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Mrs. Lay's Corner

Dear Families,

We're delighted to kick off a brand-new school year, one we hope will be filled with exciting opportunities, engaging activities, and unforgettable moments for your entire family.

In this edition of our newsletter, you'll find important updates, a peek at upcoming events, and a few helpful reminders that may not have been covered during orientation. We encourage you to take a few moments to read through it, you won't want to miss a thing!

As always, my door is open. Whether you have a quick question, need support, or simply want to say hello, don't hesitate to stop by. Here's to a fantastic year ahead, we're so glad you're on this journey with us!

Warm regards,

Katrina ☺

Car Pick Up

I am sure everyone will become familiar with our pick-up procedures over the next few weeks, and we appreciate your patience as we work to make the process faster and more efficient. Here are some pointers to help us run smoothly:

- Do not line up until 5 minutes before dismissal.
- If you arrive early, please park in a designated spot and wait until 5 minutes before dismissal to form the line.

- Allow for parked vehicles to merge into the line as they are ready to join.
- If you are the first car in line, please pull up ONE CAR LENGTH past the dumpster to help us maximize space and keep the line moving.
- Dismissals will be conducted with 3 children at a time to ensure safety and efficiency. Please stay in your vehicle until you are in one of the first 3 spots in line.
- If the line extends to the end of the driveway, please make a loop and return to the line safely in the parking lot. Vehicles must not hang off the driveway onto the street due to traffic and safety concerns.
- Please avoid making left-hand turns into the parking lot. Instead, go under the train bridge and come back around safely to enter the parking lot.
- Please drive slowly in the parking lot.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as everyone gets to know the Jack and Jill routine.



Wish List

One way you can support our school is by donating materials that we use daily. If you're interested, please check out our



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Amazon Wish List. You can access the wish list with the QR code below.



Once you have your donation, you can either:
Give it directly to your classroom teacher,
or
Drop it off at the office.

A HUGE thank you to everyone who has donated so far! Your generosity has been truly overwhelming, and we are deeply grateful for your support.



Extra Clothes

If you have not done so already, please leave an extra set of clothes for your child at school. The Younger Preschool clothes should be labeled in a bag and left on the shelf above the coat hooks. The Older Preschool class, bags can be given directly to the classroom teachers. Pre-K has cubbies in the hall where extra clothes are kept. Thank you!



Recess

Our classes go outside in all weather conditions, so please make sure to dress your child appropriately. Layers are ideal for this time of year, as mornings can be chilly but warm up quickly.

Please pay particular attention to your child's footwear. We want them to be

comfortable and able to run, jump rope, bike ride, and climb during their outdoor time.

Thank you for helping us ensure that all children are prepared for active play in any weather!



Fire Drills

At Jack and Jill Preschool, the safety of your children is our top priority. As part of our commitment to safety, we conduct monthly fire drills to ensure everyone is familiar with the procedures in case of an emergency.

Our first fire drill of the year will take place during the week of September 15th. Before this drill, we will be discussing the process with the children to help them understand what to expect. For the first drill, we will not use the actual fire alarm, as it can be quite loud. Beginning in October, we will incorporate the alarm sound to better prepare the children for a real emergency.

We also encourage you to consider conducting a fire drill at home, if you

haven't already done so. Establishing a family meeting spot and practicing an escape plan can be an important part of home safety.

Communication

Please make it a habit to regularly check both your email and family mailbox for important updates. These are our primary ways of sharing announcements, upcoming events, and essential information about your child's experience at Jack and Jill Preschool.



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To ensure you don't miss anything, be sure to save your classroom's email address to your contacts. Staying informed helps us work together to support your child's success!



Annual Fall Festival

We're thrilled to announce our annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 18th from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM! This event is a wonderful opportunity to build community and raise funds for our school, and we can't wait to celebrate with all of you.

Our Fall Festival Planning Meeting will take place on Monday, September 15th at 9:00 AM in the middle room. If you signed up to help with the festival through the family pledge, keep an eye on your inbox for an email with further details. Even if you didn't sign up but would like to get involved or learn more, we'd love you to join us!

We are excited for this fall-themed celebration. Admission fees will apply only to children aged 2-12, and we'll start selling

"Pumpkin Passports" the week of October 6th. For just \$10, the Pumpkin Passport will grant your child access to all the festival activities.

We will also be selling "Book Grams" for \$5 each! You can purchase a book for your child, write a special note inside, and Ms. Lay will personally deliver it to their classroom in November. This initiative helps us kick off Literacy Month in a fun and meaningful way!

We look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Festival!



Scholastic Books

Reading aloud to children is an essential part of their development, and we're excited to offer you an easy and affordable way to expand your child's library through the Scholastic Book Club.

Each month, you'll have the opportunity to purchase books online at great prices. Ordering couldn't be easier, and books typically arrive about two weeks after orders are placed.

If you're buying books as gifts, simply send me an email, and we'll make sure to hand them to you discreetly!

The first order forms will be in your family mailbox soon, with orders due by Friday, September 26th.

Important Dates

Wednesday, September 10th
Tuition Due

Monday, September 15th
Fall Festival Planning Meeting 9:00 AM &
Board Meeting at 6:30 PM

Friday, September 26th
Scholastic Book Orders Due