

September Preschool Center Parent Connection

These first days have been very special! The children seem to be adjusting well to new places, new friends, and new routines. Check the message board in each classroom soon to view group snapshots from the first days of class.

Calendars

Calendars will be sent home early each month. Please keep it in a handy place all month since it is the primary communication about day to day events for the Center. These calendars include the daily menu for children who are here for lunch.

Office Routines

Please feel free to stop in the office, call (455-5911) or email (tatkeison@gsfbc.org) if you have any questions or concerns during the year. The office is open from 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. each weekday. You should be able to leave a message for us at any time we are away from the desk so we can return your call. We are here to help make this a good learning and caring experience for your child.

Safety Details

Because of fire codes NO vehicles may park under the drive thru - always pull into a parking space. In the event of rain you may park *briefly* under the canopy. Curbside pickup for morning preschool is at the drive thru at 11:30. Drivers remain in the vehicle. Never leave your car unattended in the pick-up line.

If you are picking up or dropping off your child during their outdoor playtime, please come in through the preschool. It is safer to keep the playground gates locked at all times! Always lock your car when coming in.

Also, for safety reasons, **please be aware of the people that you hold the door for** to allow entrance into our building. I know that it is common courtesy to hold the door but if you let someone enter behind you that you have any question about please inform someone in the office so we can check to see if we know them! We cannot be too careful about who is in our building.

Snack Sign Up

Thank you for signing up for a time in August and September to bring morning snacks for your child's classroom. The snack calendar is on the classroom message board. Snacks should include food from *two different food groups*; avoid sugary treats except for special occasions like birthdays and holiday parties. Carbonated beverages are not to be served. We encourage "finger foods."

All snacks need to be pre-packaged or prepared in a commercial kitchen (fresh fruit and veggies will be allowed). The snacks should be simple and inexpensive. Here are some suggestions:

fruit or 100% juice	snack mix (no nuts, peanuts)	ice cream, pudding
cereal or cereal bars	goldfish type crackers	yogurt
cheese with crackers	cookies and milk	pretzels, popcorn
or veggies		

NO NUTS, PEANUTS, NUT OR PEANUT PRODUCTS

Some foods can cause choking and must be modified: please *slice grapes in half*. We can only serve **100% fruit juice**; 48-64oz jug/can rather than single serving containers is more convenient. We will provide any "extra mornings" for each class and afternoon snacks for full day/flexi classes. We furnish cups and napkins. Please label any item that needs refrigeration with the child's or teacher's name.

The online version of this memo is located on our home page as **Preschool Center Parent Connection** – www.gsfbc.org/preschoolcenter

Looking ahead

Fall pictures are scheduled for October 9 & 10

Fall parties will be October 23 & 24