

Welcome!

July 17, 2023



Dear CCS Preschooler!

Hello! My name is Mrs. Dunakin, your preschool teacher! I sure hope you are having a great summer. I have been enjoying summer by making memories with my husband, our two children, Jocelyn and Jonas, and our dog, Benny. We are having fun with lots of beach days, kayaking, and traveling to see family and friends.

Mrs. Thang and Mrs. Kurtz will also be joining us in The Pond Room this year. They both love to have fun, work on art projects, and sing & dance. We are going to have a wonderful year together!

Are you ready for school? I cannot wait to learn about you and your family and what you did this summer! We are going to have so much fun this year! You will be learning about Jesus, making new friends, and working on learning your colors, shapes, numbers, and letters!

Mom and Dad, here is a list of things needed for preschool:

- 1) Extra clothes:** Accidents do occur at this age. Please place extra clothes in a Ziploc bag 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 folder in their backpacks to keep papers tidy. Please remove papers daily but keep the folder in their backpack. * Note: No art supplies are needed; we purchase these as needed as part of the Supply Fee you paid at the time of enrollment.
- 3) Family picture:** We will hang this in our classroom after showing all our new friends in class (a copy, not the original is preferred).
- 4) A water bottle:** Please label it daily with name & date. Please do not send juice or milk in your child's water bottle.
- 5) Naptime items** (full day students only): may bring a small pillow (one that will fit in their backpack) and ONE small stuffed animal, if needed, that will stay at school all week. 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! A cot and a blanket will be provided to rest on. Children use the same cot all year. We send home nap items, sanitize cots, and wash blankets weekly.
- 6) Cold lunch** (full day students only): Hot lunch will be available to order monthly.
- 7) A daily afternoon snack if your child will eat one** (full day students only): Please mark "snack" on it and put it in their lunchbox.
- 8) A big smile!** I sure hope you are as excited as I am!



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. Pick up is at 11:00 a.m. for morning only students (at our classroom) and 2:40 p.m. for full day students. Full day students are picked up outside, on the north side of the building. *We will bring your child to your car and help them into their seat. We ask that once your child is in their 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 21st with dismissal at 11:20 a.m. for full day students (on the northside of the building). Morning only students still need to be picked up at the regularly scheduled time of 11:00 a.m. from our classroom. If your child does not attend school on Mondays, their first day will be that week of the 21st. We do not have school Friday, September 1st or Monday, September 4th.

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) or let me know at the **Back to School Open House** if your child has any food allergies.

We invite you to our **Back to School Open House on Thursday, August 17th from 4:30-7:30 p.m.** You will get to see our classroom, meet teachers and staff, and take home a small treat! You can bring back the included "Getting to Know Your Child" questionnaire and the items listed above that night if you would like and place them in your child's locker.

We also invite you to join our classes private Facebook group:

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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, your child 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 family's life 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!

Love,

Mrs. Dunakin

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