

COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

Welcome to Community Pre-School
We are all pleased that you have chosen our school for your child care and preschool needs.

Please make sure you sign your child in and out every day. This is a licensing rule. If you have not brought in all of the registration forms, or Physician Forms, please bring them in as soon as possible. Also the emergency forms that stay in the classroom, need to be turned in if you have not done so yet.

Tuition payment is due from the 1st to the 10th of the month and late after the tenth of the month.

If your child has any allergies, please let the classroom teachers know. Also our school is a NUT FREE school. Absolutely no nuts, or nut products, or any foods that have been processed in a plant that processes nuts should come into the school. We have some of the children who have severe nut allergies.

If your child is not going to be at school for any reason, please give the school a call.

Illness Policy:

Report any communicable illness to the office. Children may not be in school if they display any of the following symptoms:

1. A temperature of 100 degrees F. within the last 24 hours.
2. Diarrhea within the last 24 hours.
3. Vomiting within the last 24 hours
4. Any eye discharge or pink eye
5. Any obvious illness or rash of unknown origin.

Chapel Time: Each Wednesday a one-half hour chapel time is conducted by the minister of the Congregational Community Church. Check in the office for a permission slip.

Seat Belt Policy: All children need to be buckled in a car seat while the car is

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moving, even in the parking lot. This may mean that the drop off and pick up lines are slow for the preschool classes, please be patient and follow the safety guidelines.

We hope by following these guidelines, it will insure you and your child a safe and happy time at Community Pre-School.

If you have more questions about our policies please refer to the school handbook. You may ask for one in the office if you do not have one already.

Included in the newsletter is a letter to Parents about the H1N1 flu Virus.

Our Office Staff are: Barbara Steinmetz (Director) Middle Office, Linda Medwin Front Desk (Assistant Director), and Lucille Story (Office Administrator). We are all in the office to assist you with your child care needs.

Important Dates:

Back to School Night: September 16,17 from 7:00-8:00

September 16-Rooms 7,3,4(Rms. 5,6 MWF am/pm classes

September 17- Rooms 8,9,5 (Room 5 Tu/Th am class)

October 13-16 Life Touch Portraits

November 11- Veteran's Day School Closed

November 26 and 27 Thanksgiving Holiday School Closed

December 18-Last Day classes Rooms 4,5,6

December 23-Last Day classes for Rooms 3,7,8,9

Calendar Correction: Memorial Day is May 31 not May 24 as stated on our school calendar.

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Music and Movement

Judy Hobart

Welcome to a new school year! Our goal at the beginning of the year is for the children to feel comfortable being in a new class with new friends and teachers. Our old friends can help the new friends "learn the ropes!" The first week of school I will be going to each classroom during the classes regular music and movement time instead of having the class come to Room 2. Fewer transitions this week will mean less stress for the new children.

If you are new to our school, I would like you to know that the music and movement program is a class (which meets for 1/2 hour once per week for the 2's and 3's classes and twice per week for the fours classes), which combines learning songs, dancing exercising, rhythmic movement activities with our bodies and musical instruments. The musical instruments we use are child-sized drums, tambourines, maracas and other types of shakers, bells, wood blocks, etc.

We also read stories which include songs, rhymes or chanting. Children are also provided the opportunity to jump, climb, balance, bounce, and throw and catch balls and use the well-stocked large motor equipment in our Room 2.

In the fours classes I also present stories to act out in some way, either by vocal participation or playing musical instruments or even acting out the story.

One of the main goals of the music and movement class is to develop confidence and strength both in the child's body and in their expression of themselves. But, we also have a lot of fun too!

Room 9 2 and 3 Year Old Full Time classes

Mrs. Masako, Mrs. Latha, Mrs. Sunita, Ms. Merry and Mrs. Eugenia

We welcome our continuing and new children and their families to our classroom. Thank you for choosing Community Preschool. We, the teachers in Room 9 are looking forward to having a great year!

We have planned activities around the theme of "School and me, family, and

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friends," to promote self-awareness and help ease with separation anxiety.

Children learn through play and experience the world through all their senses. We have planned a lot of fun sensory activities. The water table will be set up with sponges, cups, dolls, and boats. The sandbox will be set up with shovels, plastic animals, and measuring cups. Art activities will include finger-painting, easel painting, hand prints, and play dough. We will start off the month by learning our special "Good Morning to The Sky" song.

It is common for children to experience feelings of separation anxiety when they first start school. Keeping the good-byes short and attentive, having a good-bye ritual (hugs and kisses and following a consistent pattern, makes the process of adjustment easier.

Understanding the classroom routine, making new friends, bringing in a special security item, pictures of family members may also help the children during this period of adjustment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Owl Babies by Martin Waddell and The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn are two wonderful picture books that we recommend reading as a family.

Quick reminders: Please label your child's clothing and diapers and wipes and also make sure you have extra clothing in a shoe box in your child's cubby. Water play is fun and messy and so is art, so we do need extra clothing. If you would like to bring any treats for your child's birthday, please talk to the teachers in advance. Also make sure these treats have no nuts in them. We have a bulletin board in our classroom, with a schedule and curriculum of the month posted.

Books:

Llama Llama Miss Mama by Anna Dewney

D.W.'s Guide to Preschool

Mouse goes to School

First School by Disney/Pixar

Dancing Dinos Go to School by Sally Lucas

Mouse Paint by Ellen Stoll Walsh

The New Bear at School by Carrie Weston

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Room 8 Three year old class

Mrs. Thu, Ms. Smith, Mrs. Shaila, and Ms. Iyer

Hello and welcome new and returning students to Room 8. We hope everyone had a wonderful summer. We are very enthusiastic about the new school year. We look forward to meeting our new students and their families. We will spend the month of September helping children get acclimated to the class routine and schedule. Children may bring a favorite toy or pictures of the family to help get adjusted to their new setting.

During the first week our topic will be about school. We'll talk about our feelings and what it's like to be in this environment. There will be structured and unstructured activities for the children to experience. Some of our projects will include collage making, marble and easel painting, and dot art.

During the second week we will talk about our families and family activities and how we care for our families. Some of our projects will include making house collages and coloring paper puppets. We invite parents to send a picture of their families to be shared at circle time. Photos will be returned at the end of the week.

On the third week we will focus on making new friends. We will talk about how to treat our friends and what it means to be a good friend. Some projects we will be doing with our friends will include making bracelets, co-op painting projects and making special treats.

During the last week of September our topic will be on "All about Me". The children will share their thoughts about their favorite activities, colors, and songs. Some of our projects will include making self portraits and working on our "Me Books ". The books we will be reading are My First Day at School, I Love My Family; everyone is the same, Just Me.

We want to remind parents to send a complete change of clothing with your child's name on it. Please label all of your child's belongings.

Please feel free to come to us with any questions or concerns you may have

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regarding your child.

Room 7 Full time Pre-K

Ms. Karen, Ms. Supranee, Ms. Maxine, Ms. Gail , and Ms. Hung

Welcome to the new school year in Room 7! We are looking forward to a wonderful year getting to know you and your children. This month will be full of activities to help the children get to know each other and become more comfortable with our classroom and our schedule and all the exciting opportunities for learning and fun that await them. Remember to check out the calendar on our front door to see what's happening each day. And parents, please mark your calendar for our first Parent Night, on Wednesday, September 16, 7:00-8:00pm.

During the first two weeks of September, we will focus on self-image and friends as we get to know each other. The children will participate in many activities and projects to help them interact with friends and also feel good about themselves. We will be reading books like: The Kissing Hand, Me and My Amazing Body, I'm Special, I'm Me, Sharing, Do you Want to be My Friend, and How Kids Grow. The children will do open ended art activities like painting and collage, and be sure to watch for our amazing life-sized paper twins as they begin to appear in the classroom.

The last two weeks of the month will find us learning and reviewing our colors. We will involve all the senses as we sing songs, read books, explore at materials, play matching and sorting games, eat colorful snacks, and even dress in the color of the day. Please check the calendar on the door for the color of the day and encourage your child to participate by wearing the day's color.

Some general reminders for parents:

*As you sign your child in and out, look on the sign-in sheet for notations about unusual events(like accident reports and whether your child slept at rest time.

*Check your parent cubby by the sign-in sheet for important information.

*Check your child's cubby everyday for art work and other treasures to go home.

*Please send in an extra set of clothing

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appropriate for the changing weather (think layers) to be kept in your child's cubby even if your child no longer has toileting accidents. Things can get spilled at snack or lunchtime and art can sometimes get messy. Some children are very sensitive to wet or sticky clothing and, as we all know, a comfortable child is a happy child.

*If your child rests at school, please send a blanket or large towel (and a stuffed animal if desired) in a clearly labeled pillowcase.

Rest time items, as well as the mat cover your child uses, will be sent home every Friday to be laundered

*please send in a fresh water bottle daily.

Reusable bottles are better for the environment and relatively inexpensive. Bottles should be labeled with your child's name and washed out every evening.

Thank you

Room 6 MWF am/ pm class Mrs. Diana, Mrs. Pam, and Mrs. Lakshmi

A new school year is here. Welcome children and parents. The children that are joining Room 6 for the first time are in luck-we have many returning students what are already familiar with the room's routines. The new children learn from the other students as well as the teachers.

This month we will be talking about ourselves, our families and about our friends. What do I look like? and Who is in my family? are two important questions for us to answer. We will make a self-portrait and home collage. We'll read I Like myself and I am Me.

Parents if you have any questions or concerns please talk to us. We all want a great experience for the children and their parents.

Room 6 2 Year old Tu./Th. class Mrs. Diana, Mrs. Pam, and Mrs. Lakshmi

Welcome to school. It is the first time for most of you and we will try to make it easy for the children and the parents. Many children will cry when they are left at school in the beginning. It is a normal response, so don't worry Moms and Dads. Feel free to

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talk to us about any concerns. We want the whole family to be comfortable with this new experience.

During this month our goal is to make the children feel at ease with their school routine. We will take about ourselves, our families and making new friends.

We know that the beginning of the school year can be as stressful for the parents as it is for the children, so remember, we are available to talk about any concerns.

Room 5 3 year olds Mrs. Kathy, Mrs. Debra and Mrs. Jeanette

Welcome to Room 5. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year. For many of our classmates this is their first experience away from home and in a school setting. We expect some tears and apprehension as your child adjusts to their new situation. To make the transition easier, stay no more than 15 minutes and reassure your child you will be back when class is over.

The teachers have set a safe and creative learning environment where your child will be able to grow socially, emotionally and cognitively. There are many centers for your child to explore. such as: Science, Drama, Home Center, and Library to name a few. There will be many opportunities to cut, paint, color, sing songs, listen to stories and participate in our circle.

We have monthly themes that we follow where we practice both small and large motor skills. We will sing familiar songs like Slippery Fish and Pizza song. We will pass the ball and say our name and then roll it to a friend. Our theme this month is "Myself, Family, and Friends."

We look forward to getting to know your child. We always welcome visitors so if you want to see how your child is doing feel free to observe our classroom. We will keep you informed of how your child is doing socially, and emotionally, and the progress they make throughout the year.

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Room 5 Year old

Mrs. Kathy, Mrs. Debra Mrs. Jeanette and pm Mrs. Diana

Welcome to Room 5. We hope everyone had a wonderful summer! We are looking forward to having a fun and interesting school year. This month is focusing on helping children settle down in our classroom, getting acquainted with our routine, making friends, and learning each other's names. The theme for this month is Myself, Family and Friends. We have several simple games and finger plays planned to help the children get to know each other. We will learn about family, friends, and ourselves through stories, songs, and finger plays. We will learn about our bodies and how to stay healthy. We will widen our scope to the world by learning about what people and animals do in a family.

This month we will be focusing on learning to recognize and write our names. Our puppets will talk about our families and how our families function. The children will practice the skills of cooperation and patience as they interact with their peers. A fun activity to do with a friend is to make a friendship wreath.

We look forward to a great and fun-filled year. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us. Our classroom is always open to our parents. We look forward to meeting you and your child and getting to know your family.

Room 4

Mrs. Currie, Mrs. Knopf and Mrs. Krishna

Our classroom works from 9:15 to 12:15. Children usually start walking in by themselves by the end of the first week. Some of them usually know each other, having been together the previous year. the first week we use name tags to familiarize ourselves. Besides a mix of indoor and outdoor activity, the children also attend Music and Movement with Mrs. Judy Hobart in Room 2. We have tow sessions with half the class, attending each. One of us always accompanies the group.

We will start the week introducing the

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routine slowly to the children. Free art like painting, drawing with markers etc. will be some of the activities. We will also familiarize the class with shapes and colors. Reinforcing fine motor skills are also some of the objectives for this month. Therefore, projects will include cutting, tracing, painting with thinner brushes etc.

Alphabets start in October. Room 4 follows the block method of writing. We make an alphabet books and do other related activities to improve letter recognition. We do one letter a week and continue this activity through March. This is followed by numbers. We find that as the weeks move on, the children's fine motor skills improve dramatically.

Room 4 also has a VIP every week. all the children get a turn at being a VIP. The VIP is the Teacher's Helper. He/she gets to sit next to the teacher, ring the bell, be first in line. The VIP also gets to bring 3-4 items from home for sharing with the class. We will be doing theme related sharing only on Fridays. One item please on sharing day.

Please do check with us about bringing in treats for birthdays. This is just in case we have more than one birthday on a day.

Room 3 Pre-Kdg. class

Mrs. Murphy, Ms. Tat, Miss Sheri and Mrs. Su

We would like to welcome all our children and their families to Room 3. We look forward to a new school year of fun and excitement.

One of the goals of our curriculum is to meet all children where they are developmentally and to assist them in continuing to develop to their full potential. Children develop in a similar manner but on a timetable that is unique to each child. That means that at any given time in the classroom, the children are at a variety of ability levels developmentally.

One four-year -old may be reading while another is just starting to recognize the alphabet. The same child who is able to read may still be challenged when it comes to socially interacting with his or her

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classmates. The child who is just beginning to recognize the alphabet may be the most agile child when it comes to playing a game of catch and keep away.

Our curriculum strives to meet the individual needs and assist the development of all children in all developmental areas or domains: cognitive, social, emotional, and physical. We utilize what is called child instruction. This means that we support areas or domains simultaneously and that each of these areas of development are equally important to the child. Not only are they equally important, they are also interwoven. It has been said that the social/emotional well-being of the child fuels the intellect. At the same time, without intellectual capabilities, the child's social/emotional development would suffer. The latest research indicates that these developmental area, cognitive and social/emotional, actually develop hand in hand.

During the first weeks of September we will help the children make the transition to their new classroom as easy as possible by getting acquainted with each other and making new friends. The second week of September we will focus on self image and family. On the third week we will work on projects related to their names. On the last week we will review our colors. For more detail, you may check our monthly calendar posted on our bulletin board along with up and coming events and special notes. Also, please check parents mail pockets each morning and afternoon for notes and other things. And to strengthen our school-home connection we will communicate with you frequently through letters, meeting and conferences. Please feel free to contact us at anytime during the school year if you have any questions or concerns so that we can set up a conference.

Thank you for entrusting your children to us this year. We will ensure that all the children feel safe, happy, respected and cared for.