

September 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that this letter finds you doing well and excited to join all of us in the preschool program for a wonderful year of exploration! My name is Sarah Holmstrom and I, along with our paraprofessional, Mrs. Leeann Savery, will be working with your children this year. We are both looking forward to a very productive and fun filled year in A109!

We strongly believe in the development of a partnership with all of you while your children are with us. We will utilize an online communication system through ClassTag to stay in daily contact with you. More information will be forthcoming for our new families. For those returning, things will remain the same as last year. **Your children will also be provided with a home/school folder to send home and receive hard copy communications.**

Each child is asked to bring to school with him or her a backpack that is **large enough to accommodate a folder and additional necessities**. In addition, please send your child in with a sheet/blanket/towel as well as a crib sheet for your child's cot. A change of clothing which includes a pair of socks, underwear and top and bottoms appropriate for the season (uniform preferred) is also requested. **Please place your child's name or initials on anything that you send in so as not to be confused with someone else's things. Each child's blanket and sheet will be sent home each Friday afternoon to be cleaned and returned the following Monday.**

An individual student behavior modification plan will be used in our room this year that the children will help create themselves, so as to instill ownership and accountability. It will follow the framework of The Little Red Hen story, which we will read together during our first week of school. Each child has an animal (cat, dog, or goose) with their number on it. As a child makes positive choices (i.e. follows morning routines, cleans up from breakfast, sits ready to learn), his or her animal will be moved into the Hen House. From there, as more positive choices are made, (naps quietly, puts things away, works cooperatively/kindly in labs), the child will remain in the Hen House, earning a sticker for the day or prize if it is Friday. Just as the child's animal is moved forward for positive choices, his/her animal will also be moved back for negative and unhelpful choices (i.e. unkind hands/words, not following directions or not doing jobs/being unhelpful). If his/her animal is in the Hen House at the end of the day, they will receive a sticker. Every other Friday, they will receive a prize from the treasure chest. Our desire is to teach them to regulate their own behavior and that while their actions have consequences, they have an opportunity to learn from their poor choices and do better. That is why our focus is not on a color behavior chart that goes home daily. If your child has not made it to the Hen House at the end of the day, I will notify you with a follow up.

We have a class cotton ball jar that is used for whole class behavior modification. As the entire class follows directions, listens at group times, gets compliments while walking in the hallway, etc., they get a cotton ball placed in the jar. As with the elephants, the class can lose cotton balls if they do not follow whole class directions, etc. Once the cotton ball jar is filled, the class will vote on a prize such as a movie, snack, or game. We are hoping to instill classroom community, responsibility, accountability, and teamwork, by utilizing this behavior measure.

Mrs. Savery and I look forward to a successful school year with both you and your children. Again, please feel free to contact us with any questions, concerns, or issues that you would like to discuss. Here's to a great year!

Sincerely,

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# Daily Schedule

9:20- 9:45: arrival, breakfast, sign in

9:45-10:05: morning meeting

10:10-10:30: small group

10:30-11:40: lab time

11:40-12:00: read aloud

12:00-12:30: lunch

12:30-1:30: rest

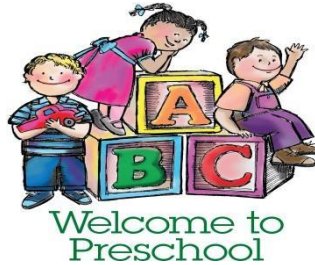
1:30-2:20: lab time

2:20-2:35: afternoon wrap-up

2:35-3:15: gross motor play

3:15-3:20: dismissal

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## **2022-2023 Pre K Supply List**

**\*Please label your child's personal belongings.**

- ❖ 1 Regular FULL sized book bag (Required\*)
- ❖ 1 change of clothes even if child is potty trained\* (complete with extra underwear and socks)(Required)
- ❖ Pull-ups\* (if applicable)
- ❖ 1 Pack of Cottenelle flushable wipes\*\*
- ❖ 1 box of Tissues\*\*
- ❖ Gallon and Quart sized Ziploc Bags\*\*
- ❖ 1 pack dry erase markers\*\*
- ❖ 1 container of hand soap refill\*\*
- ❖ blanket and crib sized sheet (Required)
- ❖ Disinfecting Wipes and Spray\*\*
- ❖ Hand sanitizer
- ❖ \*\* Supplies will be shared with all children in our classroom community.

