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**Dear Preschool Families:**

We welcome your child to our Pre-School 104 classroom! We are excited about the opportunity to get to know your child, as well as yourself, and we are looking forward to a happy and productive school year. We are very excited to begin the year!

This year we will focus on the following curriculum areas:

* **Approaches to Learning**

*Examples of what we are looking for*: Shows interest in new things, tries to problem solve, etc.

* **Physical Development, Health, and Safety**

*Examples of what we are looking for*: Uses fine and gross motor, practices healthy and safe behaviors, etc.

* **Mathematics**

*Examples of what we are looking for:* counts and names how many in a group (up to 10), sorts objects, etc.

* **Social and Emotional Development**

*Examples of what we are looking for:* Able to be calmed or calms own self, respects others, etc.

* **Science**

*Examples of what we are looking for:* Recognizes that living things have needs, shows knowledge of changes in weather and seasons, etc.

* **Language and Literacy**

*Examples of what we are looking for:* Follows simple directions, listens responsively to stories and books, etc.

* **Expressive Arts**

*Examples of what we are looking for:* Uses body to create sounds, move to music, and express oneself, shows interest in mark making or creating art, etc.

We ask that the students have access to the following supplies by Monday, August 29, 2022:

* Full change of clothes that are **labeled** and in **zip-lock bags**
* Headphones that are **labeled** and in **zip-lock bag** **(***these will stay at school, $5 at Five & Below***)**
* Blanket and pillow (Optional and will be used during rest time. Our classroom can be chilly. Blankets will be sent home at the end of each week.)

**Donations requested for our classroom:**

* Clorox Wipes
* Dry erase markers
* Baby wipes
* Snacks **(*PEANUT FREE/SOY FREE****… fruit snacks, cheese crackers, popcorn, etc.***)**

**\*\* Toys that are brought to school without a teacher prompt, such as show and tell, will be confiscated. Toys can cause major distractions for the students in our classroom. Please keep toys at home unless otherwise stated by the teachers.\*\***

**Parent drop off in the morning will take place from 7:45 AM to 8:05 AM.** There will be a teacher at the table located through the front doors of the building past the office, close to the nurse’s office. A parent and/or guardian must sign students in (persons must be over 18 years of age). Students who arrive after 8:05 AM will be considered Tardy. **Students who arrive after 8:30 AM will be considered late.** Breakfast starts at 8:10-8:15 AM. It is important your child be here on time to begin their day with the rest of the class.

**Parent pick up time is from 3:02 PM to 3:12 PM.** Teachers are dismissed at 3:12 PM and most often leave right after the dismissal time. Students who have not been picked up will be walked to the office to sit with the ladies in the office. **It is important to be on time for parent pick up**. Persons picking up your student MUST BE on the emergency pick up list filled out at registration. **If a person comes to pick your student up and is not on the list, they will not be permitted to take your student home.**

**If your child’s transportation changes, please let the office and classroom teachers know of the changes.**

**Our homework policy is that each student will be required to turn in weekly homework packets on Fridays.** Homework packets will be handed out on the first day of the school week and will be required to be turned in on Thursdays. Homework packets will be given out during SLPS District breaks. If your child completes the entire homework packet over break, they will be rewarded with a special “treat” from our treasure box on our Fun Day Fridays when the packet is turned in to Mrs. Watters and/or Mrs. Zimmer**. Homework is very important for students, even at this age.** The homework that will be provided will only help your child be more successful. In addition, the homework packets will cover topics we are going over in class that week – name, letters, numbers, shapes, counting, etc. Please make sure that the homework packets are being completed weekly in order to build our kiddos confidence! Thank you in advance.

St. Louis Public Schools have an attendance policy in place for pre-school students. Your child’s school attendance is extremely important for the academic success of your child**. The ECE Department has developed a consequential program to address excessive and/or unjustified absences/tardiness with the maximum of 30 hours (five consecutive days). Your student could lose their pre-school placement due to excessive tardiness/absences.** If your student is sick, please notify the school secretary, as well as your student’s teacher (*you may contact the teacher through Class Dojo*).

**If your child is sick, please keep them home. Students must be 24 hours fever free, diarrhea free and other symptoms free, with no medication, before they can return to school. It is important that you give us working phone numbers to contact in case of child getting sick at school.**

We will be using an app called Class Dojo to communicate with parents/guardians. This is a school wide requirement for parents and teachers. This app will allow the teachers to contact you about your child’s behavior (1 *point for a green day, 0 points for a yellow day, and -1 point for a red day*), monthly newsletters, announcements, reminders, and more. **It is vital that you sign up for this application by providing teachers with your name, email address, phone number, and your child’s name**. You will receive a text/email to add yourself in to the classroom. **Please verify your sign up for Class Dojo by August 27th.** Along with Class Dojo, we will use a color clip chart in our classroom. Green means “I followed directions, I had a great day!”, yellow means “I need to stop and think about my choices, I had an okay/good day”, red means “I need to stop and reflect on my behavior. My day was not good”.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by email or phone. I also welcome appointments to meet in person. You can contact me at (314) 385-2522 or LINDAY.NANNA@SLPS.ORG... CHRISTINE.SCHRADER@SLPS.ORG

Let’s work together to make this the best year ever!

Sincerely,

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**104 Preschool Team**

Class Dojo Information

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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*\*Please send this back to school BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2022\**