# PRESCHOOL PROGRAM ORIENTATION FOR PARENTS

May 30, 2024

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Preschool Instructional Coach/ PIRS

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# WELCOME TO OUR PROGRAM!

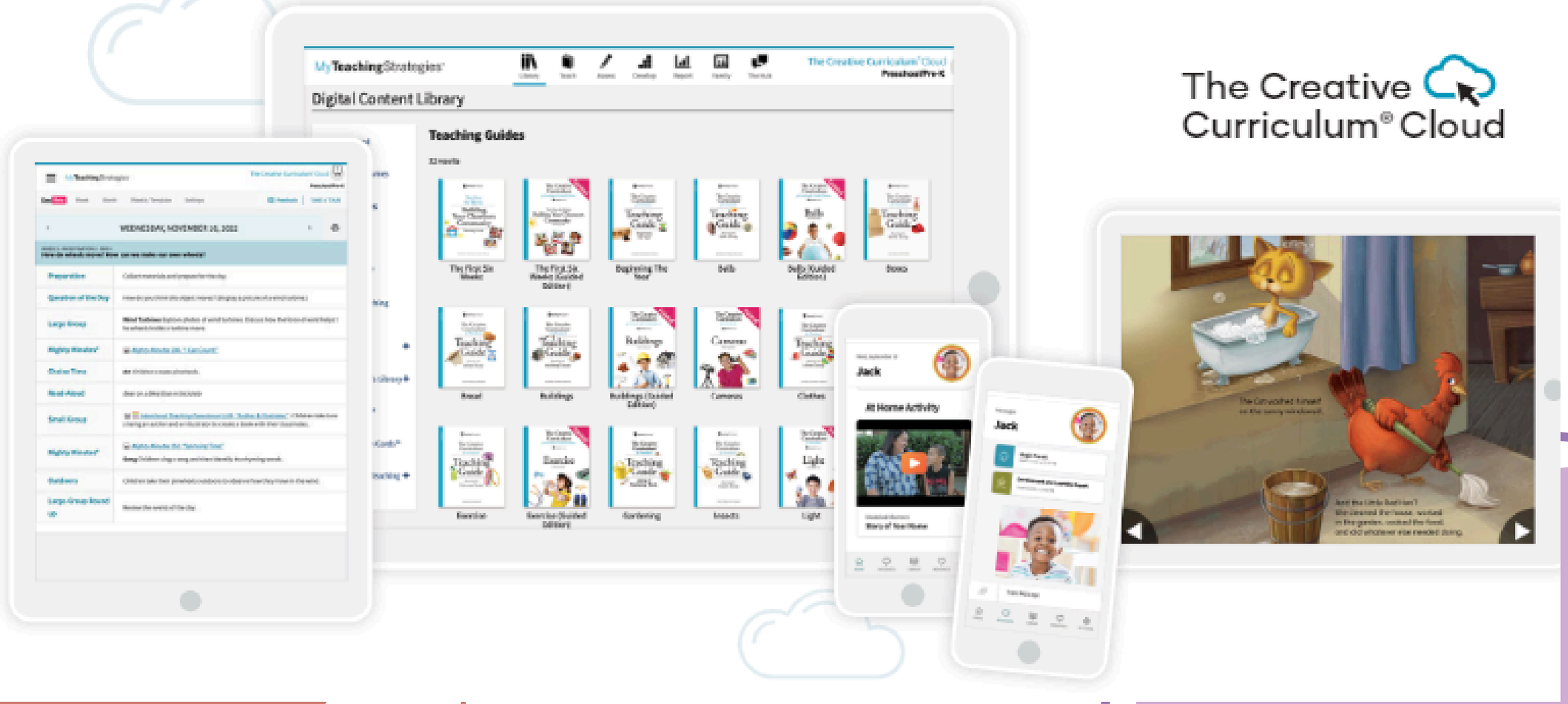
- 5 Days a week 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- NO COST
- Transportation offered (732-531-5600, ex. 1951)
- Project Extend (732-531- 2600 or pe@oceantwp.org)
- Breakfast and lunch is available
- Creative Curriculum-Play based learning
- Teaching Strategies GOLD Assessment
- Gross motor time built into each day
- Rest Time (1 hour each day)
- Students do not need to be potty trained

# CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

*Creative Curriculum fosters children's development in 9 areas:*

Language
Literacy
Cognitive
Social-Emotional
Physical
Math
Science and Technology
The Arts
English Language Acquisition

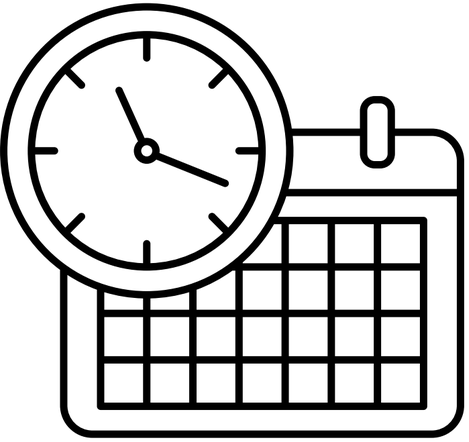
Welcome, Everyone
We welcome everyone!
Our day has just begun.
We're glad to see you here today,
Simple Machines
Owen
Alphabet Cards
The Creative Curriculum for Preschool, Guided Edition
Getting Started
The Pets
Insect Quest:
The Little Red Hen
Those Shoes
Crisantemo
Building Your Class Community
Mighty Minutes
Trees
Water
Wheels
Exercise
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
Off We Go to Mexico!
Planning for Change
Water Wonders
Science and Technology, Social Studies
Objectives for Development & Learning
The Lonely Maliman
Balls
Buildings
Clothes
Tiny Friends
Families
Interest Areas
Social–Emotional, Physical & Cognitive
Language & Literacy
Mathematics
I Took the Moon for a Walk
WASH AND DRY
Digital Content Library
Teaching Guides
the Hub
Quorum




The Creative Curriculum® Cloud

# SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

9:30-10:00 ARRIVAL, BATHROOM, BREAKFAST/SNACK
10:00-10:20 MORNING MEETING
10:20-11:00 GROSS MOTOR
11:00-12:00 CHOICE TIME
12:00-12:15 SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTION
12:15-12:30 READ ALOUD
12:30-1:00 LUNCH IN CLASSROOM
1:00-2:00 REST TIME
2:00-2:20 LARGE GROUP LITERACY
2:20-3:00 CHOICE TIME
3:00-3:20 CLOSING GROUP
3:20-3:30 PREPARE FOR DISMISSAL



# WHAT TO BRING TO SCHOOL

Change of clothes

Diapers/ Wipes if needed

Backpack

Small blanket/sheet

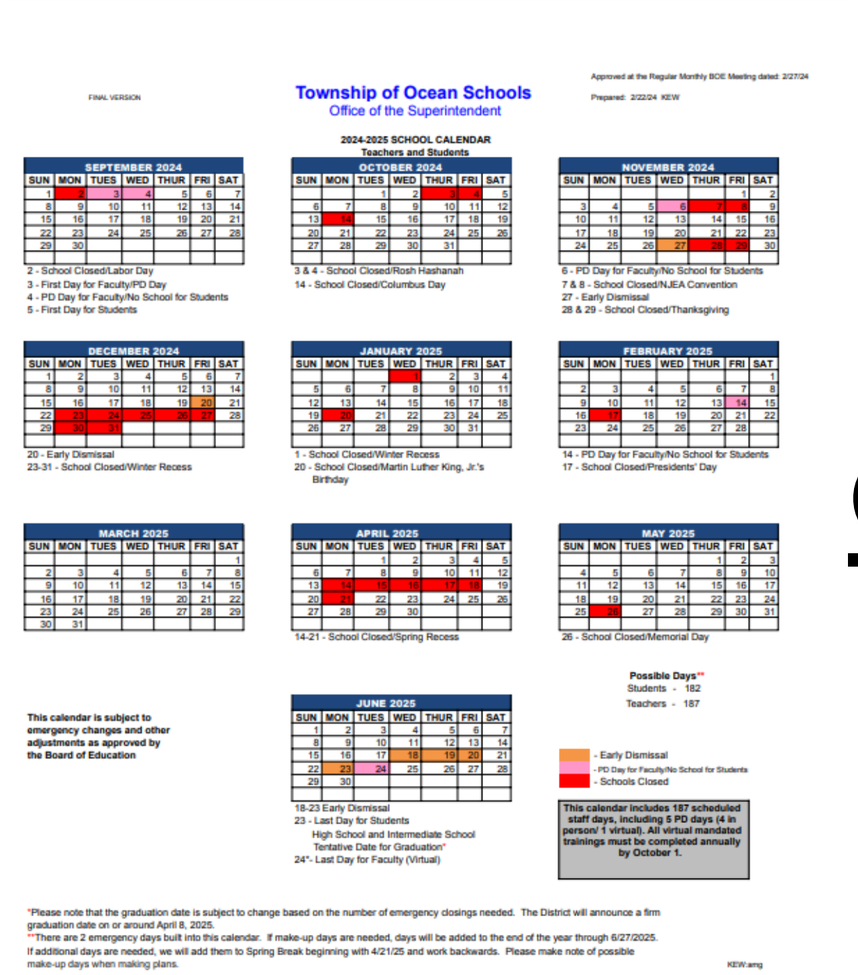
Snack/ Lunch if not purchasing

Family Picture

# PRESCHOOL ATTENDANCE

- The program runs on the district calendar
- The NJDOE monitors preK attendance
- Chronic absenteeism is defined as students absent for more than 10% of the school year (20 days OUT) without a medical excuse
- If your child is chronically absent we will first work to improve your child's attendance
- If there is no improvement we may disenroll your child to make room for a child who will be consistently in attendance

# DISTRICT CALENDAR



FINAL VERSION

**Township of Ocean Schools**
Office of the Superintendent

Approved at the Regular Monthly BOE Meeting dated: 2/27/24

Prepared: 2/22/24 KEW

**2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR**
**Teachers and Students**

**SEPTEMBER 2024**

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |

2 - School Closed/Labor Day
3 - First Day for Faculty/PD Day
4 - PD Day for Faculty/No School for Students
5 - First Day for Students

**OCTOBER 2024**

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
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| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

3 & 4 - School Closed/Rosh Hashanah
14 - School Closed/Columbus Day

**NOVEMBER 2024**

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
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| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

6 - PD Day for Faculty/No School for Students
7 & 8 - School Closed/NJEA Convention
27 - Early Dismissal
28 & 29 - School Closed/Thanksgiving

**DECEMBER 2024**

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
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| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |

20 - Early Dismissal
23-31 - School Closed/Winter Recess

**JANUARY 2025**

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
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| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

1 - School Closed/Winter Recess
20 - School Closed/Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday

**FEBRUARY 2025**

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14 - PD Day for Faculty/No School for Students
17 - School Closed/Presidents' Day

**MARCH 2025**

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
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**APRIL 2025**

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
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14-21 - School Closed/Spring Recess

**MAY 2025**

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
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| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
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26 - School Closed/Memorial Day

**This calendar is subject to emergency changes and other adjustments as approved by the Board of Education**

**JUNE 2025**

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
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18-23 Early Dismissal
23 - Last Day for Students
High School and Intermediate School
Tentative Date for Graduation*
24*- Last Day for Faculty (Virtual)

**Possible Days****
Students - 182
Teachers - 187

- Early Dismissal
- PD Day for Faculty/No School for Students
- Schools Closed

**This calendar includes 187 scheduled staff days, including 5 PD days (4 in person/ 1 virtual). All virtual mandated trainings must be completed annually by October 1.**

*Please note that the graduation date is subject to change based on the number of emergency closings needed. The District will announce a firm graduation date on or around April 8, 2025.
**There are 2 emergency days built into this calendar. If make-up days are needed, days will be added to the end of the year through 6/27/2025. If additional days are needed, we will add them to Spring Break beginning with 4/21/25 and work backwards. Please make note of possible make-up days when making plans.

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- 24-25 SCHOOL CALENDAR

## Immunizations

Flu Vaccine

Updated Physical & Immunization Records

Yearly

## Handwashing

## Safety/ Security

Security Officer

Class 3 Officer

# HEALTH/SAFETY

## Ocean Township Elementary School Nurse

**Leslie Huhn, RN, BSN, CSN-NJ**
(732) 531-5690, Ext. 2010
FAX: (732) 531-3682
lhuhn@oceanschools.org

## Wanamassa Elementary School Nurse

**Chelsea Yi, RN, BSN, CEN, RN-BC, CSN**
(732) 531-5700, Ext. 4010
FAX: 732-531-3720
cyi@oceanschools.org

## Wayside Elementary School Nurse

**Audrey Case, BSN, RN, CDMS, NJ-CSN**
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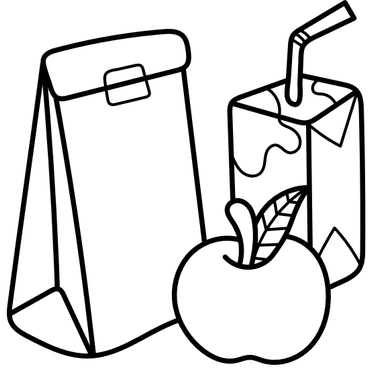
FAX: (732) 493-6440
acase@oceanschools.org



# FREE/REDUCED MEALS & FAMILY STYLE DINING

- Breakfast and lunch options will be sent home monthly (menu found on district website!)
- Lunch will be ordered daily
  - One hot meal opinion daily
  - One cold meal option weekly
- Lunch is served family-style
  - Students eat around a table in their classroom
  - Practice communication, manners, sharing, & serving
- Free and Reduced Lunch Application
  - Available at your School's Front Office, Online or PDF

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GAME

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# TRANSPORTATION!

- CENTRALIZED STOPS WILL BE DETERMINED BY ENROLLMENT
- STOPS WILL INCLUDE DAYCARE CENTERS WITHIN OCEAN TOWNSHIP
- ALL PRESCHOOL BUSES HAVE 5 POINT HARNESSES
- YOU CAN DRIVE YOUR CHILD IF YOU CHOOSE

# ADDITIONAL STAFF FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

- Increased Staff and Support for Students
- Additional Instructional Coach
- Three additional classrooms (2 at Wayside Elementary and 1 at Wanamassa Elementary School)
- New curriculuar materials and supplies
- Updates to playgrounds and gross motor materials
- Additional trainings for all preschool staff

# PREPARING FOR PRESCHOOL

*Engage in Upbeat, Informal Chats!*

While you don't have to delve deeply into preschool discussions ahead of time, consider casually mentioning some of the upcoming changes to your child's daily routine before their first day. Maintain a positive demeanor as you talk about how they'll meet new friends and teachers. Let your child know that starting school marks an exciting milestone, signifying that they're now officially big kids!

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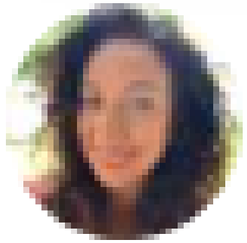
OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE EACH CHILD WITH A CHALLENGING YEAR OF ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL LEARNING.

# Any Questions..?
# Follow me on Twitter
# to see our curriculum in action!



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# Thank You!

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