



August 2020

Welcome to Seton Pre-school! We are so excited to meet all of you at our Supply Drop-off days on September 1, 2, and 3. Please use the link found in this email to sign up for an individual time slot. Times are available every 20 minutes-10 minutes for you to visit the room with your child, and then time for the teachers to disinfect before the next student comes. Please limit the visit to the student and 1 adult. Masks are required for anyone entering the building. Here are just a few other pieces of information that you might need prior to the start of school.

**Start Day-**School starts on Wednesday, September 9. If your child is not signed up for Wednesday's, they will just attend their first regularly scheduled day.

**Snack-** In pre-school each student will provide a class snack approximately 1 time per month. We will have September's snack calendar available on drop off day as well as on our website. The calendar will include how many children are present on each day. Families are asked to provide a healthy snack as well as a beverage (water, milk, 100% juice). Due to safety concerns this year, we are asking that snack be in individual servings (small bags of goldfish, Pirate's Booty, Go gurt, small bags of apple slices, cheese sticks, etc) or an unopened box/bag (Cheez-its, Teddy Grahams, etc). Birthdays are celebrated in preschool and will be included on the snack calendar. Your child may bring in a treat as long as they are individually wrapped (ice cream sandwiches, popsicles, Hostess cupcakes, etc). We are unable to serve any homemade items this year or packages of cupcakes/muffins from the grocery store. **If your child has a food allergy, please let his/her teacher know prior to the start of school.** The nurse will provide us this information, but direct communication with you will ensure that we are pro-active on day 1. **Per school policy, nuts of any kind are not allowed, including peanut butter and Nutella.** Typically we use washcloths and re-useable plastic cups for snack but this year, due to COVID, we will be using paper cups and napkins.

**Supplies-** In addition to the supplies on the supply list (found on our class pages), we ask that each child bring a complete **change of clothes** (shirt, pants, socks,

underpants) as well as an **extra face mask**. These can be kept in your child's backpack in case of a bathroom accident, mud on the playground, or a messy art project. Some of our art projects can be particularly messy, so we ask that you also send in an **old adult tshirt** for your child to use as an art smock. These will be stored in your child's cubby when not in use. As with everything else coming to school, these should be labeled with your child's name. We are also asking all students who stay for rest time in the afternoons to bring in a **yoga mat** for them to rest on since these are easily wiped down and disinfected. They will be stored in your child's cubby when not in use. We will not be using towels this year and blankets/stuffies from home are not allowed. We are also recommending that you purchase a **breakaway lanyard or strap** (similar to eyeglass strap-they can be found on ETSY) that will allow your child to keep their masks with them at all times. There will be times that the masks will not be worn and we do not want them to be laid on the tables/floor or lost.

We realize that several of the items on the supply list (Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer, etc) may be difficult for you to find at this time. Please do not stress about it. We have enough currently on hand at school for the beginning of the year, but we do ask that you send them in when you are able to obtain them as we will be going through quite a bit this year.

**School Day/Full Day Students-** Those children who will be staying for the afternoons will need to bring a lunch daily. We do have a refrigerator to store lunch boxes (again, please label these with your child's name) as well as a microwave to heat up food as necessary. Lunch will be eaten in the individual classrooms and sneeze guard barriers will be in place at this time since masks will not be able to be worn.

**Website-** We will be updating our website on a regular basis with upcoming events, classroom activities, and pictures. Snack calendars and monthly newsletters will also be included here.

**Arrival and Dismissal-** Children not enrolled in full day preschool can start arriving at 8:30 AM each morning. You may park along the street on either side of the school by the playground for drop off. Students will enter the building using the playground doors. Parents will walk the child to the door and ring the preschool buzzer. Both parent and child must be wearing masks. A teacher will greet you at the door and take your child's temperature before entering the school. As a rule, parents will not be allowed into the building. If your child's temperature is 100 or above they must go home and will not be allowed in the building. **We will be starting our Morning Meeting each day promptly at 8:45 AM so please have your child in his/her classroom by then.**

We are still ironing out the details of pick up but should have that information for you next week. If someone new will be picking your child up, please notify us in writing or via email and make sure that person has a picture ID. Your child's safety is important to us and we want to make sure that each child leaves with the correct person.

**Take Home Folders-** We will be utilizing take home folders this year in order to send home school communications as well as your child's projects. Please check the folder daily and send back to school the next morning.

**Remind App-**We are asking parents to install the Remind App onto their phones. This is a texting app that allows us to send out quick reminders and for you to send messages to us as well. We will be handing out info on this during the supply drop off days.

**Seesaw-**We will be using the Seesaw app that will allow us to go virtual at a moment's notice. We will be able to post pictures of your child as well as lessons and videos in the event that we need to do online learning. More information to follow.

We hope that you enjoy these last days of summer!

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Thank you.

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