



Welcome to Room 7

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of a brand-new school year. I am very excited and eager to get started. It's my 32nd year at Park Shore and yes, I still get excited about starting a new school year. Our class Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, September 1st. I am looking forward to meeting all of you. A separate invitation will be sent to you with the time. In the meantime, I thought I would use this opportunity to answer some of your questions.

Suggested Items: A large backpack (large enough for a folder), a painting smock, and a labeled spare set of clothes. A backpack will make it easier to carry items back and forth to school including the parent/teacher communication folder which travels between home and school daily. A painting smock will protect clothing during painting and/or sensory activities. We often paint as a whole class so individual smocks are needed. A spare set of clothes for those unexpected accidents. "Spillages" happen:)

Communication Folders: Each Pre-K child receives a Parent/Teacher communication folder the first day of school. All classroom notices, learning activities, etc. will go home in this folder so it needs to come to school daily. The communication sheet is available for any of your questions or concerns. I will also be using the communication sheet whenever I might have a question or a concern as well. Communication is key to a successful school year so please don't hesitate. As we tell the children – ask. I don't know your concerns unless you ask.

Remind App: Another great form of communication. Texts/Photos can be sent individually or as a group. Great for quick questions. The photos I send will give you insight and info about your child's day. Sign-Up info will be available at Orientation.

Profile Sheets: The more information the better. It acts as an introduction to your child. Help me to get to know your child. Introduce them to me through the profile sheet. Please include any allergies and/or dietary restrictions. This information is vital information and is needed the first day of school.

Playground/Outdoor Fun: Sneakers or rubber soled shoes are suggested for safe playground fun. Most of our playgrounds involve climbing fun. No flip-flops or crocs please. Thank you!

Weekly Peek: Our class “Weekly Peek” is a weekly information newsletter letting you know what your child’s learning activities are for the week. It also lets you know when special activities are planned and what they are. Hopefully this will help with those end of the day questions of “How was your day?” and “What did you do?”.

Kindergarten Readiness Skills: Each month or so we will be working on a “Kindergarten Readiness Skill”. These skills are really self-sufficiency skills. Skills which will foster their independence. They are GREAT self-esteem builders.

Homework: Homework will be given in a packet form on Mondays. Please do it at your family’s convenience and of course, I’d love to acknowledge a job well done with a sticker or stamp so send it back into school. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Prize Day: Always exciting. The children count the “warm fuzzies” they have earned for prizes from our class prize bin. The children can earn “fuzzies” in many ways, using kind words, great sharing, good clean-up or for smart thinking.

Items Coming to School: Please label all items coming to school, Especially jackets, sweatshirts, and sweaters. The children don’t often recognize their belongings. Thank you for your assistance.

**With Much Eagerness & Excitement
Miss Kathy**