

August 6, 2020

# Welcome!

Dear CCS Families!

Our first day of school is fast approaching and we are so excited! One of our many goals is to make learning fun for your child. They will be making lots of new friends, learning about Jesus, learning socialization skills and their ABC'S and numbers! Your child's teacher is busy getting their room all set up for the new year! If you haven't done so already, you will get a chance to meet your child's teacher at our Back to School Bash (see information below).

**Here is a list of things needed for preschool:**

- 1) **Extra clothes:** Accidents do occur at this age. Please place in a Ziploc baggie with your child's name on it. This will stay in their locker to have on hand.
- 2) **Backpack:** While the little ones are cute, they tend to ruin papers that come home, so a regular size one is best. The first week, we will place a plastic folder in their backpacks to keep papers tidy. Please remove papers daily, but keep the folder in their backpack.
- 3) **Family picture:** We will hang these in the classrooms after showing all of our new friends in class (a copy, not the original is preferred).
- 4) **A water bottle:** Please label **daily** with their name and date.
- 5) **Naptime things:** A small pillow (one that will fit in their backpack) and ONE small stuffed animal, if needed. Cots and a blanket will be provided to rest on. Please do not send a stuffed animal that your child cannot sleep at night without. You may consider purchasing a special one just for school! Children use the same cot all year, we sanitize cots and wash blankets weekly.
- 6) **Cold lunch and drink:** Hot lunch will be available to order monthly (see our website: [calhounchristian.org](http://calhounchristian.org) for the menus).
- 7) **A daily afternoon snack** (for full day students only): Please mark "snack" on it and keep it in their lunchbox or backpack.
- 8) **New Tennis shoes:** These will stay in their cubbies and be used for gym class (for full day students only)!
- 9) **A big smile!** We sure hope you are as excited as we are!

***\* Note: No art supplies are needed, we purchase these as needed as part of the Supply Fee you paid at the time of enrollment.***

Our school day begins at 8:00 a.m., the doors will open at 7:45 a.m. Please enter and exit through our preschool entrance on the north side of the building for drop off. **Anyone entering the building must wear a mask.** Your child's teacher will take your child's temperature and sign your child in daily, before entering the classroom. Pick up is at 11:00 a.m. for morning

preschoolers (at the preschool entrance) and 2:40 p.m. in the front of the school for our full day students. We will bring your child to your car in the afternoons out front. *We ask that once your child is in his/her car seat, you pull ahead, out of the line to buckle them up.*

**Our first day of school is a half day on Monday, August 24th with dismissal at 11:30 a.m. for full day students (at the front of the school). Morning only students still need to be picked up at the regularly scheduled time of 11:00 a.m. in their classrooms. If your child does not attend school on Mondays, their first day will be that week of August 20th. We do not have school Friday, September 4 or Monday, September 7.**

Snack is provided the first week. After that, we will begin rotating through our class list enabling each student to be the snack helper for the entire week. This list will be sent home the first week of school. Please email me (see below) **AND** let your child's teacher know at the **Back to School Bash** (or on the first day of school) if your child has any food allergies.

We invite you to our **Back to School Bash on Thursday, August 20 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Don't forget your masks!** You will get to see the classroom, meet the teachers and staff, and take home a small treat! You can bring the things listed above that night if you would like and place in your child's locker.

**Please note that any missing forms from your child's file will need to be turned in *PRIOR* to the first day of school. Forms include Health appraisals, Birth Certificates and Immunization forms. Unfortunately, they may not start school without these forms on file.**

Feel free to contact me anytime if you ever have any questions, concerns or even prayer requests. Thank you in advance for your support as well. I am honored and feel very blessed to be a part of your families lives and look forward to getting to know you and working with you to "train up a (your) child in the way he should go so when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

See you soon!

In His Service,

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