



May 2022

General News

Thank you for all the tee shirt orders! If you did not order one and would like one I have some extras available in the office.

The last tuition payment for this year is due on May 15th.

For returning families the first payment for the coming school year is due by June 10th. This payment **secures** your spot for the fall and is non refundable.

Classroom News

Our Caterpillars have arrived! They will eat and grow and form their chrysalises. Soon they will emerge as butterflies! After the children have observed them, we will release them outdoors.



Kindergarten Forms

If you have a kindergarten survey to complete, please give it to your child's teacher and we will be happy to fill it out for you.

Dates to Remember

Camp Evergreen Fieldtrips:

Transitional Class - Monday, May 16th

Pre K 1 class - Wednesday, May 18th

Pre k2 class- Friday, May 20th

Memorial Day - Monday, May 30th

End of Year School Picnic:

2 day classes May 31st (rain date June 2nd)

Transition/PreK June 1st (rain date June 6th)

Our picnic will be held at **Tot Lot**, located on Bancroft Ave next to the tennis courts. The hours are 10:00-12:00. Bring your lunch and we will provide slush for dessert.

There is no school on these days.



Kindergarten Readiness

Here are some tips to help you prepare your child for Kindergarten:

- **Help him/her to develop independence at home.** Encourage your child to dress himself, take his coat on and off and hang it up, use the bathroom without assistance and wash his hands without constant reminders, and put on his own shoes. Provide serving spoons so your child can serve himself at the table and clear his own dishes. These skills will take him from the coatroom to the lunchroom and beyond.
- **Focus on self-help skills.** Your child should know how to wipe her face after lunch without prompting and blow her nose without assistance. But be sure she is also comfortable asking an adult for help when necessary.
- **Teach responsibility.** Start transferring small responsibilities over to your child, if you haven't already. After a family trip to the pool, you might put your child in charge of emptying the backpack, refilling the water bottles, or hanging up his wet swimsuit. Even when it may be easier for you to complete these tasks, let him accept the responsibility.
- **Develop and follow routines.** Set up morning routines that will transfer into a school setting. Getting up around the same time every day, getting dressed, and having an early breakfast together is a great way to transition to school.
- **Read aloud to your child.** Get your child a library card, take them to the library to check out books, and be sure to read to your child every day. Read a variety of books, read the captions under pictures in the newspaper, even share the comics. Just read!
- **Engage in meaningful literacy activities.** Encourage your child to help you with thank you cards, shopping lists, or notes. They may start with scribbles or pictures, move into scattered letters, and finally some recognizable words as they enter school. Appreciate their attempts and watch their skills develop with practice.
- **Acknowledge his feelings.** Avoid talking about school too much, or wait until the end of summer is near. Your child may express being nervous, not wanting to go or, alternately, feeling very excited to start school. Whatever they feel, take time to appreciate where they are.

Rather than worry about whether your child is ready to read and write, think about his or her skills as a whole. What can they do well that will help them succeed? The quiet child who has reading abilities will find her way to the social butterfly that needs help writing his name. The silly, wiggly child will find a spot as the classroom helper. Rest assured, they will all navigate kindergarten together.