



# January 2022 Newsletter



Welcome back, wonderful Our School families. We hope that you enjoyed your break with your family. We want to say a huge thanks again for all your kindness and generosity this holiday season. You really made us feel special, valued, and loved! Thank you!

What a year 2021 was. We continued to deal with a global pandemic and all the changes to ensure our safety. We had to cancel or get creative with our play, fundraisers, and Our School gatherings. Through it all our kiddos met their developmental milestones and cemented relationships that will last a lifetime. Thank you all for being such a special part of Our School Preschool. We absolutely love and appreciate each and every one of you.

Reminder that we are switching to our Procure desktop app in the coming week. Please look for link that will be either emailed or texted to you and follow the prompts to set up your account and payment preferences or verify the information on your account is correct. Please contact Ms. Megan if you need any assistance with this. We are told that this will work better with our bookkeeper's program and have all of the same benefits of the mobile app we have gotten to know and love. What a great way to share information and photos of your child's growth and development!

This year we look forward to the future and opportunities for growth and development.



## **PRESCHOOL PARENT TIPS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS (HAPPINESS!)**

One of our goals at Our School is to empower your child. We want children to feel that they are capable people, and to feel confident in meeting their needs in the classroom. Allowing children, a measure of control in their lives benefits them on many levels. One way with which we achieve this autonomy is by setting children up for success. The smiles on their faces make these simple suggestions worth it!

### **Clothing and Outdoor Wear**

Shoes - Please send your child to school in shoes he or she can put on unassisted. Send shoes that slip on, zip, or use Velcro if your child does not yet tie shoes independently. Please do not send your child in flip-flops or open toe shoes, these cause lots of tripping accidents.



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Clothing - because of the play options available in our yard, children will get dirty and may get wet. Please do not send your child to school in clothing which cannot serve as 'play clothes.' After all, we are a play-based learning program! Also, articles in which your child is unable to use the toilet independently are strongly discouraged.

Fun Fact - In the winter, there can be over 200 items of outdoor gear in the preschool cubbies. This is not even including the extra change of play clothes for each child. Please clearly LABEL every item from home!

## **Suggested cubby items - DAILY**

- Full change of play clothing
- Weather-appropriate layers

## **Additional cubby items - WINTER**

- One full-body snow suit
- One pair water-resistant snow boots
- One hat or balaclava

- One pair water-resistant **mittens** (unless your child can put on his or her 5-finger gloves independently)

## **Additional cubby items - SUMMER**

- One swimsuit
- One pair water shoes
- One towel
- One sun hat

## **NAP ITEMS**

Have your child practice packing his or her nap bag at home. Can he or she do this completely without your help? If not, try different items.

Items which your child cannot pack independently will be sent home with a note (Usually, this is because a blanket or pillow is simply too large for the bag).

Suggested Nap Items: one crib sheet, one small blanket, one very small pillow OR one small stuffed animal to snuggle.

## **LUNCH ITEMS**

As with the nap items, do a practice session packing up at home. Does your child know which items should go in the trash and which items go back into his or her lunchbox?

We will always help children to access their food but try to send containers which small hands can open and close. It makes children feel good to know that they are in control of their situation!