

SEPTEMBER, 2017



Welcome back to school! I want to thank you for supporting our Open House. We had a great turnout and I really enjoyed meeting our new parents and seeing familiar faces. 😊

I want to send a special thank you to the parents that approached me to lead the Parent Committee! I am so excited to have them as a part of our team. Sophia Cicchiello is our head chair with many co-chairs assisting her; Ashley Price, Mary Kay Jensen, Michelle Russell, Traci Geganto & Alison Grissom. We were thrilled with the number of parents that signed up to assist and help on the committee. We encourage each of you to help our committee in some way. It truly "takes a village". It's going to be a great year. I look forward to getting to know each of you throughout the year.

Be on the lookout for emails from our Co-leaders. Michelle has offered to set up a private school Facebook & Instagram account to improve our communication. 😊

- We are attaching our school calendar for the year. We recommend posting it in a spot where you can reference it. You will be notified if there are any changes throughout the year. This is a yearly overview. **Always refer to your monthly class calendars for specific activities for your child.**
- Make note of your teacher's classroom phone extension numbers. These will connect you to their direct line into your child's classroom after dialing the church number 860.529.1575
 - Mrs. Tinker x 230
 - Mrs. Ostergren x 231
 - Ms. Lisa x 232
 - Mrs. Cacioli & Mrs. Bighinatti x 254
 - My extension x 235.

Please remember to:

- Keep your child's Medical records up to date (Influenza shot is due by December 31) **Medical Forms must be on file before your child can attend school.** This is a state regulation. If you have an upcoming, scheduled appointment, please notify your teacher. She will attach the date of your appointment to your child's file. If you have any questions, please come and see me.

- Select healthy options for their birthday celebrations! **NO BIRTHDAY CUPCAKES PLEASE**: The state is requesting that snacks be healthy and represent 2 food groups. Be creative and send a favorite healthy snack. (see snack suggestion sheet)
- **Donations Requested:**
 - We are asking each family to donate cups for our snack time. We would appreciate it if every child could bring a box of 5 ounce cups to their classroom teacher. Thank you in advance. This helps us significantly! :)
 - Tissues and napkins are always welcome, too.
 - Recyclables are needed: We like to recycle in Preschool. Here is a list of items needed for various activities/projects throughout the year. If you are willing to collect these items, please make sure that they are clean. We could use: baby food glass jars, toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls, large and small Oatmeal boxes, milk caps, etc....
- **FUNDRAISERS:** We have 2 fundraisers for the year. They have both been very successful in the past. Check out our new Triple Shoot basketball pole on our playground! It's one of our many enrichment items that we were able to purchase from our parent's generosity.
 - **Sept. 19-Oct 3 KidsStuff Coupon books**, please consider supporting our school by purchasing a book. You will receive your investment back after using only a few coupons. The money will be used for items needed in our classrooms and on our playground.
 - **Oct. 23-Nov.3 Berta Grace Pecan Fundraiser:** We have moved the Pecan sales to October this year because we had multiple requests to have them available for holiday baking and candy making. These pecans are amazing! We made over \$2,000 last year to enhance our playground and classrooms. Every teacher selected items for their students. Your children will benefit! 😊
- **PLAYGROUND:** Please know that you are **WELCOME** to use our playground. It is a great time for the children to play together with their friends and for parents to connect. Our only request is that you support our playground rules by supervising your children. **SAFETY FIRST!**
 - Children only go **down the slide**. We do not walk up the slide.
 - Mulch remains around the climber. We do not dig and scatter it outside the perimeter. No riding toys on the mulch.
 - Jumping off the climber and climbing on the house is prohibited.

- Sandbox: We have purchased new sand. Please keep the sand in the box.
- **Please help the children to clean up afterwards.** We have containers to house the toys. All balls and sand toys go in the storage boxes. Riding toys are parked on the concrete pad by the barn. Please place the cover on the sandbox before you leave.
- Following these rules help support your teacher, too. If all the rules are consistent, it will be an easier start to the year during outside play.
- Please close the gate after entering and exiting. I know it's tricky to close. Thank you in advance for your cooperation on the playground.

You will be receiving monthly letters & calendars from your teacher to let you know what they have planned in the classrooms. Let's get ready for an exciting year.

- The children are going to have so much fun!

Warmly,

Vickie Anderson