

August 25, 2021

Dear Families,

First Day of Preschool

Tuesday, September 7

8 a.m.

Pick Up at 11 a.m.

During our Greeting Circle each morning, children come together as a School Family. We follow a routine to **unite**, **calm**, **connect**, and **commit** each day. Children will learn calming strategies they can use when they feel upset. During this theme, children will pretend to “smell flowers” (inhale) and “blow out birthday candles” (exhale) as they practice deep breathing. They will connect with their classmates as they learn to greet new friends. Children will also commit to help keep the classroom safe and take responsibility for their own actions.

This week the children will be introduced to many of the ongoing routines they will experience in our classroom, including the attendance and weather routines, and Exploration Time. Children will also:

- learn print concepts such as cover, title, top, bottom, author, and illustrator
- learn same and different, and determine “how many”
- recite the alphabet for fun (example – Alphabet Song)
- recognize their first names
- recognize the first letter in their names
- observe and describe the weather
- ask and answer questions about a literature selection

We do not expect the 3-year-olds to master all these goals as many are set for the 4-year-olds. We consider it introductory level for most 3s.

Emphasis for THE THREES

Word of the Week - awesome

Storytime – *Awesome Me*

Sort by color, shape, and size

Thank you,

Mrs. Zimmer

Smile

Take a deep breath

And

Relax

