



Dear Cherry Park Pre-School Families,

Welcome to Cherry Park Pre-School! We are so fortunate to provide a free pre-school to the students in our community! We are excited to get to know your family and/or continue our relationship with you.

It is important for you to know that we are a fully inclusive preschool program that encourages all children to grow and thrive. Each child is a gift to us. We help every child grow socially, emotionally, and academically and recognize that children are at all different levels. We emphasize building relationships and making friends that last a lifetime. We hope, as parents, that you make friends with other families and staff, too! We want you to feel connected to our school community!

Your role as a positive participant in your child's education is a key factor in achieving success both in and out of school. Here are some ways you can help:

- **Excellent attendance** and being on time is very important. We have a wait list of students who want to come to our preschool so your commitment to having your child at school every day is imperative. **We require that all students stay above a 90% rate (typically less than two absences per month).** We keep very close tabs on all students' attendance and will contact you if your child slips below a 90% attendance rate.
- Attend conferences and family events. Talk to your child each evening about what they learned and who they played with.
- Read to your child every day.
- Reinforce respecting others and following directions the first time.
- Help them be independent- let them zip, button, pick up after themselves and make choices.
- Be your child's cheerleader-- Be positive, loving and encourage them to do their best.

Times:

AM Session: 8:45-11:30

PM Session: 12:45-3:30

Start date:

September 7th, 2021

Calendar:

Attached you will find a calendar for the year. It is very similar to the kindergarten-fifth grade calendar, but has home visits, "HV", scheduled every Wednesday. **Students do not attend school on Wednesdays. We encourage you to keep this calendar on your fridge to refer to as the**

year progresses. We will also do a reminder call on Tuesday evenings at the beginning of the year.

Classroom Staff:

Classroom One:

Zong Maua: Teacher

Julie Funrue: Assistant

Diane Dinwiddie: Assistant

Classroom Two:

Sarah Adams: Teacher

Becky Latta: Assistant

Anna Vitale: Assistant

Virtual Open House, Thursday, September 9th at 5:30 PM:

We will be having a virtual open house this year in order to provide the safest opportunity for our families and staff to connect. Your child's classroom teacher will connect with you prior to the open house to discuss details.

Supplies:

The only thing that parents provide is a backpack.

Meals:

- AM Session: Free meal provided.
- PM Session: Free meal provided.

Historically, we eat all our meals "family style." Due to COVID we will have individual meals this year. There is no need to send any food with your child unless they have allergies. If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday with a special snack or treat please check with your child's teacher **ahead of time** to make sure we can accommodate everyone's possible food allergies. Birthday treats must be store bought in order to ensure the health and safety of our students. Thank you.

Transportation:

You may either drop off/pick up your child at Cherry Park or they may take the bus (**if your home is in the busing area**). Each child has a transportation tag that they will have zip tied to their backpack. **Please make sure that they bring their backpack every day.** This is critical to the safety of our system.

AM Session: 8:45-11:30 AM

- **Drop Off:** We ask that you bring your child to class **no earlier than 8:40**. Our –preschool doors will open at 8:45. We will come and get your child right outside the office and bring them to the classroom.
- **Bus Riders:**
 - Morning: Your child will be riding in a car seat next to an older buddy on a big bus. If you have someone that you would like your child to sit next to, please let your

child's preschool teacher know. If you don't know someone, we will place your child next to someone at their same bus stop. The preschool assistants will meet them at the bus to bring them inside the building.

- o Afternoon: Your child will be taking a little bus home. They will be in their car seats. **All preschoolers must be met by an adult or they will be brought back to school and you will pick them up from school.**
- **Pick Up:** Please wait outside of the building and we will bring your child to you. It is important that you are here no later than 11:30.
- Please note that we have two little buses for our mid-day run. One bus picks up preschool students and the other bus drops off preschool students. Don't be alarmed if the first bus that you see at your bus stop does not have your child. There will be another bus soon to drop off your child.

PM Session: 12:45-3:30 PM

- **Drop Off:** We ask that you bring your child to class **no earlier than 12:40**. Our school doors will open at 12:45. We will come and get your child just right outside the office and bring them to the classroom.
- **Bus Riders:**
 - o **Mid-Day:** A small bus will pick up your child. Please note that we have two little buses for our mid-day run. One bus picks up pre-school students and the other bus drops off pre-school students. Don't be alarmed if the first bus that you see at your bus stop does not pick up your child. There will be another bus soon to pick up your child.
 - o **After School:** Your child will take the big bus home. They will be riding in a car seat next to an older buddy. If you have someone that you would like your child to sit next to, please let your child's preschool teacher know. If you don't know someone we will place your child next to someone at their same bus stop. **All preschoolers must be met by an adult or they will be brought back to school.**
- **Pick Up:** We will bring your child outside **right before 3:30** in the grassy area right outside the cafeteria by the flagpole. Please meet us there and make sure Teacher Zong or Teacher TBA knows when you take your child.

Visitors: We want to make sure that you know that we have lots of visitors that want to see our school's systems, structures, and teaching methods that we have implemented. We have strict guidelines for our visitors and try to be as unobtrusive as possible.

We will look forward to seeing you at the start of the school year. If you have any questions or need clarification, please don't hesitate to call or email.

Sincerely,

Matt Soule
Principal

