



Preschool News

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Dear Parents,

I can't believe the new school year is here! I don't know about all of you, but my summer flew by. Where did the time go? We will all work on getting into a good routine together so no one has to worry. I want to send a gentle reminder to bring your child's school supplies and try to get your child's extra clothes in their bags.

In preschool, social-emotional development is what we watch throughout the year. We watch to see if and how the children are able to communicate and socialize with one another. We also watch how they react to different situations and help them get work through them if they are having a difficult time.

The beginning of the school year is always hard to predict with three year olds. Every morning is different and every child's behavior could be different from the day before. We are ready to take it all on.

The day will begin at the tables time activities. They will be placed on the table as the students walk in. The different manipulatives and educational materials are ready for them to move from activity to activity. After doing this some time I will transition to circle time on the rug and I will go over different conceptual materials. We will stay busy, but mix in some dancing and movement so I can keep their attention. We will then have a potty break before we move onto our gross motor play. This is dependent on the weather. It could either include a trip to the playground or on rainy days we can do different activities where we stretch, run and play with balls, scooters or hula hoops. After this, we will go back to the room and read a story. When finished, I will call students and they will get their pictures and centers will be open. This is where the students will travel to different areas of the classroom. Only a certain number of kids can be at the center at once, but they use their pictures to determine if there is space. They can choose dramatic play, blocks, sensory, art, snack, library, toys

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and games, discovery or writing center. There's a lot for them to play, so we will give them plenty of time to move from center to center. Last, but definitely not least, we will close with another circle time. We will talk about what we learned that day and some of our favorite things we did. It seems like a lot, but it goes very quickly.

We will start off the year with an "All About Me" unit. I will open the first day with The Kissing Hand and will do a simple project that goes along with the story. During this unit we will work on body parts, 5 senses, feelings and our family. I will be doing some directed art projects as well as open ended art so that your child is able to learn to follow some simple directions and also have some freedom to work with paints, markers, glue and scissors.

On Friday, September 25th, we will be having our 3rd annual Galaxy Gallop. The teachers and students will be running a lap around the soccer field. We hope you can join us to help cheer your child(ren) on!

I am looking forward to a wonderful school year with your three year old(s)! If there is anything you ever need, please feel free to ask. You can email me at chui@obparks.org.

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