# The Preschool Times



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## Date: August 2023 "Back to School I

#### PRESCHOOL PARENTS!

Welcome back to school!! This is our **NEWSLETTER** where you will receive information about our classroom, the activities, and important dates/events. We play **OUTSIDE** for a few minutes each day. Your child needs close-toed shoes (Tennis shoes). <sup>(2)</sup> Wood chips from playground get into sandals <sup>(2)</sup> It is ok to send your child with a water bottle. We will not be outside when it is too hot. **TOILETRY ITEMS** Please have 2 pullups, wipes, and a change of clothes in your child's backpack EVERY DAY.

#### MONTHLY THEMES 🕹

Letters: S, A, K, H, U, M, T (names, sounds) Songs: "Wheels on the Bus", "Shake My Sillies Out", "Head Shoulders Knees and Toes", "If You're Happy and You Know it" Books: "Spot Goes to School", "Knuffle Bunny", "My Five Sensse", "Owen" Themes: "We Love School", "All About Me" Color: RED (2 wks), GREEN (2 wks) Math: Patterning, Long vs. Short Science: "Rainy Weather", "Building Blocks"

#### Things You Can Do at Home

\*Talk about going to school (i.e. playing with friends, playing with toys, etc.)

\*Matching SAME socks, SAME plates.....talk about WHAT'S DIFFERENT? (color, size, shape, etc)

\*Talk about it being "important to go to school to become smarter and smarter like a big kid"

\*Create a space for your child to have their backpack, etc. to go to school

\*Expect your child to follow 1step instructions. You can give gestures i.e. pointing, waving, etc.

\*Expect independence from your child i.e. give them a light bag to carry in from the car, expect them to carry their own belongings (i.e. backpack, toy, pullup, special blanket, change of clothes) to follow you where you want to go with out holding their hand in places you are comfortable allowing them to be.

\*Expect your child to start taking care of their belongings i.e. put backpack in special spot, take things out for parent to see, throw away trash on their own, etc.

#### **Teacher Notes:**

Aug 9Picture Day!Aug 23/24Parent/Teacher conferences

**WISH LIST**- A "wish list" for the classroom is included in the "Welcome Packet". This is not mandatory, purely volunteer.

## SONGS/LYRICS

## "Happy and You Know It"

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands! (2 x)

If you're happy and you know it, then your face will surely show it,

If you're happy and you know it clap your hands!

(\*We use all kinds of different motions for this song i.e. stomp your feet, touch your nose, jump up and down, nod your head, etc.)

## "Shake My Sillies Out"

Gotta shake, shake my sillies out (3x)

..and wiggle my waggles away!

(\* we use all'kinds of different motions for this song i.e. "jump my jiggles out", "clap my crazies out", etc., )

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