



Welcome to Pre-K4
2017-2018

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Dear Parents,

We are gearing up for an incredible year in Pre-K4 and wanted to fill you in on some important class information:

Specialties:

Monday and Wednesday: P.E. (Please send your child in socks and sneakers on those days.)

Tuesday: Library

Thursday: Music

Indoor Play: In the event of extremely cold or extremely hot weather and of course rain, we will have recess in the new multi purpose room.

Outdoor Play: We do play outdoors everyday (weather permitting) so please dress your child appropriately for the weather. Please have all outerwear labeled with your child's name.


Birthday Celebrations: We are looking forward to celebrating your child's birthday in the classroom. We will contact you about a week before your child's birthday to set up a time for you to come in. Some suggested treats to bring include: mini cupcakes, frosted cookies, and Ricki's cookie cake.

- **Please note that no homemade items may be brought in for the birthday party. All snacks must be store bought with the acceptable kosher certification symbol. This rule applies to all parents, including those who teach Judaic Studies at the school.**

Tzedakah: We will collect Tzedakah each day in class. Please send in a bag of pennies to keep in your child's bin.

Show and Tell: There will be opportunities throughout the year for the children to bring items from home to share with the class. This gives the children a chance to share something special from home and also to build their expressive language, which is the basis for future storytelling and writing. Kids may bring in books or stuffed animals to rest with but please do not send in toys.

There will also be opportunities to bring school materials home as well. Beginning in October, the children will have a chance to take home a Shabbat box. The box is filled with items made and decorated by the children and you can enjoy it together over Shabbat. Throughout the year, the children will be bringing home books that we will be making in class. Our goal of these opportunities is to connect our classroom experience





with your home life. Please return these items promptly to class on the next school day so we may pass them onto the next child.



Guests: We love having guests in Pre-K4. We invite parents to come in and help bake or do activities before the chagim. Also, if you ever want to come in and read a story or do a special activity, please let us know in advance so we can find a time that works. We welcome grandparents as well.



Handwriting Without Tears: Please see the additional handout about this program. We use this program as part of our language arts curriculum.



Math: Math is integrated into each unit based on the theme. We play many games and do many activities that teach patterning, one-to-one correspondence, names of shapes, and to recognize numerals.



Hebrew Language: We introduce a hebrew letter each week so the children will be familiar with them at the start of kindegarten. We count on our Hebrew calendar each day, practice writing our Hebrew names, sing many Hebrew songs, and use Hebrew language in many of our daily activities.



STAR: Each week, we will be using a curriculum that teaches children how to have self-control. We believe it is a skill that needs to be taught just like math and language arts. The ultimate goal of this curriculum is to teach children how to manage their behaviors, how to take responsibility for their actions, to stop and think about the consequences of their actions, to make positive choices, and to resolve conflicts peacefully.



Discipline: Please refer to the handbook that explains the early childhood discipline policy. We follow these systems in our classroom and will work with parents to implement specific plans for their child if needed.



Communication: We want to keep the lines of communication open. If you need to reach us, please e-mail us at our school e-mail addresses which are listed below or send us a message in your child's backpack. We are here to help your child have a wonderful year in Pre-K4. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns, big or little. They are all important to us! Your child is effected by the things that happen at home whether it be a parent going out of town, a relative visiting, a family simcha, etc. Please let us know so we can help ease any anxieties your child may have.



We look forward to an exciting school year!



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