



PRESCHOOL NEWS



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Welcome to our 2009-2010 Preschool year! We are glad to see returning families to our program and we are looking forward to becoming acquainted with our new families.

The purpose of our monthly newsletter is to share general Preschool news with you. You can also keep informed of Preschool events by checking the calendar at the bottom of the stairs, the classroom bulletin boards, or by asking the staff. If you prefer, you can email any of the teachers at stoothaker@brunswickme.org. Your child's successful Preschool experience requires an ongoing effort on your part and ours to keep the lines of communication open. Preschool Director, Susan Toothaker, will be available daily after Preschool until 1:15pm to answer any questions or welcome comments and suggestions.

A reminder to returning families – please submit a copy of your child's updated immunization records if you have not done so already. Thank you.

CROSSING GUARD FOR SAFETY

The Preschool program has a Crossing Guard for the safety of you and your child when you come to the Recreation Center. He/She will be stationed at the Crosswalk in front of our building to assist you in crossing Federal Street during drop-off and pick-up times. We ask you to cross Federal Street ONLY at the crosswalk. Doing this makes it safer for you and your child. Please wait for the Crossing Guard to stop traffic and signal you to cross.



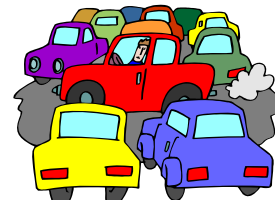
CLASSROOM ACCESS

An ADA compliant entrance has been added to make the Recreation building accessible to persons with disabilities. You are welcome to enter the lobby through this entrance, but please use the stairwell adjacent to the Deputy Director's office for transporting children to and from the classrooms. The back stairwell off from the gym and the emergency door to the back of the building is not for Preschool use. Thank you for your cooperation.

CAR POOL PARKING

We have only one space reserved in the front of the building for families car-pooling with 3 or more children. Town ordinance does not allow double parking in this space. Please try to limit your time in the building so that this space can be available to other families.

In addition, Town ordinance doesn't allow for use of the handicap parking spot for Preschool families unless the vehicle is equipped with a special designating plate or placard issued by the Secretary of State.



ARRIVAL / PICK UP

We realize that everyone is eager for the morning to begin. We ask that Preschool families not enter the building before 8:50 a.m. The doors to the classrooms will remain closed until 9:00 a.m. Please wait upstairs in the lobby away from the stairs until the teachers open the doors to signal that they're ready. There is a Recreation Department policy stating that the gym is not available for Preschool use before the start of the morning sessions. We make every effort to open the classroom doors promptly at 9:00 a.m. We would also appreciate all parents waiting upstairs in the lobby away from the stairs until the doors are opened at 11:30 a.m. Classes will be returning from the playground, just before 11:30 a.m., and it is very difficult (and a safety hazard) for them to get down the stairs if the stairwell is blocked. Thank you for your cooperation.

PLAY TIME

Children learn through their play. Even though wearing smocks is a prerequisite to messy play, misplaced paintbrushes, finger paint, watercolors, etc.

are common occurrences so we ask that your child wear suitable clothes for such activities. Our classrooms can be unusually warm. Dressing your child in layers allows for play in all kinds of temperatures.

On bad weather days, we use the gym. Your child needs soft-soled shoes or sneakers to play on the gym floor.



SHOW & TELL

Show and Tell serves several purposes. It encourages a child to speak in front of a group as well as to learn to be an active listener. It can draw the class together as they learn more about each other. Most children enjoy choosing their own Show & Tell. However, we ask that you help them to avoid bringing potentially dangerous items. Toy guns and toy knives are not allowed for Show & Tell. It is not necessary to bring an item every time. We are happy to have children share by telling us about a visit to see a relative, making something special at home, or about a trip to the dentist. Please check with your child's teacher about Show and Tell days.

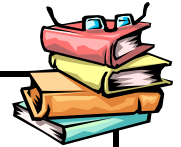


PEANUT/FOOD ALLERGIES

Our school is a designated nut-free environment. We are taking steps to ensure the safety of children with food allergies. **We will no longer be accepting snacks from home.** We will not be able to accept snacks that contain nuts, traces of nuts or those that have been prepared with equipment that has also processed nuts. If you have any questions regarding this or any other dietary concerns, please see one of the teachers. Thank you in advance for your help to make your child's classroom safe for everyone.

BOOK ORDERS

We send Firefly book order notices home once a month. After the master order is sent, it takes 2-3 weeks for the shipment to arrive. You are under no obligation to buy. The quality of the books vary. They do offer many of the books we use in our classrooms throughout the year. The Preschool receives no money from these orders. We do get other benefits such as free books and an accumulation of bonus points that we can use to make larger purchases. If you do decide to place an order, please make checks payable to the "**Town of Brunswick**" or you may pay cash. Do not make checks payable to the book company. Please place your child's order form and payment in an envelope.



Book Orders Due
Wednesday, September 16

VISIT US ON THE WEB

You can view the monthly newsletter and receive information on our program. To get to our site go to: www.brunswickme.org/parkrec. You can still email us at stoothaker@brunswickme.org.

Preschool Needs

4 oz Baby food jars
Large plain paper bags
Ballerina slippers

