



PRESCHOOL News

Winter 2022/2023

North Preschool * South/West Park Preschool * Villalovoz Preschool

TUSD SCHOOL READINESS PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Notes & Reminders

- ✓ Please make sure we have an extra set of warm clothes for your child in the classroom.
- ✓ No Preschool
February 13
February 20
March 3



Raising A Reader

- ✓ Remember to exchange RAR bags each week.
- ✓ Please read to your child every day for 15-20 minutes.

Your teachers have some fun things planned as we enter the second half of the school year. Teachers will be working hard at preparing your child for the next step in their school experience. Students will be participating in STEM Science projects and will be picking up on their fine motor and pre-writing skills. Teachers will continue to create a safe and caring environment for the children where they can learn through play and have an opportunity to grow both developmentally, as well as socially & emotionally. Please feel free to share any comments, questions, and concerns you might have with us. We encourage open communication and appreciate you sharing!

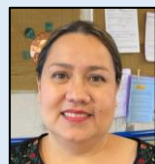
MEET OUR NEWEST TEACHERS:



Jacinta Mendez, North PM Preschool Instructor ~ Mrs. Mendez joins the North Preschool team from Catalyst Kids and has 4 years early childhood teaching experience. She brings a wealth of knowledge with her, and we are very happy to have her join our team.



Maria de Taracena, North Paraprofessional ~ We are thrilled to have Ms. Taracena join both classes of the North Preschool team along with her amazing work ethic! Ms. Taracena comes to North from the afternoon class at South West Park Preschool.



Jennifer Soto, North AM Paraprofessional ~ Ms. Soto joins us in our morning class at North Preschool. Ms. Soto has been a very active parent volunteer in the school community, and we are fortunate to have her join our program!



Lourdes Chapman, North PM Paraprofessional ~ Ms. Chapman joins us in our afternoon class at North. She currently works mornings at Central School as a reading para for kindergarten through fifth grade students. We are more than happy to have Ms. Chapman a part of our team.



Rocio Garcia

A note from our Preschool Director:

Hello Preschool Families! As we begin a new year, I want to thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's early education. This past year, many of us continued to face new challenges. We commend you for bringing your children to preschool every day! We are delighted so many of you have submitted parent volunteer applications. We thank you for your patience and understanding while they are being processed. We know how much you are looking forward to the opportunity to be in the classroom with your child - our teachers are, as well! Thank you for taking on the shared responsibility of educating your children so seriously. We look forward to the remainder of the year and future opportunities with your children in 2023! ~ Rocio

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

❄️ Winter 2022/2023

North Preschool

At North Preschool, the AM and PM classes participated with Spirit Week activities. The children had an opportunity to demonstrate and express their different cultural preferences, which supports their social development, Self-Relations. The children enjoyed learning about each other's families and different characteristics during Spirit Week. They had so much fun exploring with fake snow in the classroom by molding it, shaping it, and measuring with it!



Attending Winter Concert

South/West Park Preschool

Our preschoolers have had fun celebrating the season. They made harvest hats and enjoyed tasting new foods from the season. They have been working hard at matching vocabulary words with pictures and learning about the changes in the weather. Students have been busy working on patterns and other early math tasks, including understanding measurable properties such as size and length. The children had fun celebrating the Winter season with a special visitor in the classroom!



SWP AM

SWP AM



SWP PM

Villalovoz Preschool



Villalovoz preschoolers had a great time partaking in our annual Fall Feast! Many thanks to our generous parents for the donations! We also had a great time singing for you during our Winter Program! Children are excited to participate in STEM projects; they completed recycling and are currently learning about the wind and how it affects us. We are learning the difference between a liquid, solid and gas. We are also learning what is light or heavy. The final project for this STEM unit will be building a structure that can withstand any kind of wind.



Parent Handbook Reminder

Raising A Reader Expectations:

Please review these guidelines with your child and any other family members who will encounter the RAR Book bag books:

- RAR Book bags will be rotated through the entire class; when a RAR Book-bag is issued to your child, it is the family's responsibility to:
 - Take care of the RAR Book bag and the books inside.
 - **Return the RAR Book bag on time with all books.**

- If you discover a book that has been damaged (written in, pages torn, liquid damage, etc.) please notify preschool staff immediately.
- Keep bookbags and books clean; wash hands before touching.
- Keep books in a safe place away from babies, pets, foods, and liquids.
- Turn pages carefully from the corners and use a bookmark to mark your place.
- Never write in any of the books.
- When you are not using a book, it should be kept in the bag, so it does not get lost.

Preschool Inclusion Program

The Preschool Program is happy to announce that several of our classes will be participating in an inclusion program, where preschoolers with and without disabilities learn and participate in the same daily activities and routines. The purpose of these inclusion classes will be to provide all students the opportunity of understanding that others have different experiences and perspectives. Please welcome our program's new Special Education (SPED) preschool teacher, Shorikka Harris-Massey, and Drushti Bhatt, SPED para educator at North, who will be co-teaching alongside our participating preschool teachers.



**Shorikka
Harris-Massey**



Drushti Bhatt

How Can We Help? Community Resource Needs

It is our goal to not only to provide quality childcare for your children, but also to support you and your family by referring you to health and social services available in San Joaquin County.



Please contact Elena Sanchez, Parent Liaison, with any family health and social service needs you may have for your family or need additional information for. Please complete and return the Health & Social Service Needs Assessment Form to your teacher found at the back of this newsletter. Mrs. Sanchez can be reached at 209-830-3294 or esanchez@tusd.net.



Activity Corner: Kool-Aid Play Dough 2½ cups flour, ½ cup salt, 2 packages Kool-Aid (any flavor), 1 teaspoon cream of tartar, 1½ cups boiling water, & 3 tablespoons oil. Mix dry ingredients, add wet ingredients. Knead until smooth. Add extra flour for desired consistency.

❄️ Winter Weather is Here!

We hope you are enjoying this fun season with your little ones. There are some excellent books about Winter weather changes that will reveal new weather words for your child. Have fun and do some puddle stomping outside or make snowflakes out of paper! Please be sure to send your child with appropriate weather gear as we will continue to go play out on the playground even in cold temperatures. Make sure your child's coats, hats, etc. are labeled with their first and last names.



Villalovoz students reading books they checked out from the school library.



A big thank you for bringing your children to preschool every day! ☺️

Please continue to report your child's absence by completing the Health Card on Learning Genie or calling the Preschool Attendance Office at 209-830-3355.





Tracy Unified School District School Readiness Preschool Programs



Health and Social Service Needs Assessment

As required by California Department of Education, Child Development Division, State Preschool,
Funding Terms and Conditions, Section VI

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Please indicate below if there are any services or information about certain services which might be helpful to you or your family. Please check each area for which you would like additional information.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care <input type="checkbox"/> Child Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Child Support <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling & Mental Health <input type="checkbox"/> Death and Dying <input type="checkbox"/> Disability Services <input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Services <input type="checkbox"/> Driver Information <input type="checkbox"/> Employment <input type="checkbox"/> Family Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Family Violence <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Food/WIC/Nutrition/Clothing <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Care <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care/Medical & Dental <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Shelter <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration & Refugee Services <input type="checkbox"/> Immunization <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement Services <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Custody <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries <input type="checkbox"/> Missing Children & Runaways <input type="checkbox"/> Mother & Infant Health <input type="checkbox"/> Parenting Resources & Support Groups <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts & Colleges <input type="checkbox"/> Substance Abuse Programs <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities & Water <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Training <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Activities <input type="checkbox"/> TUSD Contact Information <input type="checkbox"/> No Services Needed at this Time |
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My signature below indicates that I have received a copy of the *Telephone Directory of Community Resources for Parents and Children*.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Name of Child Enrolled in Program

Birthdate

Preschool Site

OFFICE USE:

Reviewed and initial resources, referrals, or information provided.

Staff Signature: _____ Date: _____