

July 2018

Dear Preschool Parents,

Can you believe it? Only a few more weeks and preschool begins. What an exciting time for you and your child. We will be learning and doing so many fun and interesting things!!

We will have a group snack every morning, but you will also need to send your child a lunch and drink every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Starting in October, we will be offering hot lunch on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. An order sheet will be sent home sometime in September for you to Pre-order and pay for any lunches you will want your child to have. Until that time though, you will need to pack a lunch for your child. We do not have the ability to warm anything up, so please pack the lunch for your child accordingly. They may bring their own water bottle, but we also have a drinking fountain available and soon after school starts you will also have the option of buying milk for the year for your child to have at lunchtime.

We will have a rest time for your child each day after lunch. Please send a blanket, pillow (optional) and stuffed friend (if wanted) that can fit in an 11x11 cube.

Snack time is always a fun part of the day for the preschoolers. Look at the monthly calendar for the day that your child will have to bring snack. When it is your child's turn, he/she should bring enough snack and drinks for 14. This includes cups, napkins, or spoons if they are necessary for the snack you have chosen. Please try to keep snacks nutritious. Some healthy ideas are grapes, cheese and crackers, veggies and dip, pudding cups, Teddy grahams, string cheese, yogurt (Go-gurt is easy!!), bananas and apples. The exception for this is your child's birthday snack. I will try to schedule each child a birthday snack near his/her birthday or half- birthday. For birthday snacks anything goes...cupcakes, cookies, etc....If you need any ideas for snacks or if your child has any dietary restrictions, just come and talk to me.

I will send home a calendar every month, so you know what we will be doing. I have one very special date that you should mark on your calendar as soon as possible. That would be, "DADDY DONUT DAY". This is a day that all the preschoolers get very excited about. The kids invite their dad to come to school with them for the morning. Daddy Donut Day will take place in January. I will let you know the date when school begins.

We will play outside everyday if the weather permits. This includes playing in the snow. Please make sure that your child has appropriate outside clothing. This includes boots, snow pants, mittens, etc... Thank You!!

One final request....I know preschoolers love to bring toys from home, but this can cause problems. Please have your child leave toys at home. Once in a while there will

be days that they will need to bring something special from home to share with the class. Look for that information on your monthly calendar.

The following are a few things you can do to make the transition into preschool easier:

- Talk about school before it starts. Drive by school, so it becomes familiar. Stop in and have your child meet me and see our room if he/she hasn't yet.
- Be enthusiastic about school. Preschoolers can tell if you are upset or anxious about dropping them off at school and it will affect their mood too!
- Have a routine, both for bedtime and in the morning.
- Give a cheerful goodbye.

If you have any questions or concerns now or anytime during the school year, please give me a call at school (834-8445) or on my cell (call or text 616-328-0352). I look forward to seeing you soon. I am honored to be educating your child and I am very excited about all the wonderful things that the children will learn about this world that God has created.

In God's love,  
Brenda Wells

#### Supplies Needed for School:

- A backpack or bag this is large enough to carry home the special projects and artwork.
- A lunchbox
- (2) boxes of Kleenex
- (1) container of Clorox wipes
- (1) box of gallon size Ziploc bags
- (1) box of quart size Ziploc bags
- (2) rolls of paper towels
- (1) 8ct. package of **washable** markers
- A rest time blanket (and stuffed friend if wanted) that will fit in an 11x11 storage cube. This blanket can stay at school M-F and will be sent home sometimes over the weekends to be washed.