

Preschool News- August

Welcome to preschool at Edith Wolford!

Let me introduce you to the people in your child's classroom: Mrs. Pettigrew is your child's teacher; Mrs. Auw and Mrs. Walp are the paraprofessionals that will be helping out on a daily basis. We are so excited to work and learn with you and your child!

Communication:

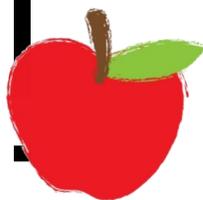
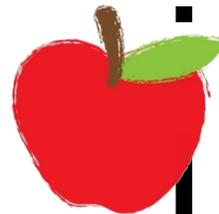
I will write a newsletter at the beginning of every month and send it home in the weekend folders. This newsletter will keep you informed about what we are learning and activities in the classroom. These weekend folders will have new information and artwork for your child and will go home at the end of each week. These folders should then be sent back to school at the beginning of each week. The best way to communicate with me is by e-mail, kaitlyn.pettigrew@asd20.org. You can also leave a message on my voice mail or send in a note. If you need to leave a message regarding last minute changes on how you want your child to go home or if there is an emergency, please call the office directly and they will give the message to me personally. It won't be possible for you to call the classroom directly as this can be very disruptive to classroom activities. PLEASE don't e-mail me or leave a voice message about last minute changes for your child. I'm not able to check either of these until after the children are dismissed.

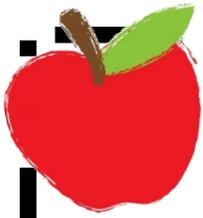
Attendance:

It is very important for your child to attend school, be on time at arrival and to be picked up on time. The AM class is 8:45-11:45 and the PM class is 12:45-3:40. You will need to sign your child in and out each day. The preschool doors will be closed until the start time for your class, please wait on the preschool playground (your child may play) until a teacher opens the door. Preschool is required to follow the Department of Human Services, so children must not be left unattended, and all parents must sign in and sign out each day. If someone other than you or your spouse will be picking up your child, their name must be on our "Authorization to transport" sheet prior to that day. A picture ID will need to also be presented to verify their name. This is for your child's protection. If your child will be late, is sick, or will miss school for any reason, please call our attendance number at 234-4301. Thank you.

Snack:

This year, we will be trying snack differently! We are so excited to do group snacks to help your child work on sharing, table manners, and trying new things! Instead of bringing a snack for your child each day, we will be sending home a monthly calendar which will tell you when it is your family's turn to bring snack for the whole class! This first month, the teachers will be providing snacks each day, so you don't need to worry about sending anything. Starting in September, I will send home the snack calendar and begin sending home our snack bag. When the snack bag comes home, this will be a reminder that your child will provide a snack for the class the following school day. Please help us by sending things that are already prepared (so the teachers will not have to do much preparation). We will be providing cups and water, so we no longer need you to send in a water bottle to school. We will be sending home the snack bag on your child's birthday (or in May for summer birthdays), so you can pack a special treat for the class to celebrate if you would like. Please remember that we are a nut free classroom, so we will be unable to accept any snack that is processed in a facility that uses nuts, so please check the nutrition information on each item you send to school (if your child has other food allergies, please let me know and I will inform the other parents in your child's class). We are so excited to be trying this new snack this year!





Extra Clothing:

Preschool can get messy! Please put together an extra set of pants (NOT shorts), shirt, socks, and underwear in a gallon sized Ziplock bag labeled with your child's name. This bag will be kept in your child's backpack the whole year. Even if your child does not have accidents, water can get spilled at snack or water from the water table can get them wet. Please send the kids dressed to play. They will be exploring their environment, which means crawling on the floor, painting, using shaving cream, etc. Preschool also adheres by the District 20 dress code, so no hats (unless it is a special hat day), no masks, and no spaghetti strap shirts. Please see the District 20 handbook or the Edith Wolford parent handbook for more information.

Weather:

As it is summer, you may want to put sunscreen on before your child comes to school (we are unable to apply any sunscreen at school). It can get also get chilly very quickly with our Colorado weather. Send a jacket (Please label with their name) with your child daily if rain, snow, or low temperatures are in the forecast. We go outside every day for 20 minutes unless it is raining, snowing, or the wind chill is below 25 degrees. Please make sure your child will be comfortable outside.

Forms: Please return all of the following forms as soon as possible:

- *All yellow forms from back to school night including the health form signed by physician (this must be done every year in preschool)
- *Young Athlete registration form (must be turned in by everyone, regardless of your child has special needs or not).
- *School supply fee must be paid online or in the school office.

Snow Days/ Late Starts:

The school district makes their decision early, usually getting the word out by 6:00 AM. Please sign up for D-20 alert emails or check radio/television notices if a big storm is predicted. If we have a late start, AM preschool is cancelled. If we have an early release, PM preschool is cancelled.

Supply Fee:

The supply fee for preschool is \$40 (\$20 for consumable supplies and \$20 for other supplies). You can either write a check to Edith Wolford (and turn it in to the front office), or use PayForIt.com.

Memory Books:

Finally, I will be taking pictures of your child through-out the year (with your written permission form sent back). I will put each child's pictures in their own keepsake memory book along with samples of their art work, drawings and messages to each child, and I will send it home on the last day of school. This memory book will be a treasure of our wonderful year together.

I am thrilled to have your child in my class this year. I will do my best to create a fun, enriching, and loving learning environment. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Kaitlyn Pettigrew

