



September 2023



Mrs. Lay's Corner

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school! We are geared up for a fantastic school year, filled with new opportunities and fun experiences for your whole family.

Please take a few moments to read our newsletter to become acquainted with us. There may be things mentioned in this newsletter that were not covered during our orientation!

Please feel free to stop by the office and visit any time. I am always available for questions and comments!

Warmly,
Katrina ☺

Car Pick Up

We will continue to work out the kinks over the next few weeks and you will find the pick -up line moving faster. Pointers to help us run smoothly:

- Do not begin lining up until 5 minutes prior to dismissal. Enrichment's line begins at the end of the 4 Day Pre-K line so please make sure you do not get in line prior to 5 minutes ahead of time or you may end up in the middle of Pre-K dismissal.
- If you arrive early park in a spot and begin forming the line 5 minutes prior to dismissal.

- Please allow for parked vehicles to join the line.
- If you are the first car please pull up ONE CAR LENGTH PAST the dumpster.
- We will only dismiss 3 children at a time.
- If you arrive and the line is at the end of the drive, please make a loop and come back into line safely in the parking lot. Vehicles CAN NOT be hanging off the driveway onto the street. This is a traffic and safety issue.
- PLEASE DO NOT MAKE LEFT HAND TURNS into the parking lot. Go under the train bridge and come back around safely.

Lunch and Snack Reminders

Mixed Age, Enrichment and Pre-K Classes

Children in these classes need to bring snack and lunch each day. The snack must be packed separately from their lunches. Please do not pack snack in lunch box with lunch.

A reminder that we must be able to verify that all foods eaten are free of peanuts and tree nuts, if there is no label and we have not received an email regarding the item, the food will not be consumed at school. Please reach out with any questions.

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bike ride and climb during their outside time!



Giving Tree

One of the ways you can help is by donating materials that we use on a daily basis. If you are interested please consult the giving tree in the hallway. The items that we need are posted on the tree. Feel free to take down the card listing the item you wish to donate and bring it back with your donation. Donations can be given directly to your classroom teacher or brought to the office to be stored.

A HUGE thank you to all who have donated thus far! Your generosity has been overwhelming!



Extra Clothes

If you have not done so already, please leave an extra set of clothes for your child at school. For the Mixed Age, Enrichment and 3's classes, clothes should be labeled in a bag and left on the shelf above the coat hooks. For the Pre-K classes, bags can be given directly to the classroom teachers. Thank you!



Recess

Our classes go outside in all weather. Please dress your child accordingly. Layers are great for this time of the year. We have some chilly AM's but warm up fast! Please be especially aware of footwear! We want our children to be able to run, jump rope,



Fire Drills

The Enrichment, Mixed Age and Pre-K classes will have their first fire drill the week of September 11th. We will discuss the drill with the children before we sound the alarm. If you have not done so already, consider having a drill at home too. A family meeting spot is a good idea! Always better to be prepared. ☺ Our 3's class will be having their first drill in October. We will have a fire drill every month during the school year.

Communication

Please be sure to check your email and family mailbox regularly for important updates.



Annual Fall Festival

Save the date for our annual Fall Festival! The purpose of our Fall Festival is twofold: a community building event and fundraiser all in one. The date for this year's festival is Saturday, October 21st from 10-12.

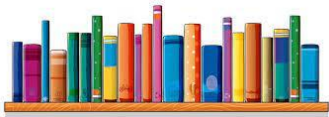
We will have a planning meeting in the middle room on **Tuesday, September 19th at 9:00 AM**. If you checked off Fall Festival on the family 2 hour pledge you will be receiving an email soon.

We are excited to go back to the basics this year with our festival! We are bringing back more of a fall themed gathering.



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Admission fees will be charged for children only ages 2-12. We will begin selling "Pumpkin Passports" the week of 10/9. The pumpkin passport will cost \$10.00 and will give your child an opportunity to go around to all the different activities! In addition we will have a lunch option for purchase. Each family is invited to stop by our book table where we will be selling "Book Grams" for \$3.00 apiece. By purchasing a book gram, you have the opportunity to purchase a book for your child, write a special note inside and have it delivered to their classroom by Mrs. Lay in November! This helps us to kick off Literacy Month in November!



Scholastic Books

Reading out loud to children is such an integral piece to their development. Scholastic book club provides parents with an opportunity to build their children's library inexpensively. You will have the opportunity to purchase books through the book clubs on a monthly basis. If you are interested in participating you should complete an order form and send it in with a check payable to Scholastic Book Clubs. You may also order books online! Books typically arrive 2 weeks later. If you are purchasing books as gifts just put a note on your order and we will be sure we hand them to you on the sly! The first order will be out soon! Any questions just ask!! The first book orders will be due back by Wednesday, October 11th.