

Westminster Family Connection



September 2024



Welcome to Westminster's 53rd year!

We are so happy to see our halls filled with children again! I especially love greeting all of you at drop off in the mornings. The little ones are so brave, some have not left their families before and all the new things - the building, teachers, classmates, schedule - are a lot to adjust to! We are so happy to see how everyone is doing! It's going to be a wonderful year!

Newsletter

Our newsletter comes out monthly and is called the Westminster Family Connection for a reason - we're hoping to strengthen the connection between our school and our families. We value open communication. If you ever have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to reach out to me or your child's Teacher. Teachers will not be able to respond to texts or phone calls during class time, however if there has been a difficult drop off, or you have concerns about how your child is doing during class time, please reach out to me. I am happy to check in on your child and update you. Feel free to call (908) 464-4880, or email me at Westminster_nursery_school@verizon.net

What are we doing each day?

Teachers send home, or email, an update on what the class has been doing each week. These initial weeks are filled with adjustments. Teachers are focusing on social emotional skills and creating a comfortable, nurturing environment. Classes are singing songs together, reading books together, playing together and learning classroom routines to foster a sense of community and comfort. It's hard for children to learn if they're worrying about how to make friends, where the bathroom is, or when they will go home. All of us are working towards easing these concerns and any others your child may have.

Back to School Night

We are looking forward to seeing you here next Thursday night (26th) from 7:00pm - 7:30pm for a quick introduction to our school and staff and a chance to visit your child's classroom to see what the class has been up to! You'll also have a chance to look at the summer pictures and the school project in the hall!

Playground

Classes play out on the playground every day, weather permitting. Comfortable covered shoes are best with our woodchips!

Thanks to donations from last year's Art Show and Basket Fundraiser (so fun!) we were able to order our new Little Tikes Tot Tree! It is due to be installed any day now - I will keep you updated!

Labels

Please clearly label your child's belongings (water bottles, lunch boxes, backpacks). We sometimes have trouble matching items to their owners. Thank you!

Allergies

We take allergies very seriously and are a peanut and tree nut free school. Please check the ingredients of any food your child may bring to school for snack or lunch. If an item contains peanuts or tree nuts or says it has been manufactured in a facility with peanut or tree nuts, it cannot come to school.

Absences

When your child is absent for any reason, please call or email to let us know the reason. If your child is sick, it is important to remember that a child must be fever free for 24 hours without medication before returning to school. This is best practice for the child as their immune system is weakened and reduces the chance of germ spread for everyone here at school. We are doing our best to keep our spaces well-ventilated, keeping windows open when possible, using our air purifiers, supervising thorough hand washing, and keeping our surfaces clean and sanitized.

Looking Ahead

Thursday September 26th - Back-to-School night 7:00pm - 7:30pm

Thursday October 3rd - School Closed for Rosh Hashanah

Monday October 14th - School Closed for Indigenous People's/Columbus Day

Tuesday October 22nd - School Photos, Mrs. Machin's class

Wednesday October 23rd - School Photos, Mrs. Ripps', and Mrs. Bocian's classes