Preschool Information

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Preschool at Bethalto East! We are so glad you’re here!! Here is a little information about our program:

We are so glad that we will be working together as your child progresses through our preschool program. During the day, your child will have an opportunity to work and play individually, in small groups, and with the entire class. We will sing and dance, work on writing our names, identifying shapes, colors, numbers and letters, practice reading, and listening to books and stories. We will get to go outside and even visit the gym sometimes. We are going to have a great time.

Our program provides most of the things that your child needs in school. However, we ask that you send in a change of clothing for your child. This is in case your child has an accident or spills something on them. Put the clothes in the Gallon size bag provided and we will just keep it in your child’s backpack.

Please be sure to check your child’s backpack each night for notes, finished work and projects. We will try to send a newsletter home each week to keep you updated about what is going on in our classroom. Please be sure to read these for important information and dates of special events.

You will get a show and tell calendar each month, starting with September. It will have the days that the children will be in school as well as the days we will be off.

You can provide a snack for the class on your child’s show and tell day, if you choose. Snacks should be store bought (no homemade items). We are also a nut-free school. So please no items that contain nuts. Cheese and crackers, cookies, grapes, raisins, popcorn (bagged and already popped, no microwave popcorn please), fruit, etc are some common items. Please do not send in fruit snacks or candy. Milk is provided each day, so you do not need to send in a drink. If you have any questions about what to bring, just let me know. The preschool class has 20 students.

When you bring your child to school, please remember that the south door of the Annex will be open from the beginning of class time, 8:55 for the AM class and 12:35 for the PM class, for 10 minutes. If you are running later than that, please come in through the doors by the office in the front of the building, get a pass from the office, bring your child to the classroom and then return the pass to the office. Please do not bring your child to the classroom before the start time as we are often in and out of the room preparing for the day. When picking your child up from school, we will bring your child to the gate at the south end of the building to meet you (by the Trimpe Parking lot). Class will dismiss at 11:25 for AM and 3:05 for PM.

All parking for pre-k students will be in the Trimpe parking lot. Please park in a parking spot, and walk your child to the gate. Please stay with your child until the teacher opens the door.

During good weather, the older children will be outside for recess in at some of our drop off and pick up times, so please wait outside the gate.

Please remember that if your child is going to be picked up by anyone other than you, we must receive a note or a phone call from you. Also, if your child is sick, please call the office at 377-7250 and let them know. If your child rides the bus and has a time where he/she will not need to be picked up, please call the transportation office at 259-2549 and let them know.

Ms. Lu is the aide in our room and she is looking forward to working with your child. She may be answering the phone in the room or replying to notes in the folders.

Throughout the year, we go through lots of paper towels, tissues, wet wipes, disinfecting wipes, and straws. If you would like to donate any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated.

The first day of school for Pre-K is August 21. We are sure we will have a great school year together. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call at 377-7250 (ext. 13303), or write a note. Please make sure to put the note in your child’s folder to make sure that it gets to me. If you leave a voicemail, we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Once again, we are really looking forward to having a great school year and working with your child.

Ms. Ashley,

Ms. Paula

And Ms. Lu

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