



Welcome to Our Classroom Community!

Family Newsletter

❤️ This Month in Pre-K

Welcome to a wonderful new year in Pre-K! Our first weeks together are intentionally focused on helping every child feel **safe, loved, confident, and connected** at school.

We will spend lots of time getting to know one another, exploring our classroom, learning routines, making friends, practicing independence, and discovering how we can work together as one caring classroom community.



What We're Learning

This month, we are learning to:

- ❤️ Build relationships with teachers and friends
- 🏠 Learn our classroom routines and expectations
- 🧒 Grow our independence and confidence
- 😊 Recognize, express, and regulate our feelings
- 🤝 Share, take turns, help, and solve problems together
- 📖 Recognize our names and explore letters and meaningful print
- 📏 Explore colors, shapes, sorting, matching, counting, and patterns
- 🔍 Learn through play, stories, movement, sensory exploration, science, and outdoor discovery



Talk About It at Home

Try asking:

“What made you happy at school today?”

“Who did you play with?”

“What is something you can do all by yourself at school?”

And remember—a tired preschooler's **“I don't know”** is a perfectly acceptable answer after a very busy day!



Important Dates

August 26 — First Day • Last Names A–L

August 27 — First Day • Last Names M–Z

August 28 — All Pre-K Friends Attend!

September 4 — Half Day • Dismissal at 11:30 AM

September 7 — No School • Labor Day

September 23— Picture day

September 30— Half Day Dismissal at 11:30 AM

Growing Bodies Get Hungry!

Adjusting to a new school schedule is a big job for little bodies! During these first weeks, some of our Pre-K friends may find themselves extra hungry as they adjust to longer, busier days.

If your family is willing and able and would like to donate a snack to share with our Pre-K friends, we would be very grateful! ❤️

A few classroom-friendly ideas:

Goldfish crackers • pretzels • animal crackers • graham crackers • granola bars • crackers
Donations are completely optional—there is never an expectation for families to provide classroom snacks.

Thank you for helping us keep little bellies fueled for all that learning and playing! 🍎❤️

Friendly Reminders

-  Please keep a complete set of **weather-appropriate extra clothing** in your child's cubby.
-  Please **label belongings** whenever possible.
-  We spend lots of time outdoors! Please send your child prepared for the day's weather.
-  At drop-off, please **park in the front parking lot and walk your child back to the Pre-K classroom.**

From Our Classroom

The beginning of Pre-K is a BIG transition. Some children jump right in, while others need more time, reassurance, and connection.

Our goal is for every child to know:

I am safe here.

I belong here.

My teachers will help me.

I am an important part of our classroom community.

Thank you for sharing your amazing little humans with us. We are so excited for the adventures ahead!

 **Ms. Ashley & the Pre-K Team**