



Welcome To A New School Year!



We hope everyone had a wonderful summer. We're anxious to hear all about your summer adventures. Whether you're a new family to Growing Years or returning, we'd like to wish you a warm welcome!

Please take the time to read the monthly newsletters thoroughly, as they are filled with important information regarding upcoming events. Newsletters (past and present), calendars, and menus may also be accessed on our website gypreschool.com. Please make sure to pick up the hard copy of your newsletter at the beginning of every month.

Reminders

**September is a 5 week tuition month (last week of Aug. + 4 weeks of Sept.)

When signing your child in/out, you must sign your **FULL signature. Signatures must be **LEGIBLE** so that we are able to identify the individuals picking up/dropping off.

**Make sure your child has spare clothes at school that are appropriate for the changing weather. Please replace any used clothes promptly.

If your child stays for nap time please bring a **SMALL, CRIB SIZE blanket. Blankets must be able to fit folded in your child's mat. If they're too big they will be sent home.

****Share toys** are allowed **WEDNESDAY'S** and **THURSDAY'S ONLY!** All share toys must fit in your child's cubby. Books and Cd's are allowed everyday.

All jackets, sweatshirts, spare clothes, share toys, books, cd's etc...must be labeled with your child's name. Growing Years is **NOT responsible for lost items.

LABEL EVERYTHING! Check Our Lost And Found Box In The Main Building If You're Missing Items.

**Children must be at school by 9:00am.

Make sure your child is coming to school wearing **PLAY CLOTHES. We play hard and get messy! Paint, playdough, dirt and other goodies will get on their clothes.

The children are encouraged to participate in many tactile and sensory experiences that are often messy, therefore children must be dressed appropriately when coming to school.



Pre-Kindergarten September Newsletter



Parent Orientation

Our Parent Orientation is Thursday 9/15. This is a mandatory meeting for all **NEW** families. If you've never been to our Parent Orientation because of a late start in the school year or summer, we strongly suggest you attend. Our parent meeting will begin 7:00pm and wrap up around 8:30pm. We'll talk about events for the school year, important things you should know about our curriculum and review policy and procedure.

Our Parent Orientation is a time for parents to explore our classroom, ask questions and participate in play activities. Because we want you to experience the evening to the fullest, we ask that parents please refrain from bringing children. Parents who are in need of child care can sign up for on site care but be aware that we will only provide supervision for 24 children on a first come first serve basis. Look for our child care sign up on the attendance board.

Family Pictures



Bring in a picture of your family by Friday 9/9. Please bring a picture that we can keep at school all year long. These pictures will be laminated and placed in your child's portfolio at the end of the year. Make sure your child is in the picture along with the family. **Pictures should be no larger than 4" X 6".**

We're Collecting Apples

The Redwoods are collecting apples for a special project! On September 13, 14 and 15 we'll make applesauce and dehydrated apple chips for snack. Please bring in apples to share for this project (2 or 3 per child). We need apples of all sizes and colors. We'll be collecting apples from Sept. 6-9. We need all apples turned in by 9/9 so we can get started.





Birthday Celebrations

Please keep your child's birthday celebration simple. Do not bring pinata's, goody bags or toys. Bringing a special snack is a great way to celebrate your child's birthday at school. Our class will sing and make the birthday boy or girl feel special.

Some suggestions for birthday snacks: cereal bars, fruit kabob's (the children love fruit!), jello cups, pudding cups, jigglers, yogurt, rice krispy treats, ice cream cups, cereal bars, cookies, fruit snacks, popsicles. Please **NO CAKE OR CUPCAKES** or anything with nuts, as we have some children with severe nut allergies. Please bring enough snack for 30 children.



Book Orders

When ordering books from our book clubs, please be sure to make checks payable to Scholastic Book Clubs. **NO CASH** will be accepted. Drop off your order form and payment in the book order envelope located on the parent information board (main building). Orders can also be placed online.



Parents Night Out

Once a month our teachers get together and offer a night of babysitting. Parents Night Out is from 5:00pm to 11:00pm on Saturday nights. Dinner is provided and siblings are welcome. The cost varies depending upon the number of children and ages. Look for our sign up each month on the attendance board. If we see an interest in PNO, we will increase it to twice a month.

Portfolio's

Your child's portfolio is a compilation of photographs, art work, stories and observations that document their growth and development throughout the course of the year. Each family is required to contribute \$50.00 for the cost of picture developing and portfolio materials. Sample portfolio's will be on display at Back To School Night. The portfolio fee is to be paid in **CASH** (a receipt will be provided). The portfolio / supply fee goes directly to your child's portfolio therefore we ask for cash payments. Please submit payment for your child's portfolio by Friday 10/7. If you have any concerns regarding portfolio's or the fee please direct your questions to Shalimar.

The portfolio fee was referred to as the supply fee in your admission agreement.



Tuff Tumblers & Soccer Classes

In addition to the full curriculum that our staff provides, we also offer additional activities from qualified instructors. Instructors come to our center on a weekly basis to offer their programs. Participation in these classes is optional and additional fees are to be paid to the individual program(s). Information regarding times, fees, and registration can be found in the main entrance. These classes are taking place inside during outside play time. "Tuff Tumblers" class is offered Tuesday afternoons 4:00 - 4:45. If you're interested in bringing SOCCER CLASSES to our school look for the sign up in the main entrance. If we have enough interest we'll start a class!



Tuition

If you have any questions regarding tuition please speak to Miss Shalimar. If you need a monthly receipt for your tuition payments please attach a request to your tuition check. You only need to submit one request and after, a monthly receipt will be provided for you. Receipts are sent out at the end of the month or when tuition is paid in full. Receipts should be picked up at the entrance of the main building.

Tuition may be paid weekly, bi-weekly or monthly and must **always be paid in advance**. Tuition checks should be placed in our tuition box located at the front desk. All cash payments should be handed directly to a staff member and a receipt will be provided for you. Dependent care forms should be dropped off in the tuition box and picked up at the main entrance.

Star Of The Week



Star of the week is a great way for everyone to get to know your child. It builds self-esteem and shows our class that everyone is special and unique. Every week we will have a new Star Of The Week. The week before your child is the Star we'll send home instructions and ideas on how to decorate your child's special Star Of The Week Board. Return your decorated board the start of their special week. During your child's week feel free to come in and share stories about your child with the class. You may also bring a special treat for the class if you so choose. Your child's Star Of The Week board will be displayed in our classrooms for the entire week.



Want to know more about our staff? Be sure to check out our staff profiles on our website~ gypreschool.com Want to see current pics and video clips of activities happening in our classrooms? Visit our Facebook page~ facebook.com/gypreschool

Mark Your Calendar

Growing Years Will Be **CLOSED** The Following Days This Year:

September 5--Labor Day Holiday

November 24 & 25--Thanksgiving Holiday

December 26 - Jan. 6th--Winter Break (We'll Be Back Jan 9th)

January 16--Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 20--President's Day

April 28 --Staff Development

May 29--Memorial Day

Other Dates:

June 9 --Last Day Of The School Year

June 12 --Summer Session Begins

The Months Of October and May Contain 5 Weeks.

Please Adjust Your Tuition Payment To Include The Additional Week.

**December is a 3 1/2 week month due to our winter break.

**January is a 4 1/2 week month due to our winter break.

You will pay 1/2 your weekly tuition rate for the weeks of 12/26 & 1/2.



**We Look Forward To
A Great Year!**

**Miss Ashley
Miss Cori**

SEPTEMBER

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September Is A 5 Week Tuition Month

(Last Week Of August + 4 Weeks Of September)

\$50 Portfolio Fee Due 10/7

(Cash Payment)

1 Miss Shalimar's Birthday
2 Nathan's Birthday
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4 5 6 7 8 9 10
CLOSED
Bring Apples In This Week
Family Picture Due Today
Parents Night Out 5pm-11pm

11 12 13 14 15 16 17
Introducing Letter "A" This Week
Parent Orientation 7pm
Making Applesauce

18 19 20 21 22 23 24
Introducing Letter "B" This Week
Miss Charlotte's Birthday

25 26 27 28 29 30
Introducing Letter "C" This Week
Jack's Birthday

SCHOOL BUS

