



Dear Parents,

As preparation for Pre-Kindergarten, please begin to review letter recognition, numbers, colors and shapes with your child over the summer.

**** Your child is *NOT* required to know these to begin school, it will just be helpful. ****

Thank you,
Ms. Harvat

A day in the life of a Pre School student:

Academics: By the end of the year my goal is to have you child learn the following:

- ABC's
- Letter recognition
- Sound/letter correspondence
- Numerals 1-100
- Colors
- Shapes
- Investigative skills (science related)
- Local/state geography (social studies related)
- Manners
- sharing

Assessments: Throughout the school year, I will assess your child's academic, social, emotional, and motor development. They will be assessed multiple times and then a conference will be held to discuss their progress. Over the course of the year you will receive a progress report as well.

Transportation: **There is NO bus transportation for Pre School students** When bringing your child to school please drive slowly and cautiously. It is asked that you use the MacArthur Avenue entrance. Drop off and pick up times are as follows: 7:30am – 7:50am (drop off) and 1:30pm – 2:15pm (pick up)

Arrival and Dismissal: In the morning, please wait in the lobby of the school until the classroom aide and I come get the students. We will gather the students at 7:50am (the school bell will ring) and walk them to the classroom. Circle time will begin at 8:00am. It is important for the students to be on time since circle time is when announcements and many skills are discussed.

Daily Schedule for Half-day and Full-day students:

- Half-day sessions are from 7:50am – 10:55am
- Full-day sessions are from 7:50am – 1:55pm

****both sessions will be dismissed by the teacher walking the students to the front entrance. The parents are asked to wait OUTSIDE the front entrance to pick up their child from either session.**

Dress Code: Pre School students are not required to wear uniforms. Since the child go outside for recess, weather permitting, please have your child dressed appropriately. Students should wear shoes that are comfortable yet securely fastened. Please NO Crocs, sandals, flip flops or opened toed shoes for safety reasons.

Morning circle time: Each morning we will go through the month, date and day of the week. We will also discuss the weather. This time will be used to make any important announcements and address many skills.

Socialization/play time: Throughout the whole day we will be working on sharing, manners and how to be a friend to others. These skills will be worked on formally within a lesson and informally during free play time.

Snack Time: Due to potential food allergies, the classroom be NUT FREE. Please send your child with a snack either in his lunch box or in a separate brown paper bag labeled with the child's name. This snack should just be something small that can be eaten quickly.

Some reminders:

- No bottles or glassware
- Only juice, water or milk – no soda
- No candy

Lunch time: Your child will have the option to purchase the school lunch or bring a bag lunch. Hot lunch is selected from a monthly menu. Cold lunch is either a peanut butter and jelly sandwich or a cheese sandwich. More information will be provided towards the first day of school about the ordering process.

Birthday Celebrations: It is a tradition that students celebrate their birthdays in school with their friends by bringing a snack to share. **please make sure the item is NUT FREE due to potential allergy issues. Also these items must be store bought and have the ingredients label attached**