

**Mrs. Pappalardo's
September Newsletter**

WELCOME BACK!!!

September 6, 2011

Dear Parents;

Welcome to Pre-K Class!

During the next few weeks we will help the children to ease into our daily schedule. We will all make some new friends and rely on our old friends to help to make our transition easier. A special welcome to our new families. We are happy you have chosen Beechwood School and hope we will live up to your expectations.

There are a few things that your child will need for class.

1. Art Box: small plastic box (found in the Dollar Store). Please, no shoeboxes! We just don't have the room.

In this Art Box please put:

- 1 pair of scissors (Fiskars brand... the brand is important)
- 1 box Crayola Washable Markers
- 1 box Crayola Crayons (8 pack)
- 1 Bottle Elmer's white glue (No clear glue it's too hard for little hands to squeeze).

Please put your child's name on everything (crayons, markers, etc.).

Please do not put extra supplies in the art box, since it makes it hard for the children to close.

I would like each child to have an Art Box by Monday, September 12th .

2. If you have any old Tee Shirts (Men's) please send them to school with your child.
These make great paint shirts. Please do not put names on them. We will share.
3. Please send a change of clothes for your child. Make sure your child's name is on all items. Place clothes in a zip lock plastic bag. Please label the plastic bag with your child's name.
4. If your child is staying for nap he/she may bring a small light blanket and sleep animal if needed. Place everything in a back pack or plastic zipper case (that sheets or curtains come in). Your child's name needs to be on everything. Sleep sacks are kept on the side of the cots or on top. Do not put sleep sacks on the hooks.

I AM SPECIAL

Once the children have settled into their new class we will review colors and shapes, we will begin our unit I Am Special. We will explore how unique we each are. We are all different yet we are very much the same. The parts of our bodies may look different but they do the same job. For example; Brown eyes – Blue eyes both do the job of seeing.

Each child will have a chance to show the class what makes them unique. Each week one boy and one girl will be the special child of the week. This child will be invited to share their favorite book, music, toy, food, pictures, video etc. The special child may share every day he or she attends school that week.

The week before your child is the special child a letter will be in your child's cubby telling you just what to do. In order to be fair to all, we will choose the children in

alphabetical order, one boy and one girl each week.

While we are working on this project there will be no show and share. Only the special child will share.

This does not include books, which are always welcome.

Please do not send your child to school with toys from home. If it is your child's turn to show & share he/she may bring a toy but after show & share your child will be asked to put the toy away. Often, toys are lost or broken and this causes tears and sadness.

Don't forget to check the Parents Bulletin Board everyday this will keep you in touch.

Snacks are always welcomed. Please remember, our school is peanut-free!

Jayne and I are looking forward to meeting each of you at Back to School Night on info to follow. These first few weeks are sometimes harder on parents than the children.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child please come to us. Jayne and I are also moms, grandparents and problem solvers.

Fondly,

Overview of September

Shapes
Colors
First Name Recognition
Printing First Name
Cutting
Graphing

Social Awareness
Class Rules
Manners
Feeling Comfortable
Fall Fun