

Gentle Learning PRESCHOOL

September Newsletter, 2018

Welcome to Gentle Learning Preschool! We are so glad you are here!

This is our school wide newsletter that will be sent home monthly. It is also available on our website. Included in each newsletter will be information about upcoming activities, dates and special happenings in our classrooms. Your child's individual teacher will also be sending out a weekly newsletter via email to tell you all about the previous week's learning!

Each teacher has sent out at least one "Welcome" email to you at the email address we have on file. If you didn't receive an email from your child's teacher, please let us know so that we can update your information.

Health forms are to be on file at the office. The student information form and the child pick-up authorization form are due to your child's teacher ASAP.

Separation Anxiety: The first two weeks of school can be difficult for both child and parent. If your child becomes upset when separating from you, we understand you are upset, too. We ask that you trust our many years of experience and allow us to take your child into our rooms without you. We welcome you to go to the lobby and hang out while we calm your little one. We promise as soon as s/he is settled, we will come out and give you the all OK within 10 minutes!

Cell Phone Use: For the safety and respect of all parents, we ask that cell phones are used only in the lobby and not within the preschool. Your child is going to be so excited to see you and tell you about their day, we don't want anyone distracted!

Closed Toed Shoes: We want your little learners to run, jump, climb and pedal without worrying about exposed toes. We ask that ALL children wear or bring closed toed shoes in order to participate in large motor activities (playground & motor room). We are happy to help your child change into gym shoes before going outside, just let us know that there is a pair in their cubby or backpack.

Visits from the Librarian: Each month, the librarian from the Lisle Library will visit our school. Children will engage in singing and storytelling, finger plays and flannel board activities. Our first visit will be Friday, September 21st. Unfortunately, visits cannot be scheduled for Tuesdays or Thursdays as it would conflict with story time at the library.

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Book Wish List: We love books! In fact, we ask that when it is your child's birthday, you donate a book to our school library in their honor! We add a sticker to the inside with their name on it so that when we read it for years to come; we are reminded of your sweet little one! We have created a Book Wish list on the bulletin board outside my office complete with the name, picture and description of each book to help make your choosing easy!

Field Trips: One of the most fun parts of preschool is going on the school bus on a field trip! The 4 and 5 year old students will go on 2 field trips this year. We will head to the Arboretum at the end of September and to a play in the spring. Our 3 year old students will go to Cosley Zoo in early May. More details will be sent home as our trip nears.

A Message from the Coordinator:

Gentle Learning Preschool is a very special place for learning and growing. My name is Jill Jehs and I am the new preschool coordinator. It was a pleasure meeting many new families last week at Preschool Preview and reconnecting with familiar faces again! If you ever have any questions about our programs or thoughts regarding your child's individual needs, please don't hesitate to contact me.

At Gentle Learning Preschool, we focus on play based learning to engage children's imaginations and creativity. In addition to our preschool offerings, we also offer extended day programs including enrichment classes, Kids Day Out and lunch buddies.

- **Kids Day Out** is a program where students bring a lunch, eat at school and stay for organized play including plenty of playground/large motor movement time. The program ends at 3:00, but you may pick up your child earlier if necessary. Daily fee is \$16.
- **Enrichment Classes** are offered at 12:30pm. Please see brochure or your parent packet for a list of the classes and fees. Academic classes run weekly for 3 weeks. Art, cooking and special holiday classes vary. Pair your enrichment class with a **Lunch Buddies** punch card for just \$12 and your child can stay for lunch. A punch card covers 3 lunch periods. We hope you give one or more of these extracurricular programs a try.

Our Staff: We have the most amazing and dedicated teachers and staff. They make Gentle Learning a wonderful place to be! Please check out their biographies on our website at www.gentlelearningpreschool.org

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