

Parma Kids Newsletter

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September Units

2 year olds will learn about transportation. This month we will read about cars, trucks, trains and planes. We will make pictures and make boxes into vehicles.

We will learn songs about buses and boats.

3 year olds will study water and air. We will learn how objects move with wind power, talk about water animals - frogs and fish - and play in water. We will have several opportunities to paint, too. We will be introduced to letters W, B + S

UPK/ 4 year olds will learn about insects and transportation this month. For our insects unit we will learn about the letters A -ants, B - bees and beetles and C - caterpillars, as well as make spider webs (not really insects at all!), and learn how insects change. We will learn many fun songs this month. For our transportation unit we will learn to sort vehicles that go in the air, water and on land. We will count wheels and read stories about trains, trucks and boats.

Book Orders

This month we will send home 1 or 2 Scholastic Book Clubs order forms with books that you can purchase. We receive valuable books and teacher resources for our classrooms and your child receives inexpensive books to encourage a love for reading. If you order from multiple forms, please write **one check to Parma Kids, or order online and use your credit card.** Books usually arrive within 2 weeks from order. We also have the opportunity to order Christian books as a fundraiser. Paula Merrill will oversee this fundraiser. They would make great Christmas gifts. The age level is from birth to 12 years old.

The Nursery School Web Site

Our school website is parmakids.com. We can email your newsletter and calendar to you. A form will go out to sign up for this. If you need an extra calendar for a babysitter or second parent home please see Caitlyn in the office. Our school email is parmakidsny@gmail.com.

Contacting Teachers

We now have email available that can be checked each day at school. You may email us at parmakidsny@gmail.com. You can reach Mrs. Hogue at called at 352-1183,

Mrs. Merrill can be texted at 506-5707, and Miss Caryn can be reached at carynarmstrongny@gmail.com.

Save Around Rochester Books

Our first fundraiser for the year is Save Around Rochester Books. We will send home a sample book that you may sell or purchase. If you cannot do that, you must return it to the office. It must be checked off at the office or you will be charged for it. It sells for \$25. The envelop lists the other cities for gifts that are available or you can order on line with our code and we will get credit for it as well. Thank you for your support. Save Around books have a bonus sell 5 and get one free!

Snacks – Must be Peanut and Tree Nut FREE

Please bring healthy snacks – graham crackers, cheese and crackers, fruit, vegetables, 100% fruit juices, water or 1% milk instead of Kool-Aid type drinks. We are required to serve 2 items from 3 food groups each day for snack – dairy, grain, fruit or vegetable. Hilton School doesn't allow homemade treats. We are **Nut free** again this year. A more complete list will be sent home on the back of the school calendar for 2017-2018 school year. Please save this paper. We have children with peanut allergies in all of our classes this year. Several are severe enough to require epi-pens if exposed to any peanut product. Please keep this in mind if you serve peanut butter for breakfast. Learn to read the ingredients on packages. ALL children will have to wash their hands before entering the classroom to guarantee no peanut oils entering on hands that will go on toys and tables. Thank you for helping us keep our children safe.

Parent Handbook and Verification Form

A verification form in the Parent Handbook must be returned to the office saying you read the handbook. This is a request from our insurance company so you understand our policies. We want each family to read the handbook and be aware of the policies for absences, sickness, payments, etc. Keep for future reference.

Label all personal items you bring to school

Please put your child's name on all items, book bags, coats, boots, and show-and-tell items. It helps us very much to return lost items and know we are putting the correct clothing on your child.

Picture Tags & Sign In

Thank you for all those that brought pictures or had their child photographed at Open House. We appreciate the care you have taken to have your pick-up tag for the first week of school. If your picture is not taken yet, please use the temporary tag we have given you. **You must have picture tags to pick up your child. If someone without a tag needs to pick up your child, call the office and the person can show ID to pickup a temporary tag.** Codes for the door have been distributed the first day or at Open House. Please do not let anyone in the door that you do not know. This is a safety procedure.

Book Bags & T-shirts

We will have red printed book bags for sale for \$2.50 again this year. You may use last year's bag if you wish. Extra clothes should be left in back packs. We will also have T-shirts available with our new logo on them; they will be available in the office.

Volunteers and Subs

Our secretary will have forms in the office for parents who would like to substitute as an assistant if one of our regular staff cannot be at school. It is a long process with day care regulations. We will credit your child's account if you sub. Parent volunteers are also welcome. See your child's teacher for specific tasks she might need. Crafts may need to be cut out or assembled. Help is needed with fundraisers. Sign up sheets will be put up on occasion for helping with special days in our classrooms.

New Day Care Procedures

This is our first year with day care license. It is requiring more staff training, fingerprinting and back ground checks that weren't needed a few years ago. Our new facility adds a layer of security as well. Please don't share your security code with anyone you don't give permission to pick up your child. You will also need to let us know if someone is not allowed to pick up. Permission slips for those staying all day include sleeping arrangements and non medication permission slips for sun screen and other topical medication. We do not have the permission to give medications.

New Teachers – Welcome Sue Case to 2's room. Welcome Caryn Armstrong to 3's.

Neither of these teachers are new to us. They have worked in different capacities as subs or with school age and summer camp. We are very excited to have them with us. We still need staff early and late and subs in classrooms. See Caitlyn for applications.