

August 6, 2018

Dear Parents of Preschoolers at St. John Preschool,

The beginning of the 2018-2019 school year is just around the corner! The classrooms are being organized and decorated and the curriculum is being prepared. I hope that this school year will be a great experience for you and your child.

The preschool school year will start the day after Labor Day. The Tuesday/Thursday class will start on Tuesday, September 4, 2018. The class times are 8:10-11 AM. The Monday, Wednesday, Friday class will begin on Wednesday, September 5, 2018. The class times are 8:10 AM-3:10 PM. By starting after Labor Day, K-6 can get a smooth start and school staff will be available to turn their attention to any preschool needs on our first day.

Here are few details to start the school year. In addition, please read the information packet that is included in this mailing.

*Open House is Monday, August 20th from 6-7 PM. Come to see the classrooms and meet other students and their families. To make our first day of school easier, you may bring in your classroom supplies to the open house. If needed, you may search "supply list" on the St. John School website.

*Parent Only Meeting is Wednesday, August 22. At 6:30 PM, there is a general meeting in the gym for parents of all PreK - 6th students. Then at 7:00, please meet me in the classroom, room 130, at the north end of the building. There will be a brief overview of our school day and year. Parent handbooks and class schedules will be given out. This is also a great time to bring in supplies/ paperwork, and ask questions.

*Be sure to return the child information form. This form needs to be filled out **completely** for your child to attend the first day of school. ***Please do not leave any items blank.***

*Each student will need a large backpack and a sturdy folder of his/her choice. A complete change of clothing needs to stay in the bottom of the backpack in case of an accident. A list of all necessary supplies was sent home in the school information packet and can be found on the school website.

***MWF students need to bring a lunch each day.**

*MWF students need to bring a rest mat labeled with his/her name. If you are unable to find a traditional rest mat, a yoga mat cut down to child size may be used. All mats need to be made of materials that are easy to wipe clean. The rest mat, as well as, a small blanket and stuffed animal from home will be kept in lockers outside of the preschool rooms in the south hall (former JCMS wing). Blankets will be sent home at the end of the week to be laundered and need to be returned on Mondays.

*Please read the attached letter from Mrs. Blair regarding preschool parking. School staff will be in the parking lot to assist with parking until a routine is established.

*Please park in the designated preschool parking spaces and bring your child through the main door near the school office. All other students need to follow normal drop off procedures. Parents are to sign preschoolers in and out each day. The sign in/out book will be located just inside the classroom door. Arrival time is no earlier than 8:00 AM. Tues./Thurs. dismissal is at 11:00 AM. Mon./Wed./Fri. dismissal is at 3:10-3:20 PM. Depending upon transportation needs, a 3:05 PM dismissal time is an option. This information will be discussed at the parent meeting. Please follow regular dismissal procedures for K-6 students and do not ask K-6 students to come down to the preschool room.

I am looking forward to having your child at St. John preschool. The year ahead will be filled with excitement, faith, fun, growth, and discovery! As always, if you have any questions, please ask. The St. John School staff is here to partner with you for the success of your child.

Anticipating a terrific year,

Marla Krueger