

Birthdays

Children will celebrate their birthdays at school by bringing a "Special Birthday Treat" for snack time. This particular day will be designated on the monthly snack calendar. If you are having a party for your child, outside of school, you cannot pass out invitation through school, unless you are inviting the entire class.

Dress Code

There is no formal dress code for preschool. Gym shoes are always a safe and practical choice and must be worn on the days we may use the gym. You will be notified of the gym days. Please dress children comfortably for school. Expect them to get a little messy, so try not to send them in their "best". We are a "hands-on" program and that which is on the hands is also sometimes on the clothing! When purchasing outerwear, please foster your child's independence by providing apparel that they can easily zip, snap, etc.

Preschool Readiness

All children must be fully toilet-trained and must wear underwear and not a pull-up type diaper. Children need to be able to take care of basic bathroom skills, including use of bathroom tissue and hand washing. Please be reminded to dress your children in easy to handle clothing. This will help them to develop confident washroom skills.

Accidents

Please send a change of clothing (underwear, socks, pants, shirt), which will be stored in a plastic bag in their locker to be used in the event of an emergency. Soiled clothing will be sent home to be laundered. Please return the spare clothing as soon as possible.

Calendars

Each month you will receive a Pre-School calendar. On one side is the snack schedule. It will list the family name and the specific snack your child is to bring on the designated day. On the reverse side will be the curriculum information for the month as well as a notice about special events. Please save this calendar as a reference. You may also visit the website st-phil.org for the snack calendar information and other class news.

We look forward to having your little ones in our program. It will certainly be a wonderful year for all of us.

Sending Money, Etc. to School

When you send money to school for any reason, please put it in an envelope and clearly mark it with your child's name, what the money is for, and the amount. Likewise, please be sure and mark your child's school bag, outer clothing, etc. with your child's name. Please do not allow your child to bring toys to school unless he/she has the "Share A Surprise Bag".

Book Club

Order forms for Scholastic Book Club will be sent home each month. This provides an excellent way to build your home library and instill a love of reading, critical to the growth of young readers. If you wish to participate please fill out the order form and enclose the exact amount of cash or a check made out to Scholastic Book Club in an envelope by the designated date. The class is awarded bonuses for class books or other materials based on participation.

Circumstances at Home

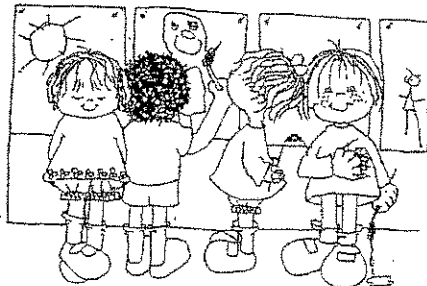
If any circumstances develop at home that we should be made aware of (serious illness, death, separation, etc.) please notify us. Such a situation may cause a change in your child's behavior at school. It is easier to us to help your child if we know what we are dealing with.

Checking the Book Bag Daily

It is very important for you to go through your child's book bag each day. This will insure that you do not miss any calendars, notes or information. Please take the time to look over, discuss and display any work your child brings home from school. The take home folder is a vehicle for communication to and from school. It will be checked each day at school for any notes or items from the school office.

Conference and Progress Reports

If you have any questions throughout the year, please feel free to drop me a note or give me a call. I will be more than happy to answer your questions. During the month of November we will be holding Parent-Teacher Conferences. However, if you have a concern before then, please do not hesitate to contact me. At the end of Quarters 2, 3, & 4, a written Progress Report will be sent home. Again, if you have any questions, please contact me.



Supplies

The school will be furnishing all supplies. The only item you need to purchase is a school bag for your child. It needs to accommodate a 9"X12" folder without any bending. Smaller bags are cute but not suitable for our needs. Be assured that heavy materials are never sent home from preschool, so please do not purchase rolling backpacks! They do not fit well in our lockers. Also, the rollers are hazardous, causing tripping for children walking in lines. In keeping with school policy we ask that there be no key chains or other objects dangling on the outside of the bag.

The Surprise Bag

Each day will include time for the "Surprise Bag". On the day that your child brings the snack they are designated "Helper of the Day". One of the privileges this affords is to bring home the red surprise bag. Have your child place one special item he or she wishes to share with the class. Return the bag to school with your child on the next day of class so that we may guess at its contents. Should your child be absent on that day simply return it when they do come back to school.

Pick-up Policy

If you make arrangements for your child to go home with someone other than a parent, I must have a written note giving your permission and indicating specifically who will pick your child up. Without this written permission I cannot send your child home with anyone else.

Snacks

School will provide the beverage for snack. Each family is asked to bring a snack to the entire class approximately every other month. A monthly snack calendar will be sent home at the beginning of each new month. Each particular school day on the calendar will list a family name and a specified snack. Any leftovers will be sent home. You do not need to send in plates or napkins, as we have our own supply of these. Please be sure to bring enough snacks to accommodate the class. If your child is celebrating a birthday, the snack calendar will list your family name and "Birthday Treat". For a "Birthday Treat", please choose something simple to serve. Cookies, brownies, mini-cupcakes or ice cream cups are some choices to consider.



Hello Preschool Friend! I can't wait to meet you and hear all about what you did over the summer. I like to go to the beach. Color the sand castle, shovel and pail. Then have a grown-up help you write your favorite thing you did this summer. Bring it with you on the first day of school. We are going to have so much fun in preschool! See you soon!

Ms. Kondracki

The best thing I did all summer was _____



PRE-SCHOOL STUDENT INFORMATION FORM

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Child's full name _____

Name child goes by _____

Date of birth _____ Sex _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip code _____ Home Phone Number _____

Father's name _____ Phone _____

Father's address _____

Mother's name _____ Phone _____

Mother's address _____

Brothers and/or sister (please indicate ages and note if they do not live with the child)

Please list any other persons living with the child and their relationship to the child

SOCIAL EXPERIENCES

Has your child attended Nursery School? _____ Which one? _____

For how long? _____ How did your child react to the experience? _____

Does your child enjoy books? _____

Do you read to your child? _____ How often? _____

Do you take your child to the library? _____

PERSONAL HISTORY

Does your child have any allergies? _____

Are there any medical problems of which we should be aware? _____

Is your child right or left handed? _____

Does your child dress him/her self? _____

List any daily chores your child performs _____

Does your child draw beyond a scribble? _____

Please check the items your child can do:

button _____ tie shoes _____ snap _____ zip _____ lace shoes _____

Is your child able to skip? _____

Is your child able to print his/her first name? _____

Does your child have any bowel or bladder irregularities? _____

Describe your child. (shy, outgoing, cries easily, temper tantrums, etc.)

Describe your child (continued)

PARENT SPECIALTIES

Do you have any special hobbies you might wish to share with the class? _____

If so, what? _____