



# ROBIN CLASS NEWS

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Dear Families:

WELCOME TO THE ROBIN ROOM! It is time to get back into the routine of school, but we will start slowly and get to know one another over the first few weeks. Helping children learn about their new classroom and teachers and introducing new classmates may be a bit stressful for some so we will keep that in mind. We are planning on having a good year together with many opportunities to learn new skills and to build on those our students already have.

Our first unit of study will be about how our classroom is a community within our bigger school community. We will start with stories about the first days of school and will do related creative projects for this theme. Children will "tour" the classroom and learn all about the centers, materials, and toys and about how to care for the classroom. We will refresh our memories about greetings, jobs, Brain Smart Start, solving social conflicts with respect, and treating each other with kindness and caring. Our first alphabet letter pair will be Ff for friends and family. We will be asking you to help your child identify favorite and not so favorite things by filling out the attached sheet as a family and then sending the form back to the Robin Room. We teachers want to know what your child is interested in learning and to know a bit more about things you like to do as a family. We will be communicating ahead of time about the topics and skills we will be learning by way of progress notes sent home and through monthly newsletters.

**Again this year you can stay connected to CDC by providing your email address for classroom communication. We'll send you the class e-newsletter and preschool happenings. We will never share your email with anyone outside of CDC. Thanks for your consideration of this opportunity. We will also be getting the REMIND system in place for classrooms so updates and messages will get to you in a more timely manner.**

Last year we began a PTA group and the members had a successful year providing help to classrooms as well as conducting successful fundraisers for the center. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Robin Room at the Back to School Birthday Bash the evening of August 30<sup>th</sup> so please add your name to the list if you are interested in being part of our PTA.

**Sharing Day:** The Robins will have a once monthly opportunity to bring one special item from home to show and tell about in circle. See the Important Date section below for our September Sharing Day. Your child may bring any item special to him or her as long as it is not a weapon or a live animal. Thanks for helping your child practice what to say about the item being brought to school.

Please refer to the information board outside our classroom door to see lesson plans, our class schedule, notices for community events, and other items that may be of interest to you. Feel free to ask question concerning anything posted on the board or to ask questions concerning your child's program. It is GREAT to have all of you in our Robin school family this year!

Best regards from Kay, Rae, and Rosie in the Robin Room

## Special Announcements

Thank you for sending a backpack and a complete set of clothing to be kept at school for emergencies. Please label your child's clothing or the bag it is in.

Please read, complete, sign, date, and return all required materials and forms to the Robin Classroom so we know they have been turned in. Thank you.

## Home Activities

Getting ready for the first days of school can cause excitement or even anxiety. Maybe you and your child can visit about what he or she is looking forward to this year or about any worries your child may have about his or her new classroom.

Please fill out the attached information sheet with your child's help and return it to the Robin Room. We appreciate your participation. Thank you.

## Important Dates

**September 26<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday**  
Sharing Day-bring one special item from home to show and tell us about during circle! No weapons and no live animals, please. ☺  
(Your child might like to bring a favorite book or stuffed animal or pictures of something your family did this summer.)

## 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