

August 10, 2020

Dear Parents,

We are so excited to have your child in the ECSE/Pre- Kindergarten program. We are looking forward to sharing this time with you and your child. This is such an important time in your child's learning, and we are honored that we get to play a role in your child's learning.

Your child needs to be here at 7:55 am. You need to walk your child to the double glass doors. Children that arrive before 7:55 am will sit in the hallway until 7:45. School will dismiss at 3:30 pm. Our pickup method will be a teacher walking your child to the car that is in line for pick up. If you walk to school to pick up your child, your child will be released to you separately. Please be here promptly to pick up your child.

Your child will need 2 towels, one small pillow and a small stuffed sleeping buddy for nap time, a backpack, a spare change of clothes (shirt, shorts/pants, underwear, socks) and a reusable water bottle with a pop-up or flip lid. Please put your child's name on these items. Other school supplies are important, but if you can't provide it, we will take care of it. Some of the supplies is hard to find during this time of COVID 19.

Breakfast and lunch are served at the school and is free to ECSE/Pre-K students. Your child may bring their lunch if they choose. It needs to come to school with your child when they arrive in the morning.

The following are some guidelines that we hope help you and your child during this transition.

- We will be using Class Dojo to communicate with parents. This will alert you of any information you will need to know. Your invite to join will come to you through email soon.
- As a safety precaution, please send a note or call the office (473-2251), if any changes need to be made to your child's transportation from school. We need to know if a person unfamiliar to us has permission to pick up your child. **We will not let your child go with someone that you have not told us about and is not on their pickup card, unless you have notified the office prior to pick-up.**
- We encourage you to dress your child suitable for our classroom. Please look in the student handbook for the dress code that we follow. The major concern that we have is wearing shoes to protect their feet for when your child is on the playground or goes to PE and take in consideration that some buttons maybe difficult for your child to unfasten in a timely manner when needing to go to the restroom. Please dress your child for success in their environment.

- Please do not send toys from home to school. It is very difficult to share these toys at school. Later in the school year, we might ask for specific toys to be brought from home. Please understand this is different from their small stuffed sleeping buddy for nap time.
- Mask/shields are optional for your child. We will be wearing a face shield/mask. If you want your child to wear a mask, please send one with your child with a note requesting that they do so. Also, please let us know when they are allowed to take it off. (breakfast, lunch, snack, recess, PE, naptime) We are going to social distance as much as possible, BUT these kids need to fulfill their Social/Emotional needs.
- Absences: Please keep your child home when he/she is ill (fever, vomiting, sore throat, etc.) Your child must be seen by a doctor to confirm that they are COVID 19 free before returning to school or quarantine 10 days from the start of symptoms. When he /she returns to school, please send a doctor's note stating the cause of the absence. If your child becomes sick at school, you will be notified. Your child can not stay if they are ill. **While your child is home, they will learn virtually. They will login daily and do assigned activities.**
- We will be serving a snack to your child daily. Our snacks must meet the Minimal Nutrition Food Value Requirements, so we will be asking for \$5 to purchase snacks for our classroom at the beginning of each semester. **Please let us know about any food allergies.**
- Birthday parties-you can bring/send items for your child, but parents may not attend due to safety precautions.
- This Longhorn Folder will be sent home every Monday or Tuesday if Monday is a Holiday. Please read Newsletter and other important information. Please sign your name beside the appropriate date after you have read and returned the appropriate documents.
- We will have two Parent Teacher Conferences this year. The first one will be after our beginning of the year benchmark and the second conference will be after the end of the year benchmark.
- Please feel free to contact us during our conference - .

We are looking forward to a great school year,

Mrs. Follis & Mrs. Boyd