



September 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to our Nursery School Class! We enjoyed meeting you at our home visits and hope that was helpful for both you and your child. We look forward to getting to know our new friends while engaging in fun and exciting learning activities throughout the school year.

We hope to make the transition from home to school as easy as possible. If your child is reluctant to leave you, it is our experience that a hug and kiss at the door, reassurance that you will return when school is over, and a quick departure is the least painful way to say “good-bye.” Most children become involved in an activity and before they realize it, you have returned to take them home.

Below is our daily schedule. Please keep in mind however, that there may be times the schedule will need to be adjusted.

- 9:15-9:25 **Hello**-hand in folders, hang up jackets and wash hands
9:25-9:45 **Circle Time**-Hello Song, identify letters in our personal information and who is present, discuss and complete a group activity related to our theme, review our schedule and who has a job, and complete our weather chart and calendar.
9:45-10:40 **Free Play/Activity Time**-Art projects and choice of centers (games, puzzles, manipulatives, books, housekeeping area and sensory table)
10:40-10:45 **Cleanup Time**-Children place toys in their appropriate places
10:45-11:00 **Story Circle**-We will read books, sing songs, dance, play games and do finger plays
11:00-11:05 **Wash Hands**
11:05-11:20 **Snack Time**-Students will pass snack baskets and pitchers of milk and water. They will take their snack, pour their beverage and then pass to the next child
11:20-11:40 **Large Motor Skill**-Outside or Fellowship Hall
11:40-11:45 **Preparing to Go Home & Dismissal**



Our themes for September are:

Sept. 11 & 13: **Welcome to Preschool**-We will become familiar with our classroom, schedule, procedures and rules.

Sept. 15: **International Dot Day**-Today marks the anniversary of Peter H. Reynolds' book, The Dot. We will read and participate in activities based on the book.

Sept. 18: **PBIS**-We will use the book, Have You Filled a Bucket Today?, that encourages positive behaviors. Ask your child what a bucket filler and a bucket dipper are.

Sept. 20-25: **Friendship Week**-We will focus on the importance of friends and how to be a good friend. We will participate in activities created by the Pennsylvania "One Book, Every Young Child" program from the Lancaster County Libraries for the books A Splendid Friend, Indeed, What a Treasure, and Stop Snoring Bernard. **All About Me Bag sharing is September 20-29. Please check the paper sent home or on our Shutterfly site to see the date your child is scheduled to share.**

Sept. 27 & 29: **All About Me**-We will learn about our classmates through various activities and discover all that things that we can do.

ECNS Parent Volunteers

Just a reminder that in order to help in our classroom, you need to have your clearances on file in the office. All forms can be downloaded from our website, www.etowncns.org. Any questions, please contact Kim Elicker at kelerik@etowncns.org or 717-367-6772.

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>

Elizabethtown Community Nursery School Rules

Be Safe, Be Kind, Be a Team Player

We look forward to a fun and exciting year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Schramm at school (717-367-6772) or home (717-426-1998). My e-mail address is jschramm@etowncns.org.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Jennifer Schramm & Ms. Cindy Myers

September Activities You Can Do With Your Child

- *Share photos or pictures in books or magazines with your child and ask him/her how he/she thinks the people in these pictures might feel. Encourage your child to notice and recognize feeling by looking at facial expressions and body language.
- *Talk about the new things that your child is learning each day and praise his/her accomplishments. Decorate a clear plastic jar with your child's name and stickers or pictures. Celebrate each new skill your child does by writing it down on a slip of paper & adding it to his/her I CAN jar.
- *Give your child a mirror and ask him/her to describe his/her face. Ask what color are your eyes and hair? What shape is your nose or cheeks?
- *Make a height chart with paper. Place paper against the wall or door and ask your child to stand with his/her back against the chart. Mark your child's height and date it. Try this again in three months and talk about the change.
- *Bring out baby pictures and current pictures of your child. Compare the pictures and talk about the differences and changes you see.
- *Help your child recognize his/her name in print. Make name cards and place them around your home in places where the child will see them often.

