

Cherry Hill Pre-School

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Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I don't know about you but 2021 could not come fast enough! I am so grateful for all of our families that feel comfortable and safe sending your child to school. We had an awesome first half of school and the children could not be happier being together! WE could not be happier being with them either!!!! Even though it is under unusual circumstances, inside the classroom is a buzz with all our usual laughter, creativity, imagination and exploration. We continue to accept new students for the current school year which in fact we have 2 more friends joining our Cherry Hill Pre-School family this month. We will not begin registering for 2021-2022 until at least February. We will keep you updated on registration as you will have first choice of classes if your student or their sibling will be attending.

General Reminders

- Letter Pockets for January are M, N, and O.** Please encourage your student to bring in pictures at least once each week.
- There is **no school** on Monday, January 18th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- Colors for January are BLUE and WHITE**
- Shapes for January are RECTANGLE and STAR**

DROP-OFF/PICK-UP- Due to the cold weather and temperature check that has to be done inside the school, please begin to drive-up to the front of the school by coming up the street before or after Waterman. You will need to be patient for the safety of everyone and wait to take your child out of the car until you have pulled right up to the gate. Be careful not to block anyone's driveway or the street. We will take your child right in and you can drive off so the next child can be dropped off. We will call you immediately to come back and pick up if there is a problem. At pick-up time we will bring one child out at a time in order of your cars out front. Thank-you in advance for your cooperation.

Classroom News

The holidays are fun and exciting for all but we are anxious to focus on more skill building now that they are over. January is "Back to Basics" month. We will be working in all skill areas, concentrating on fine motor including writing, listening, math and literature. Since we are in a new season we will be discussing the effects of winter in nature, on people, and participating in winter related stories, gross and fine motor activities. We will continue to evaluate each child's progress. Everyone will receive a detailed Progress Report by the end of the month with conference options available. We have a week of Penguin activities and stories planned this month as well as working on learning/reviewing our birthdays. You may want to remind your child

at home the date of their birthday as well as teaching them their personal information. These are things they should know before entering kindergarten.

We will all continue to work in our year-long project books and journals. Our younger friends will be focusing on the shapes and colors of the month in their books and journal.

Some general reminders for you that will really help the teachers and your child to be independent that get forgotten as the school year goes on:

Please CALL or email the school before the start of class when your child is going to be out especially during this health crisis we are currently experiencing, DRESS your child in clothes they can manage in the bathroom and outerwear that is also child friendly, LABEL your child's outerwear, scarves are not necessary to wear in to school, NO jewelry such as bracelets, necklaces, watches, rings, please make your child use the bathroom right before they come to school, double-knot shoelaces, be conscious of the snack you're sending such as if too messy and most of all HEALTHY! Continue to work with your child on dressing themselves, putting on their coat, etc. "An independent child is a secure child" and very helpful for you as well.

Snow boots and rain boots are NOT permitted to be worn inside the classroom. If you feel it is necessary that they wear snow boots or rain boots to school please send a change of easy slip on shoes that your child can manage independently. We are trying to avoid the floor from becoming slippery and the rugs from getting wet. Please remember that we play and sit on the carpet. Thank you for your cooperation. Umbrellas are also not permitted due to limited space for drying and more importantly the safety of other children.

Emergency Closings

Please be reminded to **CALL** the school and/or check your e-mail after 7:00am on any questionable weather days. I will be sure to do my best to change my school message machine and send e-mails before 7:00am IF AND ONLY IF we are closing school that day.

Now that the cold weather is upon us, you should really be thinking about dressing your child accordingly. The school is heated by electric baseboard and sometimes takes a while to warm up. It would be helpful to dress your child in layers, and as the day progresses we can remove a layer if they become too warm. We want to be sure that your child is always cozy and comfortable.

Best wishes for staying safe and healthy in 2021!