



Monthly Newsletter

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PRESCHOOL NEWS: AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2019

WELCOME TO IMAGINATION STATION PRESCHOOL

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year at Imagination Station Preschool! I am so excited to have the opportunity to teach your child this year and guide them in experiencing the many fun and engaging learning activities I have planned. As your child begins this year, I will focus on helping them transition to a new learning environment, a new social situation, and new learning activities.

Transitions can be difficult for preschool-aged children, and they will need time to adjust to their new surroundings, rules, and routines. Please keep this in mind as your child begins the school year as you may notice changes in behavior and sleep patterns. It takes much mental and physical stamina to participate in play-based learning activities throughout the day. After about 6 weeks, your child should be somewhat acclimated to the learning environment as well as rules and routines. I will do my best to offer a safe, nurturing, and caring learning environment for your child; however, not every child has the same needs. Please reach out if you see your child struggling during the first weeks of school so we can work together to formulate a plan in order to ensure they are happy and engaged at school. Additionally, the first 1-2 months of school will provide an opportunity for me to carefully observe, assess, and plan developmentally appropriate learning activities for each individual student so that each student is getting their learning needs met. Again, please reach out if you feel that your child is having difficulty getting their learning or social-emotional needs met at school. I look forward to getting the school year underway and getting to know your child and family better!



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LEARNING CONCEPTS

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER THEME: Family & pets

| Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 |
|----------------|--------------|-----------|--------|
| Back to school | All about me | My Family | Pets |
| LETTERS | NUMBERS | SHAPE | COLOR |
| F, H, T | 1,2 | circle | red |
| S-E CONCEPT | | | |
| friendship | | | |

Field trip: The Dumb Friends League

RECOMMENDED BOOKS THIS MONTH:

- o "We Don't Eat our Classmates", Ryan T. Higgins
- o "A Tiger Tail", Mike Boldt
- o "The Name Jar", Yangsook Choi
- o "You're Finally Here", Melanie Watt
- o "If you Take a Mouse to School", Laura Numeroff
- o "Pete the Cat: Rockin' in my School Shoes", Eric Litwin
- o "The Kissing Hand", Audrey Penn
- o "And Tango Makes Three", Justin Richardson
- o "Families, Families, Families", Suzanne Lang
- o "A Handful of Buttons", Carmen Paredes Luque
- o "They All Saw a Cat", Brendan Wenzel



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- "Not Norman: A goldfish Story", Kelly Bennett
- "A House for Hermit Crab", Eric Carle
- What Pet Should I Get?", Dr. Seuss

IMPORTANT DATES/EVENTS

AUG 23: Open house, 10am-12pm

AUG 26: First day of school

SEPT 2: Labor Day, No school

SEPT 4 & 5: Water play days

SEPT 26: Field trip to the Dumb Friends League animal shelter, 10am

Water play days are weather dependent. Please send your child to school in their swimsuit on water play days and provide a full change of clothing and a towel. Please apply sunscreen in the morning and, I will reapply sunscreen every 2 hours as needed throughout the day. You may provide other outside gear such as sun hats, water shoes/sandals, and sunglasses if you would like. Water play will take place in the backyard area.

Our first field trip of the year to **The Dumb Friends League will be on Thursday, September 26th at 10am**. We will take a tour of the facility and participate in the preschool level RESPECT course that teaches children how to meet a pet by practicing some basic safety steps. I am looking for at least 1 parent volunteer to drive and help with chaperoning, but anyone that would like to join is more than welcome. There is no fee for this field trip as it is free to the community.

<https://www.ddfl.org/community-education/>



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WHAT TO BRING TO SCHOOL

Each child should bring a back pack to school, 1-2 snacks (half-day vs. full-day), a healthy lunch, water bottle, and a full change of clothing that is weather appropriate. Please include a pair of socks and underwear in case of accidents; which do happen on occasion. In the summer and hotter weather months, please provide protective sun gear and sunscreen for your child. Please apply sunscreen in the morning prior to school arrival. For colder months, please provide boots, jackets, hats, mittens, etc. for outside weather play. Please keep in mind that Colorado does have sunny days in the winter and sunscreen application throughout the year is a good idea. Please send appropriate snow gear if there is snow outside. Outdoor play is a very important part of the school day, and we will go outside if it is 30 degrees or above. If it is too cold for outside play, we will have indoor free play as an alternative. Please send your child to school in sturdy, closed-toed shoes so that they are able to run, walk, climb, etc. on the playground. Open-toed shoes or flip flops are not permitted as it is difficult for children to participate in outdoor activities in these types of shoes and they may cause injury.

COMMUNICATION

Communication will take place through a variety of methods including email, weekly & monthly newsletters, and the Brightwheel application. Brightwheel is a platform for sharing information about your children at school including meals, naps, activities, and photographs. You will receive an email invite for Brightwheel in the coming weeks before school starts. Please contact me through email, Brightwheel, text, or phone call if you have questions or concerns about anything at any time. I will try my best to respond within 24 hours to your messages.



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I am looking forward to a fun and engaging school year with your children!
Please contact me with any questions or concerns, thanks!

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