

## September Newsletter

We are off to a great start! It is always so exciting to have the first day with the kindergartens! I hope everyone had a GREAT first day!

### **Monthly Calendar:**

Our big idea this month is how do we learn to work and care for each other at school? All skill areas and activities are integrated into this concept. We will be exploring our school, recognizing similarities and differences amongst the people who are here and learning how to work and play together.

### **Skills**

We will be working on establishing our classroom routine, reviewing shapes and colors, and introducing writing the numbers to 10 and beginning our alphabet activities. We will also be working on writing and recognizing our names. Please review these skills as well as singing the ABC's and counting to 10. Don't forget to keep working on your letter charts you received at the interview.

### **Parent Helpers**

Our Room mother this year will be Nancy Johnston and Brianne Schwartz. Parent volunteers will be in our classroom from 9:05 to 10:25. You will help the students unpack and then check out agendas and add any new notes. Then you will be helping with Letter time/Kidwriting. Please find your own replacement if you are not able to make your day. It is so important to have the extra help in our room. Thank you in advance for your help.

### **Sharing Time**

We will start sharing time later on this month. Please check in your package to see which sharing day your child is in. The themes will be posted each month in the newsletter. The topic for this month is a picture of your family to put on display (4x6 vertical) and things that your child WONDERS about. Please send an object for your child to show and discuss at least three things your child could tell the class. What they know about, what they wonder about it, (describe it, why they like it, what it is, where they got it, etc.) Sharing starts September 24th.

### **Footwear**

Slip-on or Velcro shoes and boots are usually easiest for your child. Most K students do not know how to tie laces, buckle shoes etc. and by the time they get assistance, recess is over. Please use your discretion. You know your child better than anyone!

### **Communication Folder**

This folder will come home each day. Please return it each K day so that any new notes can be added. If you miss a note, it may be because your child did not hand in their agenda. We will keep reminding and checking on our end but sometimes the parent volunteers miss a book. We will keep extra notes at the parent volunteer table so check in there if you are concerned that you missed something. Or you can just send a note to school and I will send home a new note.

### **Lost and Found**

We do our best to keep the students organized with our mailboxes and lockers. If something goes missing please check our room and the school lost and found by the entrance.

### **Drop Off and Pick Up**

- 1) For K students who have siblings in the school, the siblings usually meet them along the sidewalk by our outside entrance. Parents can also meet their child here as well and help them cross with the crossing guard for the first little while. Later they may be able to cross the street on their own. **Please let me know if your child will be walking home alone.**
- 2) Bus kids will be walking to the bus with me, until they feel confident walking on their own. Even if they have older brothers or sisters I would like them to practice so they can do it on their own if their brothers and sisters are away.

### **Dismissal**

Students are dismissed at 3:20. The buses are dismissed at 3:27. If your child misses the bus or is not picked up we will call the number on the K information Sheet.

### **Upcoming Events**

**SCC BBQ – September 12th**  
**Picture Day: October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Book Fair: Sept. 30 – Oct. 4**  
**Orange Shirt Day: Sept. 30**

