



September 2024



Mrs. Lay's Corner

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school! We are excited to kick off a fantastic year filled with new opportunities, engaging activities, and memorable experiences for your whole family.

In this newsletter, you'll find important updates, upcoming events, and additional information that may not have been covered during orientation. We encourage you to take a few moments to read through it to stay informed and involved.

Remember, my office is always open, and I'm here to answer any questions or hear your feedback. Feel free to stop by anytime—we're looking forward to a wonderful year ahead together!

Warm regards,

Katrina ☺

Car Pick Up

I am sure everyone will become familiar with our pick-up procedures over the next few weeks, and we appreciate your patience as we work to make the process faster and more efficient. Here are some pointers to help us run smoothly:

- Do not line up until 5 minutes before dismissal. The 4 Day Pre-K line begins at the end of the Mixed Age line, so arriving too early will result in being caught in the Mixed Age dismissal line.

- If you arrive early, please park in a designated spot and wait until 5 minutes before dismissal to form the line.
- Allow for parked vehicles to merge into the line as they are ready to join.
- If you are the first car in line, please pull up ONE CAR LENGTH past the dumpster to help us maximize space and keep the line moving.
- Dismissals will be conducted with 3 children at a time to ensure safety and efficiency. Please stay in your vehicle until you are in one of the first 3 spots in line.
- If the line extends to the end of the drive, please make a loop and return to the line safely in the parking lot. Vehicles must not hang off the driveway onto the street due to traffic and safety concerns.
- Please avoid making left-hand turns into the parking lot. Instead, go under the train bridge and come back around safely to enter the parking lot.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as everyone gets to know the Jack and Jill routine.

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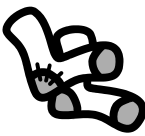
Giving Tree

One way you can support our school is by donating materials that we use daily. If you're interested, please check out the Giving Tree located in the hallway. The tree lists the items we need, and you can take down a card for any item you wish to donate.

Once you have your donation, you can either:

Give it directly to your classroom teacher,
or
Drop it off at the office.

A HUGE thank you to everyone who has donated so far! Your generosity has been truly overwhelming, and we are deeply grateful for your support.



Extra Clothes

If you have not done so already, please leave an extra set of clothes for your child at school. The Mixed Age clothes should be labeled in a bag and left on the shelf above the coat hooks. The Pre-K classes, bags can be given directly to the classroom teachers. Thank you!



Recess

Our classes go outside in all weather conditions, so please make sure to dress your child appropriately. Layers are ideal

for this time of year, as mornings can be chilly but warm up quickly.

Please pay particular attention to your child's footwear. We want them to be comfortable and able to run, jump rope, bike ride, and climb during their outdoor time.

Thank you for helping us ensure that all children are prepared for active play in any weather!



Fire Drills

At Jack and Jill Preschool, the safety of your children is our top priority. As part of our commitment to safety, we conduct monthly fire drills to ensure everyone is familiar with the procedures in case of an emergency.

Our first fire drill of the year will take place during the week of September 9th. Before this drill, we will be discussing the process with the children to help them understand what to expect. For the first drill, we will not use the actual fire alarm, as it can be quite loud. Beginning in October, we will incorporate the alarm sound to better prepare the children for a real emergency.

We also encourage you to consider conducting a fire drill at home, if you haven't already done so. Establishing a family meeting spot and practicing an escape plan can be an important part of home safety.



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Communication

Please remember to regularly check both your email and family mailboxes for important communications. We use these channels to share updates, upcoming events, and any essential information related to your child's time at Jack and Jill Preschool.

Staying up to date with these communications helps ensure you don't miss out on important notices.



Annual Fall Festival

We're thrilled to announce our annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 19th from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM! This event is a wonderful opportunity to build community and raise funds for our school, and we can't wait to celebrate with all of you.

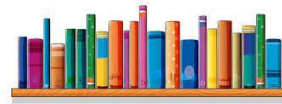
Our Fall Festival Planning Meeting will take place on Monday, September 16th at 9:00 AM in the middle room. If you signed up to help with the festival through the family pledge, keep an eye on your inbox for an email with further details. Even if you didn't sign up but would like to get involved or learn more, we'd love for you to join us!

This year, we're excited to return to a more traditional fall-themed celebration. Admission fees will apply only to children aged 2-12, and we'll start selling "Pumpkin Passports" the week of October 7th. For just \$10, the Pumpkin Passport will grant your child access to all the festival activities.

We will also be selling "Book Grams" for \$5 each! You can purchase a book for

your child, write a special note inside, and Mrs. Lay will personally deliver it to their classroom in November. This initiative helps us kick off Literacy Month in a fun and meaningful way!

We look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Festival!



Scholastic Books

Reading aloud to children is an essential part of their development, and we're excited to offer you an easy and affordable way to expand your child's library through the Scholastic Book Club.

Each month, you'll have the opportunity to purchase books online at great prices. Ordering couldn't be easier, and books typically arrive about two weeks after orders are placed.

If you're buying books as gifts, simply send me an email, and we'll make sure to hand them to you discreetly!

The first order forms will be available soon, with orders due by Friday, September 27th.

Important Dates

Tuesday, September 10th

Tuition Due

Monday, September 16th

Fall Festival Planning Meeting 9:00 AM

Friday, September 27th

Scholastic Orders Due