Play	Housekeeping with baby dolls -kitchen appliances -food and utensils -desk with pretend computer	Developing language and social skills; socialization and building friendships; imaginative and pretend play; sharing materials and turn taking
Writing	Crayons and markers, paper Scissors and tape, word wall	Fine motor skills; early literacy; language development
Library	"All About Me" themed books	Book-handling skills; social interactions; imaginative and pretend play; early literacy
Sensory	Colored pasta, tweezers, bowls Playdough with 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	Self-serve during center time	Self-help; language development and social skills
Art	"Me" collage	Expressing creativity; developing fine motor skills; Applying new knowledge
Science	Coming Soon	Exploring cause and effect; making observations; turn taking with peers

Dont Forget!



9/18: Class Picture Day
 9/21: No School- Rosh Hashanah
 10/5: Didier Farms Field Trip
 10/9: No School- Columbus Day
 10/25: No School- Parent/Teacher Conferences
 10/26: No School-Preschool Screenings
 10/27: No School- Teacher Institute
 10/31: Halloween Party

Aug/Sept. 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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