

September 2017

Dear parents,

We were so glad to meet each of you at our home visits and open house. We hope that getting to see each other before school starts is helpful. Our day begins at 9:10 A.M. The children say goodbye at the door, hang up jackets and wash their hands. We then gather at the carpet for a circle time. During free play time, games, toys, books, housekeeping area, play dough and art activities will be available. The children may select activities and will be encouraged to try new experiences as well as cooperate with each other. We all help put the toys away after playtime. Story time includes stories, singing, games and finger plays. Next we wash hands, eat snack together and have a brief rest time while we listen to music. Sometimes the children will prepare their own snacks. We play outside at the end of the morning. Please dress your child in play clothes and put names in coats and back packs. Our schedule is:

9:10-9:40	Opening Circle- A time to learn names, sing, talk about the weather and the daily theme.
9:40-10:40	Free Play- Child's choice of centers and art projects
10:40-10:50	Clean Up- Children help put toys in their appropriate places.
10:50-11:00	Story Time
11:00-11:15	Wash Hands/Snack
11:15-11:35	Play Outside
11:35-11:40	Get belongings and go home

On rainy days, we go to Fellowship Hall, an indoor play area, to ride tricycles, run and use climbing equipment. Our time for Fellowship Hall is 9:40-10:00, with the remainder of our activities taking place in the classroom.

Throughout the year, we will introduce the letters of the alphabet. The children can see upper and lower case printing, and may do a letter related project if they wish. At home you might look for items whose names begin with the letter. I'll let you know by newsletter our "letter of the day".

Starting the first two weeks of school, we will be implementing the Positive Behavior Intervention Support program. We will be emphasizing our school rules, Be Safe, Be Kind and Be a Team Player. There will be planned activities to help the children get to know each other and work cooperatively in the classroom. More information can be found at the web sites mentioned in your parent handbook.

Themes for September are:

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| September 12 | Friends-We will start to get to know each other's names and become acquainted with our class routines. Books we will be using are <u>I'm a Can-Do Kid</u> by Archanbault, and <u>The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry and the Big Hungry Bear</u> by Wood.  |
| September 14 | Circles and Dots- Tomorrow is International Dot Day. We will do circle shaped activities. Check out the web site <a href="http://www.thedotclub.org/dotday/">www.thedotclub.org/dotday/</a> for ideas and activities you can do at home.   |
| September 19 | Caterpillars and Butterflies-It is a joy to see caterpillars turn into butterflies. If you wish, look for green and black caterpillars on carrots, parsley and dill. These will turn into black swallowtail butterflies. The Monarch butterfly lays her eggs on milkweed leaves. We will begin our letter of the day activities with the letter C. An optional activity is a page decorated with crawling, creeping caterpillars made from construction paper cut into circles and colored with crayons. That's a lot of words that begin with C. Can you help your child think of more? |
| September 21 | Butterflies-You may see butterflies in your yard or garden, but some butterflies migrate to warmer climates during late summer and fall. We will enjoy the book, <u>Waiting for Wings</u> , by Lois Ehlert. Our letter for the day is B and we will rubber stamp butterflies on the page.  |
| September 26 | We will feature the book, <u>A Splendid Friend, Indeed</u> , by Suzanne Bloom.   |

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Another favorite book about kindness at the zoo is Stop Snoring, Bernard, by Zachariah\_OHora.

We are looking forward to getting to know you, and we welcome you in the classroom to share your time and talents with the children. Please have copies of clearances on file at the nursery school office. We appreciate your contributions to the class. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns about your child's school experience please feel free to call me at home. (Mrs. Reigle 367-9438 or E-mail dreigle@etowncns.org)

Mrs. Reigle and Mrs. Shepherd

### **ECNS Parent Volunteers**

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania enacted legislation pertaining to Child Protective Services Laws that affect ECNS regarding our volunteer policy.

All clearance forms are available at the nursery school website [www.etowncns.org](http://www.etowncns.org)

### **Ready Rosie**

Elizabethtown Area School District is providing families with a daily, 2 minute video/activity to prepare your child for academic success. This is a readiness program geared to children ages 2-6 years of age.

These quick videos can be accessed from a phone, computer or tablet and will provide you, as the parent, with an activity you can incorporate into everyday life to improve your child's academic readiness.

Please consider registering for this free, beneficial program (<http://readyrosie.com/register>).

Here are some songs we will be singing throughout the year.

### **The More We Get Together**

The more we get together, together, together  
The more we get together, the happier we'll be.  
"Cuz your friends are my friends and my friends are your friends.  
The more we get together the happier we'll be.

With (child's name) and (child's name) and (child's name) and (child's name)  
The more we get together, the happier we'll be. (Repeat)

### **Meeting New Friends**

Meeting new friends is fun to do  
My name is \_\_\_\_\_ How about you? (child points to another child)