

Toddler Welcome Letter September 2021

Dear Toddlers and Families,

Welcome to Miss Melissa's Toddler class! I'm so excited about the opportunity to get to know you and your child, and beginning a happy and productive school year. This will be my 12th year working as a toddler teacher, and my 3 year old daughter will be attending Park Shore too!

Please send in the following items with your child on/or before the first day of school:

* **Diapers**

You can send a full sleeve. We will notify you when we need more.

* **Wipes**

* **Sunscreen**

* **Change of clothing**

* **A sippy cup** (To stay and use in school)

* **A paint smock**

* **A large backpack**- No small backpacks, please. Your child will be coming home with many precious art projects that we will need to be able to pack up properly.

* **Morning snack**- Must be peanut free due to allergies in the classroom, please.

* **Lunch**- We will be having lunch at 11:30am. If you are interested in our hot lunch program please call the main office for further information.

* Please send your child in with sneakers daily. We will be playing outside on the playgrounds and going to gym class!

We do realize how difficult it can be to leave your child with someone they are unfamiliar with and separation can be challenging. Please remember to never sneak out on your child. Give your child a hug and a kiss and tell them that you love them and you will be back later. Then hand your child to one of the teachers and leave. The longer you linger the more upset your child will become. Separation anxiety can take a couple of weeks, so please be patient and keep to a strict routine. When your child realizes that his/her parent does always return, that is when the crying stops. Please feel free to call me to check on your child and see how they are doing. If I can not get to the phone right away, I will return your call ASAP.

I am looking forward to spending many fun, happy and enriching days together! I can't wait to meet all of you!