

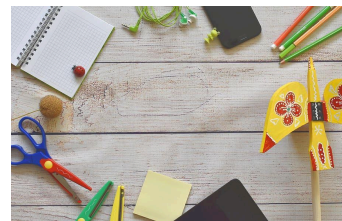
Happy September Preschool Families!

August Recap



Mrs. Trombly and I enjoyed welcoming our new preschoolers and their family members to our classroom in August. We have such a kind and eager group of preschoolers joining us this school year, we can't wait to get started on our **Modified Days, Tuesday, September 3rd, and Wednesday, September 4th.** We also have been working hard to prepare our classroom for our returning preschoolers. We are looking forward to seeing how much they have grown over the summer and hearing all about their great summer adventures!

Upcoming in September



We are looking forward to opening up our classroom in September! We will have the first full day of class for our

Tuesday/Thursday/Everyday preschoolers on Thursday, September 5th,

and our Monday/Wednesday/Friday preschoolers on Friday, September 6th.



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The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn and **Llama Llama Misses Mama by Anna Dewdney**, are two book recommendations for children who

are starting school for the very first time. You can access both of these books, in read aloud form, via Youtube. Additionally, we will be reading these books in class during Read Alouds. Another fun book

that we will be reading is **The Night Before**

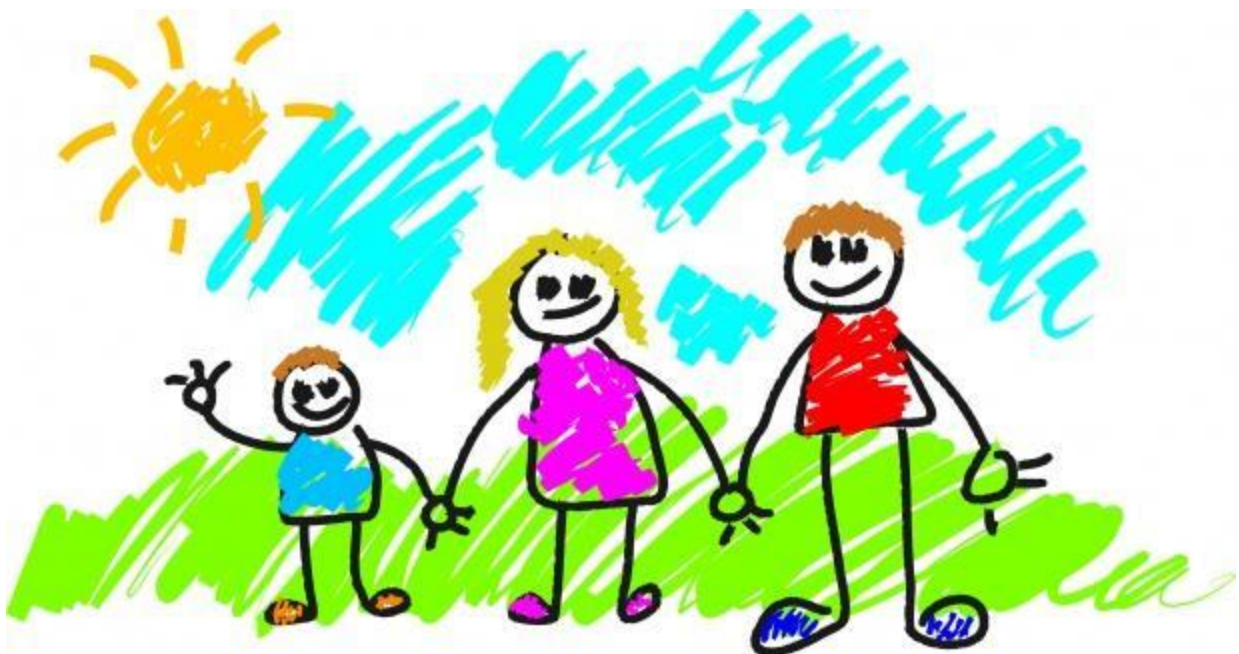
Preschool by Natasha Wing. Preschoolers are bring a small, soft, stuffed animal as a comfort item you feel that this might help to support them home to school transition as well.



Through the month of September we will be supporting preschoolers in their discovery and exploration of our classroom. We will begin the process of creating a visual **Daily**

Schedule and begin to familiarize preschoolers with daily happenings in our classroom such as **Table Time, Morning Meeting, Small Group, and Circle Time**. Additionally we will begin to introduce the materials in our classroom learning centers and start to introduce the process, of what will be, our daily **Planning Time** in which preschoolers will have the opportunity to choose a center = **“Plan”**, work in the center = **“Do”** and lastly talk about, demonstrate, draw etc. what they did in the center = **“Review”**.

We look forward to learning **“All About Me”** throughout September. Preschoolers that visited the classroom already have chosen a piece of card stock in order to create a family and personal collage decorated with “things they like and love”; they will be laminated and hung in the classroom for preschoolers to reference throughout the day.



Instructions for the “All About Me” collage are below/attached we ask that you please send in the collage by 9/27 so that we may encourage children to share them and then we will display them in the classroom.

Student Teacher News



We are excited to introduce Mrs. Kennedy our new program Early Education Teacher. Mrs. Kennedy will be teaching our Student Teachers and supporting them through their great journey in discovering the joys and passions within the Early Education career. We will be profiling Mrs. Kennedy’s students’ enhancements to our classroom within this portion of the Newsletter monthly. We are so excited to grow and share with our student teachers!

Reminders and Announcements

- **The Modified Days will be from 9:00-11:00.** Please use the “Back Circle” to Drop Off and to Pick Up your preschooler on Tuesday and Wednesday regardless of your preferred time/location on regularly scheduled days. **There will be no food served on the Modified Day** all preschoolers should eat breakfast before they arrive, and lunch after dismissal. Please feel free to put any material/paperwork in your child’s backpack that you still might need to turn into the preschool. We will collect all remaining paperwork out of the preschoolers’ backpacks. We ask for a quick drop off at the door, even in the event of tears, we can assure you that those tears will stop once we start playing in the classroom! 😊
- Please ensure that you have filled out the document labeled **Emergency Contact/Pick Up information**, I have attached the PDF to this email if you did not attend a classroom visit. Additionally, I have attached an “All About Me” questionnaire as well as instructions on how to complete the collage. Preschoolers who did not visit the classroom yet, will have the opportunity to choose a color card stock to bring home in their backpack.
- All families should have received a **Welcome Letter** email with Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures, Meals, and Supply List PDF’s, if you would like me to resend please email me at courtneyhiggins@oldrochester.org
- You will receive a monthly email Newsletter from me each month, I am currently adding additional emails for any family that requested to add another family member. Please also email me if you would like to change/update the email that I have for you and/or add an additional email address to be copied.
- If your child plans on attending regular scheduled days, but is not able to make it to the modified days, please email me to let me know, unless you have already communicated this with me. **If your child is going to be absent from school on any regularly scheduled day, you can email to let me know; please and thank you!**
- Please bring change of clothes and resting materials (only full day) to school as soon as possible. The Supply List PDF describes in full detail for your reference. These materials can be placed in backpacks upon the first day/days of school. (During Modified Days, and any future Half Days, there is no resting time)
- On **Wednesday, September 25th**, there is a half day professional development scheduled for the district, therefore our preschool is open with regular Drop Off schedule options but **11:00 dismissal** for all preschoolers that day. Morning Snack will be provided that day, however lunch will not be provided that day.
- Upcoming in October: **Monday October 14th** the district is closed in observance of **Columbus Day** therefore our preschool is closed that day. (Also in October, on the District Calendar there are district Elementary School half days for conferences, however our preschool is open for full days, as we follow the High School schedule)
- This is a lot of information 😊 please do not hesitate to email me if you have any questions or concerns at all, at any time. I am with the preschoolers as much as possible with little distraction until a 1:30 break time for me each day; I do my best

however in the event of an email that may need immediate attention, to peak and respond; otherwise I will make every effort possible to respond to emails by 2:00 each day. Additionally you may call the classroom directly any time. Some families received the teacher contact list during their visit, however I will send it again electronically via email to ensure that you have our hours and contact information as well.

- We appreciate optional classroom donations. For September we are in need of paper towels and Play Doh brand Play Doh in any color. Thank you in advance!

We are so excited to get moving and shaking during the school year! We look forward to seeing everyone this week!



See you soon!

Mrs. Trombly and Mrs. Higgins 😊