

GREETINGS FAMILIES, WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR YEAR TOGETHER!

The first day of school is on the horizon. We are thrilled and excited to share this year with each of you. Here are some things you'll want to know:

Children are to arrive at school between 8:30 and 8:45. Parents will walk your children into our room and help them place their belongings in their cubbies. After being offered the option of using the bathroom and washing their hands, children will then come out the classroom door and onto the playground.

Parents or assigned pick-up persons are to arrive for pick-up at 12:30.

There are a few preparations before the first day of Preschool. There is a play date, a home visit, gathering school supplies, and bringing to the office any remaining paperwork needing to be turned in to Autum.

Play Date: Our play date will be Monday, August 23 from 9:00-10:30 for all Preschool students. This is a great way for the children and parents/caregivers to meet one another. We will have a few activities planned for the children and you are invited to participate with them. All students, parents and teachers will be masked.

Home Visit: The home visit is an opportunity for the child and teacher to learn more about one another. We adore this time of undivided attention. We will do a little activity together (the teacher will bring) in the comfort of the child's yard or porch. We will provide a sign up sheet for this at the play date on Monday, August 23.

Class Supplies for Preschool are not your normal paper, pencil, and notebook supplies, but they are things we use on a daily basis. Each child will need the first set of items which will be placed in their individual art supply box:

- 8 pack of thick crayons
- 1 prang style watercolor packet
- 1 thick triangular or round pencil
- 3 glue sticks
- 1 small bottle of school glue
- small blunt end scissors

While you do not have to bring all or any of the following items, we have compiled a list of items we use daily and ask that you choose one to bring:

- Tissues
- Trash Bags (13 gal size)
- For making play dough: non-iodized salt, unbleached flour and cream of tartar
- White rice for the rice table

Each child is required to wear a **mask** each day, and it's a good idea to provide an extra mask in the child's backpack in case the worn one gets wet. (we also have extra disposable ones if needed). It's a great idea to also purchase the plastic straps that are worn behind the head and attach to each side of the mask, making it much easier for the child to keep the mask on throughout the school day.

a labeled water bottle; Spouts on the tops of **water bottles** are huge germ spreaders, so we ask that you take the extra effort and expense to find water bottles with spouts tucked inside the bottle. We have found one on Amazon: Sprouts Stainless Vacuum Insulated Kids Water Bottle. Water bottles also need to be labeled per licensing standards. Thanks so much for your help with the water bottle issues.

a labeled lunch box or container and **labeled snack container(s)**; please be prepared to place your child's food in containers s/he can open and close independently, if possible. If foods are pre-packaged, please cut the tops so the child can remove the food themselves.

labeled **inside shoes** that stay in the classroom; these should be slipper-like and ones the child can easily put on and take off by themselves;

a **change of clothes** which will be left at school (to be changed seasonally).

We will be outside on some rainy days. Please make sure that your child has **rain boots** that are easy to slide on and off, and a **raincoat with a head covering** to wear in the rain.

Questions are always welcome. email me at jeanineb@nbsva.org

Enjoy this last month of summer!

Jeanine, on behalf of the Preschool staff