



REQUESTS AND REMINDERS FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL STUDENTS

Clothing:

Please label all your child's clothing with permanent marker or iron-on nametags. Unclaimed articles with no labels will be placed in the large "lost and found" box in the cafeteria and sent to a children's shelter at the end of the school year.

Please send in a shoebox with a complete change of clothing all labeled for your child (shoes are not necessary). Also, please put two plastic bags in the shoebox for soiled clothing.

On physical education days have your child wear sneakers. Children should wear shorts or pants. No jewelry please.

Whenever possible, the children will go outside to play once or twice each day. Please have your child dress accordingly. In order to foster independence, select boots and coats that your child can handle with the least amount of assistance from adults. Children should wear closed shoes (not open-toed or sandals).

Birthdays:

The Lower School celebrates birthdays with special activities chosen by the birthday child. The birthday celebrations are focused on involving the whole class in honoring the wishes of the individual student.

Birthday invitations, presents, goodie bags, or toys should not be sent to school.

Lunch and Backpacks:

Please clearly label your child's lunch box and backpack.

Preschool backpacks need to be big enough to hold a folder, a lunch box and a small bag of clothing.

Help us to cut down on waste by sending in a reasonable amount of food in reusable (non-glass) containers.

Children should have a nutritious, well-balanced lunch. No candy, gum, or soda should be sent to school.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Prompt arrival allows for the calm predictable routines that are so important for children. Children who arrive late miss out on the opportunity to greet classmates and teachers and start the day in a calm manner.

Please phone the school nurse by 9:00 a.m. if your child will be absent from school.

Parents must use their visitor name cards when picking up their child.

If someone other than a parent or authorized guardian will be picking up your child, please contact the office. The office will notify the teachers.

Please stay in your car during drop-off and pick-up. Use only the right-hand lane for drop-off and pick-up.

Children with siblings at the school may be dropped off and picked up at the same time. A "carpool" schedule for these times is included in this mailing. If you have questions about carpool, please contact Susan Abramson at abrams@d-e.org or 201-227-3222.

Rest:

A blanket, small pillow and soft cuddly toy may be sent in for rest time. We provide the mats.

Medications:

On any day when a child is sent to school with a medication, parents must notify the school nurse by phone that morning. The medication needs to be sent in its original container, labeled with your child's name, the name of the medication, the dose, the route, and the time of administration. A doctor's note must accompany all prescription medications.

Personal:

Changes in a child's home-life can affect them. In order for us to deal most effectively with your child, families are requested to keep the school informed of any changes such as the birth of a sibling, a move, absence of a family member, severe illness, death, etc.

How families can help in the classroom:

If you would like to share something of interest with the children, please speak with your child's teacher to prepare the activity and set the date.

We will provide the children with a snack and drink which will be available to them during the morning worktime. Parents should contact their child's teacher if they would like to send in a nutritious snack for the class.

Families are invited to come in to read a story to the children. Please contact the teacher if you are interested in doing so.

Thank you for your cooperation in following these guidelines. We are looking forward to a wonderful year with your children

The Preschool Faculty