

WELCOME TO PRESCHOOL



Hello! My name is Carmen Horkey and I will be your child's preschool teacher this year. Also in our classroom will be Jamie Roy. **Your child is registered for the Mon Tues Wed Thurs PM class. The PM class begins at 12:30pm and ends at 3:00pm.** Please see the attached sheet for drop off and pick up routine.

A little about me... This is my 9th year working in the Flushing district. I have 3 boys that have gone through this preschool program at the ECC. I graduated from U of M Flint with a Psychology degree intending to be a child psychologist. When I started having a family, I decided that home was where I wanted to be. When my children went to school, I was ready to go back to work. Having spent so much time volunteering in the Flushing Preschool Program, I decided that this is what I wanted to do. I love to sing and dance (only in front of my students-haha!), do crafts, and have a passion for making learning fun! It is so fulfilling to see how excited my students are to come to school and to see how far they come by the end of the year. I will do everything I can to make this year a positive first school experience full of learning and growth. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. We are committed to getting to know exactly what your child needs to prepare for and succeed in kindergarten.

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My phone does ring in the classroom during class, however this may not be the best time to contact me unless it is an emergency and something I need to be made aware of immediately.

Please use your phone to scan the QR code or use this link to sign up for your child's MEET and GREET time on September 7th.



MEET AND GREET:

*Car Tags- Please make sure this car tag is attached to your passenger side window for drop off and pick up on the first day of school. You will receive two car tags. If more are needed please let me know and I will get those made for you.

*Backpack Tags- You will be receiving a backpack tag with your child's name and teacher name. Please attach this tag to your child's backpack prior to the first day of school. This will help our staff at drop off/pickup time.

*Communication Folder- You will be given this folder which needs to be checked daily. Inside the folder you will find a drop off/pick up sign in sheet. In order for us to be compliant with state licensing rules, it is imperative that we have a time and signature for every drop off and pick up. On that same sheet please indicate a yes or no for your latchkey need. This sheet will be collected monthly.

ARRIVAL: Once in the building, preschool staff will assist your little ones in putting their belongings in their lockers and taking their snack, water bottle, and folder out of their backpack.

ENTERING CLASSROOM: After all of our students have arrived, we enter the classroom where hands are washed and name tags are found. Once they have their name tags on we direct them to the circle where I will be waiting to greet them and start our day. If you would like to know the details of our daily routine, please contact me and I can get you a copy of our schedule.

SNACK: We will be having a snack midway through class. Please send your child with a peanut-free snack and water bottle daily.

RECESS: Most days we will be having recess time. The weather in Michigan is unpredictable; please make sure your child has appropriate shoes and garments for colder weather.

CHANGE OF CLOTHES: We at preschool understand that accidents do happen from time to time. Please provide a complete change of clothes (including socks) in a LABELED gallon ziplock to be kept in their backpack.

Finally, I apologize for this lengthy letter but I feel it necessary for a smooth transition for you and your child. We look forward to a fun year with your child. **Please remember that the first two weeks of school are the toughest.** There will be tears on both sides, children and parents. This is OK and we are prepared to comfort all those who may need it.

Sincerely,

Carmen Horkey