



August 2020 Newsletter

WELCOME TO THE GCC PRESCHOOL! Whether you are a returning family or a new one, we welcome you! We are looking forward to another great year and we are thrilled that your child will be a part of this exciting time here!

We have been teaching little ones for over 49 years! It is our goal to provide you with an age appropriate curriculum, a small family atmosphere, and a loving staff to make a GREAT first school experience for you and your child!

Even if a child has attended a preschool before, this is a new year, and a new program which means new expectations and challenges, new adventures, and new growth.

Things obviously are a little different this year with Covid19 and with that come some different practices that will come into play. With that being said, we are proud to say that we have ALWAYS had our kiddo's safety in mind with everything we do here at preschool.

Here are a few things that we have already been doing for years!

- We ask parents to wash their children's hands when entering the building even before coming back into the preschool area
- We use Sanizide which is a hospital grade disinfectant cleaner on all hard surfaces including tables, door handles, desks, etc
- We have the children wash hands before snack
- We have the children wash hands after art
- We have the children wash hands after blowing their nose or using a tissue for any reason
- Parents are required to keep their children home if they are sick
- Toys are sprayed down with Clorox Anywhere spray after each class period.
- Teachers wash hands before school starts and numerous times throughout the day

Here are some of the things we have added in addition that are new come fall:

- Parents or other adult that is bringing their student into the building will also have to wash hands along with their student before coming back into preschool area
- Parent or other adult will have their temperature taken with a no contact thermometer before being allowed into preschool area
- Students will also have their temperatures taken before entering the classrooms

- Teachers will be asked to take their temperature at home each morning before coming into school and will have their temperatures taken upon arrival at school at 7 am.
- Parents will be asked to wear a mask/face shield while dropping off and picking up from school and to be respectful of social distancing while conversing with other parents and teachers
- Teachers will be wearing a mask or face shield during class (if a mask is worn it will be worn all period EXCEPT while doing circle time or reading stories.) Teacher will be in chair 10 ft away from children sitting on carpet (it is so very important for children to see our lips move for speech reasons, articulation of words, making sounds, and to see our facial expressions, etc)

Obviously, things will be ever changing and we will adjust accordingly with those changes within the school year. We are confident that we will provide a safe, loving, nurturing environment for our families, kids, and staff.

The children will begin school on September 8th for the Tues-Thurs class and September 9th for the Mon-Wed-Fri class. This first day of school will be an **OPEN HOUSE** from the hours of 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

PLEASE BRING IN YOUR COMPLETED SCHOOL PACKET THAT DAY. RETURNING PARENTS MAY COME ANYTIME WITH YOUR CHILD DURING THE 9-11 OPEN HOUSE HOURS. You and your child will have the opportunity to check out the classrooms, talk with the teachers, get their cubby assignments, get to know the other parents, and have your child play with the other children in the class. (ALL PARENTS MUST STAY WITH THEIR CHILD DURING OPEN HOUSE.)

YOUR CHILD'S SHOT RECORD AND PHYSICAL ARE DUE THE FIRST DAY AS WELL! PLEASE VERIFY THAT IT IS COMPLETE AND INCLUDES:

- POLIO
- MEASLES
- MUMPS
- RUBELLA
- DPT
- HIB
- HEPATITIS B
- TB TEST OR SIGNED STATEMENT FROM PHYSICIAN THAT IT IS NOT NEEDED
- SIGNED LEAD ASSESSMENT RISK OR LEAD SCREENING RESULTS OR SIGNED STATEMENT FROM PHYSICIAN THAT IT IS NOT NEEDED
- VARICELLA- CHICKEN POX VACCINE OR DATE OF DISEASE
- PARENT INFORMATION SECTION FILLED OUT, SIGNED, AND DATED

IT IS MANDATORY THAT WE HAVE ALL OF THESE FORMS COMPLETED AND TURNED IN THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

A CERTIFIED COPY OF YOUR CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE IS ALSO NEEDED

(If this is your child's second year at preschool here, your medical form is good for 2 years from the date of the physical.)

SEPTEMBER TUITION IS DUE THE 1ST WEEK OF SCHOOL.



Tuition is calculated and based on a certain number of sessions per year and divided into equal monthly payments for your convenience. Beginning in September, your child will be bringing home a newsletter each month. Please read and keep the newsletter so you know what is going on in school each month. Your tuition is due by the 10th of each month. You can pay with cash or check in person or online @ www.gcchome.org at the preschool page.

Full tuition is due by the 10th of each month regardless of the child's attendance. Unfortunately, vacations and prolonged illnesses cannot be refunded.

30 day notice MUST be given in order to receive a tuition refund if pulling a child from the program for any reason.

- Sept 8th Open House T/Th class 9 -11 a.m.
- Sept 9th Open House M/W/F class 9-11 a.m.
- Sept 10th 18th ALL classes are 2 hours (9-11 a.m.) **
- Sept 21st& 22nd First FULL sessions for all classes!

****We have found that it easier for the children if we shorten classes for the first week to help them get used to their new surroundings, teachers and friends here at school. They are always anxious for Mom and Dad to come pick them up after snack and we want their first time at school to be a successful one.**

We will provide everything your child will need for school, including art supplies and snack each day! A backpack is not necessary for school, but your little one might insist on having one to bring to put in their cubby! There will also be plenty of opportunities for you to help bring snacks/goodies for holiday parties, etc. later on in the school year.

If you have any questions or concerns about back to school information, please call us at 847-336-2392 (208). You can also go to our website @ www.gcchome.org and click on the preschool link or visit our Facebook page GCC Preschool for more info or to check out what we're doing!

We know things are a little different and there are many questions and uncertainties with the startup of this school year but we will strive to make this year as "normal" as possible for you and your child. We are so excited to see our kiddos again and I would like to personally THANK YOU for choosing us here at GCC Preschool!

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