



September Newsletter



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Director's Desk

September promises to be a beautiful and exhilarating month. The teachers are just as excited and eager as the children and have planned their activities carefully. There are so many things to teach and ways to teach them. Many of the projects your child brings home will have served several purposes. Often, we are more interested in the process rather than the product. The teachers' goals are to teach the children how to follow oral directions, to locate top and bottom, and move from left to right across the page. If you are ever distressed by what you perceive as a lack of creativity or too little "hands on" in a project, please don't hesitate to call your child's teacher or me. Remember -our goals are the same- a confident child with a positive self-image who loves learning and school.

Sincerely,
Leigh

Reminders

We all want our children to stay healthy. Sending children who might be ill to school decreases everyone's chances for a positive day. A sick child belongs at home. Sore throats, fever, vomiting, and diarrhea are excellent reasons to keep your child at home. Children sent to school with these symptoms will be promptly sent home. If we send a child home, they will need to be home at least **36** hours unless your pediatrician states they are safe to return to school. When they return, they must be symptom free. Please try to be as considerate as you can.

MEDICATIONS: It helps us to know if your child is on medication. The side effects of many antibiotics and decongestants include behavior changes that dramatically alter classroom performance and actions. We recently met with Social Service for clarification of several regulations. The state is strict on the storing and dispensing of medication at school.

Little Things Mean a Lot

1. Please write your child's name on hats, sweaters, jackets, lunchboxes, and book bags.
2. Always have your carpool sign for carpool pickup. Never get out of the car in carpool. We will put your child in the car, and you will pull forward to buckle up. This procedure is necessary in the loading process.
3. If you have not received your parent handbook, Please let me know.
4. We are now collecting half-gallon milk cartons and Pringles cans.

Picture Day – September 10 & 11 (Tuesday & Wednesday)

Individual and Sibling pictures

Tuesday, September 26

Ms. Diane
Ms. Sammy
Ms. Kendall
Ms. Harden
Ms. Price

Wednesday, September 27

Ms. Karen
Ms. Nima
Ms. Ivonne
Ms. Jessica

We are a peanut sensitive school.

No nuts Please!

What we are learning

During this month our two-year old classes look at themselves in a unit we have named "It's All About Me" (of course it is). They look closely at themselves from head to toe. They will learn how they relate to their environment by consciously exploring it. For many of these children this is their first experience away from home. We plan to make it a wonderful, fun and positive one. Their days are filled with many sensory experiences as they look at themselves and talk about their eyes, hair, muscles, etc. We have updated the curriculum, so in addition to individualized papers and art projects there are activity days too. These are the times when Ms. Sammy and Ms. Kendall work with each child on fine and gross motor skills such as how to do puzzles or lace a shoe. Although every day may not produce a craft or paper, be assured their teacher works individually with each child on various activities.

The three-year old's usually settle into the routine of school very nicely. Because apples, school, teachers, and September seem to go together, the threes begin the year with a quick look at apples. Ms., Harden, Ms. Karen, and Ms. Nima will read about Johnny Appleseed. The 3's will also eat, paint, and color apples. It is an extremely fun unit and gives the children a chance to experiment with many different mediums. This will be followed by an in-depth study of shapes and colors. The grand finale will be a Shape and Color Hunt (Similar to an Easter Egg Hunt only we hunt paper shapes, not eggs).

The four-year old's class devotes September to the alphabet – Sounds boring, but not the way we do it! This first month of letter and sound identification is an introduction for some and reinforcement or even review for others. The four-year old's parents will receive a detailed calendar of events for the month of September. If you don't, let us know. This kind of unit provides tremendous opportunities for music, poems, foods, gross and fine motor experiences. Try to help your child remember bubble (B), glitter (G) and Ice cream (I) day. If you missed the snack sign-up sheet at Open House, call your child's teacher. Ms. Ivonne and Ms. Jessica have outstanding ideas and would appreciate the help.

Pre-Kindergarten classes will also be doing a quick review of the alphabet and consonant sounds. One of the advantages of beginning the year with an alphabet overview is the opportunity it gives the teacher to assess fine motor skills and strengthen cutting and gluing abilities. Ms. Diane can't wait to show the alphabet in a whole new way!

Ms. Price Kindergarten classes spend most of September studying the history of transportation. The unit is divided into three areas – land, sea, and air. For those of you new to Beach Manor, I might as well let you know now- we are definitely a party school. It is one of our ways to keep learning a wonderful and memorable experience. We have added a **STEM** program to our kindergarten class. The focus will be on problem solving and critical thinking through math and science during hands on experiments. We can't wait to see where these kids go with it!

Save the Date

Aug,30 & Sept 2 **School closed for Labor Day**

August 26 –October 4 ...Charleston Wrap Fundraiser

September 10 &11Individual Pictures

October 14**School closed Columbus Day**

October 30-31Fall music programs.

October 29 Original Works Fundraiser ends.

November 1Holiday Wreath Fundraiser ends.

November 5.... Conference Day- open for **ALL DAY** students only

November 11.....Veterans Day-**school closed.**

November 28-29.....Thanksgiving Holiday-**school closed.**

December 4-5Winter music programs (Santa TBD)

December 23- January 3...Winter Break-**school closed.**

January 20MLK day **school closed.**

January 27Staff Inservice (**Closed to Students**)

February 17 President's Day **School closed**

April 14-18 Spring break **School closed**

April 2-3Spring Programs

May 20 ..Conference Day- open for **ALL DAY** students only

May 26Memorial Day **School closed**

June 12Kindergarten Graduation

June 13 ...Last Day of School

June 23 – August 15...Summer session