

NEWSLETTER August 2017
Kyrene de la Estrella Preschool
2017-2018



Hello Preschool Families!!

We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are ready for a FUN new preschool year!!! Your Estrella preschool team consists of two Early Childhood Special Ed teachers, Ms. Sally (Tully) & Ms. Kara (Klaisle), a Speech Language Pathology Assistant Ms. Jackie (Breckow) and four wonderful assistants, Ms. Tamara (Simons), Ms. Chris (Thorne) & Ms. Anne (Poole) & Ms. Kat (Glover).

Here are the Nuts & Bolts of Estrella's preschool:

- **Meet the Teacher Night** is Tuesday, August 1st , 2017 5:30-7:00
- First day of preschool is Thursday, August 3rd,
- Please make sure your child is **registered at Estrella**, if not please stop in the office as soon as possible to complete a registration packet – you will need immunizations, birth certificate & proof of residency
- **Class Days:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday (**No program Wednesdays**)
- **Class hours:** AM class 8:20-11:20; PM class 12:20-3:20

Drop-off/Pick up Procedures:

Ms. Sally's class A preschool sign-in and information table will be located outside the double doors labeled "C" to the front/east side of the building. You may pull into the U shaped drop off zone at the front of the school or park in the parking lot. A preschool staff member will open the doors promptly at 8:20

Ms. Kara's class: A preschool sign-in and information table will be located outside the gate to the east side of the building (look for the enclosed preschool playground). You will need to park in marked parking spots – PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE BUS LOADING ZONE!

You MUST sign your child IN and OUT DAILY including:

- Exact drop off and pick up times
- First initial and **legible** last name

**Bus riders will be signed in and out by preschool staff members.

An adult will open the doors/gates promptly at 8:20/11:20 and 12:20/3:20. There is approximately a 3-5-minute 'window of opportunity' when the doors will be held open by a staff member. District-wide attendance procedures require us to submit our attendance electronically within 7 minutes of class start time, making prompt arrivals necessary – this also allows our day of learning to start immediately ☺ . If you arrive to closed doors, sign-in your child in the book and you will need to go through the office (see below)

School Safety: THIS PROCEDURE IS FEDERALLY MANDATED TO ENSURE A SAFE CAMPUS:

If you arrive late we are not allowed to open doors/gates. You will need to go through the office. All visitors must check in at the front office. YOU MUST HAVE A PHOTO ID (even a Costco card will work – doesn't have to be a driver's license), obtain a visitor's badge which must be worn during your visit as you walk your child down to our classroom.

Dismissal Procedures: (11:20/3:20)

We do a 'hand to hand' dismissal procedure during which your child is asked to sit in the hallway and **wait for his/her name to be called to be dismissed** by one of the staff members once a parent is present. This can be a hectic time in our day and we ask for your patience and assistance in making it as safe and orderly as possible. To ensure the quality of your child's program, and in order for the preschool team to perform numerous school-based and program based requirements, **prompt pick-up of your**

child at 11:20 (am class) & 3:20 (pm class) is necessary. If you find yourself running more than 5 minutes late please call to let us know so that arrangements can be made with the office.

PLEASE make sure that your child stays by you once they have been “dismissed” to ensure their safety!!

Communication:

We check email several times each day (NOT during class time) and most evenings so do not hesitate to email at any time for anything! If you have important information, it is best to email. *Just remember we DO NOT check email during class time*

Additionally, weekly lesson plans and a monthly newsletter will be emailed directly to you. These will also be posted on our sign-in table information board. The lesson plans and newsletters are **important tools** for you to link the classroom and home environments by creating a starting point for you to get your child talking about their school day. We suggest that you print them out & put them on your refrigerator or in the car so you can talk about their preschool day. Hopefully this will avoid silent teenagers in the future (one can hope anyway).

FACEBOOK – check out **Principal Lamp’s** Facebook page for fun Estrella happenings!

Spare clothing for cubbies – we are a **MESSY** program but that means lots of fun & learning is happening! Please don’t send your child to school in their best clothes – we think they look just as cute in clothes that can get dirty ☺ and we don’t want to inhibit a child’s creativity with worries about ruining clothes or stopping to put on a paint smock!! PLEASE BRING A SPARE SET OF CLOTHES FOR YOUR CHILD IN A ZIP-LOC BAG LABELED WITH HIS/HER NAME. Please include a complete outfit including underwear and socks. Potty accidents happen too and are normal & NO BIG DEAL!!

Supplies: you will receive a complete list at Meet the Teacher Night but we can always use more of these items:

- No Rinse Sani-Surface Food Surface Sanitizing Wipes
- Seventh Generation disinfecting Multi-Surface Wipes
- blue Dawn dish detergent (for making bubble solution)
- shaving cream
- seasonal stickers

Snack: Part of our curriculum teaches healthy habits including hygiene, safety and nutrition. Please pack a **healthy** snack and labeled water bottle **daily** in a labeled bag or lunch box & try to pack fresh fruit or veggies daily. Here are healthy suggestions: go-gurts, fresh fruit & veggies,

crackers, pretzels, goldfish, cheez-its, wheat thins, string cheese, cereal bars...Include a labeled drink and any utensils they may need.

NO candy please & if sending a cookie please pair with fresh fruit or veggies!! It is amazing what we can get them to try here!

*If your child has special dietary needs or allergies please let us know.

*send a labeled water bottle daily – this will available to your child throughout the entire day.

Emergency CARDS

There are TWO emergency card requirements for preschool. One is for our Department of Health Services and our childcare license, the other one is for the school's Health Office. Both must be completed PRIOR to your child starting preschool.

Last, but not least, every Friday during the year is **JERSEY DAY!!!** The kids and staff really enjoy talking about our favorite teams and sports.



Enjoy the few remaining days of summer & we look forward to a fun, exciting year of learning! Please do not hesitate to email if you have any question!

Sincerely,

Your Preschool Team

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