



Parent Orientation
Wednesday, September 2, 2020
Miss Ellen

Welcome to Park Shore! My name is Miss Ellen and I will be your child's teacher this year.

I realize that teaching your child is a privilege, as well as a tremendous responsibility. I will do my best to ensure that each child has a motivating and safe learning experience in the classroom.

We will meet new friends, learn social skills, classroom rules and how to be kind to each other. We will also learn colors, shapes, numbers, the alphabet, how to use scissors, write letters, numbers and most importantly our names. I have many fun activities and projects planned!

Prior to the first day of school, please send back your medical forms so we can make the proper accommodations for your child, if any. Also, just as important, is your child's profile sheet. This enables us to get acquainted with your child's likes, dislikes and any special requests that may be required.

I believe that communication is the key to a great parent-teacher relationship. I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at any time. I also encourage you to participate in the "Remind" communication app. It is a great tool for me to send photos, reminders and announcements of special events. It will also be a great way to send photos of bulletin boards showcasing your child's classwork. You can sign up using your cell phone by texting to 81010 the message @4d9geg or email 4d9geg@mailremind.com. This app will prove to be even more useful this year due to changes in policy of allowing our parents on grounds and in classrooms.

On the first day of school, please send your child with a change of clothes in a zip-lock bag, a smock and a crib sheet for their nap mat. Change of clothes should include shirt, shorts, socks and underwear. Be sure to label everything your child brings to school. This will be sent home seasonally to allow for a change of clothes when the weather changes.

In addition, please send your child in daily with a backpack large enough to accommodate their Parent/Teacher communication folder as well as projects

that will be sent home. A full-size backpack is recommended. The smaller child-size backpacks are not large enough to send home all our projects. Please remember to check and clean out their backpacks daily of important notices that you will not want to miss.

I am looking forward to working with you and your child in reaching his or her full potential. Even though this year will be a little different, we will have many wonderful experiences and opportunities to learn and grow in the days ahead.



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Park Shore will look a little different this year!

Due to the unprecedented circumstances that we find ourselves under, we will do our best to make this a fun and exciting year for the children. We have put new procedures and protocols in place to keep the children and staff safe.

Our new outdoor classroom

While weather permits, we will be spending as much time as possible outdoors. We have an outdoor classroom area under the food emporium where I plan to conduct much of our academic instruction and circle time. We are fortunate to have a fifteen-acre campus that allows us to utilize the grassy fields as well. For this reason, I am asking that you also provide a beach towel for your child in order to social distance in these areas for story time and additional academic instruction.

Lunch and Snacks

Due to CDC guidelines, Park Shore will not be providing a hot-lunch program or snacks. Please send your child with their lunch and two snacks daily. Please label all lunch boxes and any plastic containers you send to school. Lunches will be refrigerated. I also ask you to label your child's morning snack which will be removed from the lunchbox prior to it being refrigerated. Morning snack is between 9:30 and 10:00 am. Lunch will be served at 12:00 pm and afternoon snack is at 2:30 pm. We have a Brita water filter in the classroom. If you would like your child to have a drink other than water, please provide it.

Masks

Masks will be worn when the children are not able to social distance. Please have your child practice "Mask Endurance". If you add an additional ten minutes per day or two, your child will be prepared for mask wearing in school. While we are outdoors and able to social distance, masks will not need to be worn. Gators will not be permitted since it has been proven that they are not effective. Your child will become familiar with the term "masks up" during the first few days of school. Children's masks will be provided by Park Shore. I found during camp that the children enjoyed showing their friends their Super-

Hero or novelty masks from home. This is totally your choice. Please send an additional mask to stay in their backpack should the first mask get soiled.

Hand Washing

We will be doing a lot of hand washing this year! Hand washing will be done prior to leaving the classroom and upon returning. Hand sanitizer will be used prior to playing in a center and before moving to a new center. This will help keep all our toys safe for everyone. As always, hand washing will also be done upon arrival to class and before lunch and snack.

Summary of items to send to school

Plastic zip-lock bag with change of clothes to include shorts, shirt, socks and underwear

Crib Sheet for nap mat

Smock

Lunch box with lunch and two snacks

Beach towel

Additional mask to be left in backpack

Please remember to label all items sent to school!

Park Shore Website

I want to encourage all of you to register on the Park Shore website. It will take 24 hours for registration to be approved. You will be able to view photos, videos and school news in addition to our class Weekly Peek.

Progress Reports

You will be receiving three progress reports during the school year. This will give you a good understanding of how your child is doing academically as well as socially.

Birthdays

The children love birthday celebrations. You are welcome to send in a special snack to celebrate your child's birthday. As per the Board of Health, only store-bought items with a label of ingredients are acceptable. Store bought cupcakes or cookies must be nut free. Ice cream cups are also a big hit with the children. We will take photos of your child's celebration and send them to you via Remind.

Name Tracing Sheets

Name tracing sheets will be sent home with a dry erase marker and eraser. Please practice name writing with your child. We work on hand over hand tracing with the goal to have the children writing their names independently.

Scissors

We work on cutting with scissors often. Newspapers and magazines are great for practice. We will begin with tearing paper into small pieces and other fine motor skills to strengthen their small fingers.

Make-up Work

If your child does not attend school five day per week, I will send home all worksheets that are done in class. All projects that are hung in the classroom will be made up. The worksheets sent home can be done at your discretion. You are welcome to send them back for a sticker or stamp. Please do not feel obligated to do the worksheets.



Parent Homework

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

No one knows your child better than you do. As a parent, your perception of my student is a valuable resource. The more I know and understand about your child, the more effective I can be as a teacher.

I would appreciate your participation in a "parent homework assignment" that will be of great value to me. Sometime in the next week, please write me a letter introducing your child.

You might want to include a brief biography, problems, special abilities, fears, strengths, weaknesses, and past school experiences. You might also want to tell me about your expectations for this school year: from me, your child, and the school. Include any information that you want me to keep in mind while I work with your child.

I am looking forward to reading your letters and will respond to any issues and/or concerns. Thank you for taking part in this important assignment. All letters will be kept confidential.

Respectfully,

Miss Ellen

