

August 2022

Welcome to Seton Pre-school! Even though the start of school is weeks away, we know that many of you have questions about the upcoming school year. We have been working very hard to make sure that your child(ren) will have a safe and fun-filled year. We are so excited to meet all of you at our Supply Drop-off day on September 6. Here are just a few pieces of information that you might need prior to the start of school.

Important Dates-Supply drop off day will be on Tuesday, September 6 for the whole school (more information to follow). The first day of school is Wednesday, September 7. If your child is not signed up for Wednesday's, they will just attend their first regularly scheduled day.

Teachers- This year we have 2 three-year old classes taught by Mrs. Smith and Miss Nunez, as well as 2 four-year old classes taught by Mrs. Koerner and Miss Castano. You will be receiving your child's teacher assignment later this summer.

Arrival/Dismissal-The morning preschool session begins at 8:45 AM with drop off starting at 8:30 AM. If your child is enrolled in Before School Care, you can drop off beginning at 7:00 AM. The morning only children are dismissed at 11:15 AM, while the school day children dismiss at 2:15 PM. Children enrolled in Afterschool Care can be picked up any time before 6:00 PM.

We will be continuing with drop off as we did last year. You may park along the street on either side of the school by the playground for drop off. Students will enter the building using the playground doors. Parents will walk the child to the door and ring the preschool buzzer. A teacher will greet you at the door and escort your child in. **We will be starting our Morning Meeting each day promptly at 8:45 AM so please have your child in his/her classroom by then.**

For dismissal, you can park along Varinna Dr (please do not park on Rhinecliff or in the nuns' parking lot) and wait outside of the playground doors. There will be at least one teacher at the door calling the children as parents arrive both at 11:15 and 2:15. This system worked out very well last year and we are anticipating that it will run even smoother this year. If you have other children in K-6 they will be dismissed to the preschool rooms and will exit the building via the playground doors with their younger sibling. If someone new will be picking your child up, please notify us in writing or via email and make sure that person has a picture ID. Your child's safety is important to us and we want to make sure that each child leaves with the correct person.

COVID precautions- At this time, we are not requiring face masks to be worn. This may change as the year goes on. If you would like your child to wear a mask at school, please notify his/her teacher and make sure to pack at least one extra mask in your child's backpack. We do have a supply of disposable masks in case you forget to send one.

Snack- In pre-school each student will provide a class snack approximately 1 time per month. We will have September's snack calendar available on drop off day as well as on our website. The calendar will include how many children are present on each day. Families are asked to provide a healthy snack as well as a beverage (water, milk, 100% juice). Birthdays are celebrated in preschool and will be included on the snack calendar. Your child may bring in any treat of their choosing (mini cupcakes, donut holes, cookies, ice cream sandwiches, etc). **If your child has a food allergy, please let his/her teacher know prior to the start of school.** The nurse will provide us this information, but direct communication with you will ensure that we are pro-active on day 1. **Per school policy, nuts of any kind are not allowed, including peanut butter and Nutella.**

Lunch- Those children who will be staying for the afternoons will need to bring a lunch daily. Mrs. Koerner and Mrs. Smith each have a refrigerator to store lunch boxes but Miss Castano does not so her class will need to make use of ice packs in their lunch boxes as needed. Each room has access to a microwave to heat up food as necessary but there are many children staying for lunch this year so we ask that you do not send in microwavable meals that have a lengthy cook time (leftovers are ideal, as are Chef Boyardee raviolis, mac and cheese cups, etc). Preschoolers will also be able to order hot lunch along with the rest of the school if you so choose however the hot lunch program does not begin until October and more information will be sent home during the first few weeks of school. Lunch will be eaten in the individual classrooms with the teachers.

Supplies- In addition to the supplies on the supply list (found on our class pages on the school website), we ask that each child bring a complete **change of clothes** (shirt, pants, socks, underpants). These can be kept in your child's backpack in case of a bathroom accident, mud on the playground, or a messy art project. Some of our art projects can be particularly messy, so we ask that you also send in an **old adult tshirt** for your child to use as an art smock. These will be stored in your child's cubby when not in use. As with everything else coming to school, these should be labeled with your child's name. We are also asking all students who stay for rest time in the afternoons to bring in a **yoga mat (3's)/ yoga mat or beach towel (4's)** for them to rest on. They will be stored in your child's cubby when not in use.

Take Home Folders- We will be utilizing take home folders this year in order to send home school communications as well as your child's projects. Please check the folder daily and send back to school the next morning. At Supply Drop-off you will be receiving your child's folder containing several forms to be filled out and returned.

Website- We will be updating our website on a regular basis with upcoming events, classroom activities, and pictures. Snack calendars and monthly newsletters will also be included here.

Seesaw-We will be using the Seesaw app again this year. It has proven to be a wonderful communication tool that allows us to keep parents informed of what we are doing daily in the classrooms as well as send individual pictures throughout the day. Login information to follow at Supply Drop off Day.

Watch for more information regarding Supply Drop-off Day from the main office.

We hope that you enjoy the rest of the summer!

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Thank you.

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