



***Welcome to my class!***

We are going to have a Great Year. I can't wait to get to know all of you better and especially your children. Enclosed is information about our class. I hope it will answer some of the questions you may have at this time. Keep in mind that we do not expect you to know everything. We learn as we go along. I hope you will find this information helpful, but please remember if you have any more concerns or questions just ask!!! You may call me at my home or talk to me after class. I stay after each day at least 20 minutes.

***Let's have a Great Year!!***

***Does my child need to bring a backpack to school???***

Each child needs a Backpack or Tote Bag to bring to school each day. A tote bag is preferred because it makes it easier to get the children's artwork in, but a backpack works well too. Please write the child's name and number on the front of the backpack.

***How should I dress my child for class??***

Children should wear comfortable clothes to school. We do a lot of messy projects in class so make sure the clothes they wear are not good dress clothes. We mix Ivory soap in with our paints. This makes it easier to clean up, but some paints will stain. In order for this not to happen to often the children will be wearing paint shirts during many projects. Rubber sole shoes are best. Most of the floor is tile and can be slippery at times.

***What should I bring for snack and drink when it's my turn???***

Healthy Nutritious Snacks Please. School is a great time to teach the children about good eating habits and we plan to talk a lot about this during the school year. Snack time just reinforces what we are trying to teach them. Here are some good suggestions:

Graham Crackers, Saltine or Ritz Crackers, Pretzels, Goldfish crackers, Animal Crackers, Teddy Grahams, apples, oranges, cheese, string cheese, low sugar dry cereal (i.e. Cheerio's, Kix, Chex), carrots, popcorn, yogurt. When deciding on what to bring for drink please remember 100% juices are

requested. Milk is also a very good suggestion. Do not bring Kool-Aid or punch type drinks. Drinks should be brought in **PLASTIC CONTAINERS ONLY...NO GLASS!!!** Keep in mind that there are 20 children in the class as well as 4 adults. One box of graham crackers is probably enough but you may need to bring in two boxes of Goldfish crackers. If there is any leftover PLEASE take it home with you. There may be days that you will be asked to bring in something special at the teacher's request, but you will be given plenty of notice.

***What is expected of me during the class time on the days that I work??***

First and foremost is the safety of the children. Our room is set up in a free flowing pattern but there are many ways in which a child could get hurt. Please keep your eyes and ears open during the day. Circulate around the room. If there are 2 working parents at the art table then you might want to help out on the rug or stand beside the climber. Use your best judgment when it comes to keeping out children safe. Make sure you put the children's name and their number on all of their work. When putting their projects in their bags take extra care to get it in the right bag. Children get very upset if their projects are not in their bags when they get home. Tell the teacher if you are taking a child to the bathroom. I count the children periodically throughout the day so I need to know where everyone is at all times.

*Most of all... Have Fun on your working days with the children!! Don't be afraid to squish the playdough. Get your fingers in the finger paints, have a tea party or build a skyscraper out of blocks on the rug. Get a book and read to a child and Shake, Shake, Shake Your Sillies Out at Music Time. Children love to see you playing and having a good time.*