



September 2017

Greetings to our Dragonfly Families,

Our classroom team welcomes YOU! We are excited to have our room FULL of children and all they have to tell and show as new school friends.

We start our year with a "TRAIN" theme. The Little Engine That Could book has a message that is helpful everyday: " I think I can, I think I can!" Starting school can be as hard as it is fun. There are so many things we don't know YET. It can be tricky gathering and practicing new social and academic skills and routines. Lining up, waiting our turn, staying in our own personal space... trains do this well and we can learn from them. Shapes, colors, the order of the letters in our names, drawing and writing... we'll let trains teach about this too. We will even build a classroom train out of boxes to play in. You'll notice the theme in the projects your children bring home. Sometimes it takes several days or weeks to complete a project. Some days children will bring something home on paper so you can see it. Some days what they bring home is their head and heart. Either way... ask questions about their time at school... what did you sing, what did you play with, what was fun and what was hard? Talking with your children about their school day helps them process the new experiences and furthers their development. Weekly notes will be sent out with more information. Watch for those too!

Please feel free to ask questions, email, send a note, whatever you need to do to feel part of your child's school experience. It takes a team... parent, teachers and children together to for the best outcomes.

Thank you for sharing your children with us!

The Dragonfly team: Sherri, Christina and Susan

Classroom Needs

- Paper cups for Family Style Snacks
- Guest (mystery) Story Readers
- Dry Erase Markers

Reminders

Reading books to and with your family members **is** one of the BEST activities around for **fun**, enjoyment and sharpening academic skills. The recommended time is 20 minutes a day however more won't hurt!

Important Dates

Those first days of school are very important dates this month!

CDC CORE VALUES

1. Live Each Day with Courage
2. Take Pride in Your Work
3. Always Finish What You Start
4. Do What Has to Be Done
5. Be Tough, But Fair
6. When You Make a Promise, Keep It
7. Ride for the Brand
8. Talk Less and Say More
9. Remember That Some Things Aren't For Sale
10. Know Where to Draw the Line