

Welcome to Pre-K!

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to Pre-K! I would like to personally welcome you to Saint Louis Public Schools. We pride ourselves on having an excellent curriculum, caring staff, and great relationships with our parents. For these reasons, I am confident that your child will have a fantastic school year in SLPS!

A little bit about me, my name is Mrs. Sarah Tanner, and this is my 4th year as an educator and as a part of the Pre-K team here at Mason! I received my bachelor's degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education from Jacksonville State University in December of 2017. Following graduation, I worked as a long-term substitute teacher for Rome City Schools in Rome, Georgia for 3.5 years in grades Pre-K through 12. In 2021, I moved from Georgia to start my career at SLPS, and I never looked back. I am so excited to begin another year at Mason, and I'm sure you are too! Therefore, I'd like to share some details that may answer questions you've had concerning this year and what it will look like for your child.

First, below are some skills that your child will be working on this school year:

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| <p><u>Social Skills</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● sharing● taking turns playing together● role playing● participating in group activities | <p><u>Communication Skills</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● expressing needs and wants● answering questions telling about experiences or stories● using words to work out problems |
| <p><u>Personal Skills</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● using basic manners● using self-help skills (zip, button, snap, tie, use Kleenex, etc.)● washing hands properly● running, jumping, and climbing with body awareness● practicing safety and personal hygiene behaviors | <p><u>Cognitive Skills</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● names and sounds of letters● counting from 1 to 20● matching quantities to numbers from 1-20● recognizing written first & last name● writing first & last name● naming shapes● naming basic colors● sorting by color, size, and shape● adding to/creating simple patterns● completing simple puzzles |

Communication: To share updates and information with parents, we will be using Class Dojo. Invitations to our classroom will be sent as rosters are finalized. If you have any immediate questions or concerns, **email** is the best way to contact me directly. I will check my email throughout the day (before school, during planning/nap, and before dismissal) so this will be the most reliable way to reach me in the case of a transportation change, question, concern, etc. If you need to call me during the school day, please call the school number and the office will forward you to me.

My Contact Information:

- Email: sarah.tanner@slps.org
- Mason ACL: (314) 645-1201

Classroom Supplies

- **Labeled** Change of Clothes (extra bottoms encouraged for younger scholars)
- **Labeled** Screw-Top Reusable Water Bottle
- **Labeled** Blanket (crib size suggested for transportation ease)
- **Labeled** Full Size Backpack
- Vinyl Folder with Pockets

- Composition Notebook
- Spiral-Bound Notebook
- Pack of Crayons
- Pack of Colored Pencils
- Pack of Washable Markers
- 2 Glue Sticks
- Pack of Baby Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Container of Disinfecting Wipes
- Box of Gallon Storage Bags
- Facial Tissue

Please make sure all labeled items have FIRST and LAST names. Additionally, if you are able to donate additional items, please choose ONE of the items below:

- Container of Anti-bacterial Hand Soap
- Pack of Erasers (Pencil Top or Hand Held)
- Box of Bandages
- Stickers (one sheet or a set your child likes)

Snack Calendar: Our classroom will participate in a **Snack Calendar** this year. Each month a calendar will be posted identifying which day your child will bring snack. Snack should be individually packaged, nonperishable, and come in quantities of at least 20 total. You are free to bring in snack early, but please do so no more than a week in advance. If you do not wish to participate in the Snack Calendar, please let me know and instead send your child with their own individual snack each day.

Homework: Your child will have homework while enrolled in Saint Louis Public Schools. Our classroom homework is to **READ** together **EVERY** night. Details on tracking systems will be given later. Occasional home activities may be sent home as well.

Student Attire: Mason ACL follows a Dress-Code Policy which is laid out in detail in the Student Handbook. Please refer to this policy for guidance on student attire.

Open House: Open House will be in-person at Mason again this year! We hope to see you here for the Open House on **August 15th from 3:00 to 5 pm**. Please join us for an opportunity to not only meet me, but to catch a glimpse of your student's learning environment for the 2024-2025 school year. I look forward to the chance to get to know you and hope to see you there!

Finally, thank you for enrolling your child at a St. Louis Public Schools' Pre-K Program. I am looking forward to a fantastic year of learning, development, and successful outcomes for your child!

With enthusiasm for the new school year,

Mrs. Sarah Tanner

Pre-Kindergarten Educator

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