

Four Seasons Childcare & Preschool Newsletter



SEPTEMBER 2023 Edition
Director: Lauren Trimbur

PARENTS

WELCOME to all current and new families! The children will spend the first few weeks learning about their classroom, routines and the classroom centers.

Starting a new school or coming back from vacation can be an anxious time for some children. The most important thing that you can do to make this transition more comfortable for your child is to be positive, supportive, and reassuring.

Our goal is to provide a safe, healthy and nurturing environment with the highest quality learning program for your child. The staff here at Four Seasons School is looking forward to teaching your children through play, hands-on learning, and exciting activities. We have a great year of opportunities and experiences planned to share with them.

Our newsletter is an avenue for Four Seasons to communicate with parents. Please be sure to read them monthly and watch for upcoming volunteer opportunities and fun happenings at school. We'd love to have you get involved!

WEBSITE

Our school website is FourSeasonsChildcareAndPreschool.org.

FACEBOOK

Please join us on Facebook: "Family and Friends of Four Seasons Childcare and Preschool."

BRIGHTWHEEL

Be sure your family's Brightwheel is set up and ready to use! This will be our main source of communication. Make sure anyone who is dropping off or picking up have their own codes and are on your approved pick up list. Every individual person will need their own code. Sharing codes is not permitted. Codes can be acquired through the app or through the Brightwheel website. If you have any questions regarding your Brightwheel account please let us know!

WELCOME BACK STAFF!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our current and new staff members.

Director - Lauren Trimbur: FourSeasons-Director@outlook.com

Office - Helen Deviney, Deborah DeHeyman, Caitlin Higgins

PreK - MaryEllen Militello – *Lead Teacher*

Threes - Stacy Salley – *Lead Teacher*

Twos - Caitlin D'Angelo – *Lead Teacher*

Ones - Erin Barrett – *Lead Teacher*

Toddlers – TBD & Lauren Trimbur

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Ms. Cait, Ms. Liz, Ms. Megan, Ms. Dar, Ms. Kim, Ms. Leigh,
Ms. Kelly, Ms. Victoria, Ms. Abbey & Ms. Alex

WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Ms. Abbey joined our team in the spring. She is currently taking college classes. We love her energy, positivity and creativity!

Ms. Alex joined us at the start of the summer. She has many years of experience working with children. We are looking forward to experiencing all of the super fun activities she has planned!

SAD GOODBYE

This year, we were sad to say goodbye to some wonderful staff!

Ms. Celena is off to her new classroom. We look forward to seeing her again very soon!

Ms. Nikki is heading off to college. We look forward to seeing her on her breaks from school!

Ms. Kaitlyn has decided to pursue other opportunities. We wish her the very best!

We wish all of our FSCP teachers the very best in all of their future endeavors!

REMINDERS

Tuition payments are due on the 1st of each month.

- The first day for M-F & T/TH students is September 7th.
- The first day for M/W/F Students is September 8th.
- The school day starts at 8:30am. All students should be here by 8:45 am at the latest.
- Before Care starts at 7:15 am. ****You must be registered for before care for early drop off.**

NOTE: Students must remain with parents at all times during drop off and pick up. Children are not permitted to roam the building without an adult. This is a safety issue.

Morning drop off:

- Children are not permitted to be dropped off eating breakfast. Students may not bring breakfast into class. This is a safety issue regarding students with allergies. Students will be asked to wait in the with parents until breakfast is finished.
- All students must be dropped off and settled in their classes no later than 8:45 am. Our school day starts promptly at 9:00 am. It is very distracting to the other students when students arrive late. Late students will not be permitted to enter the classroom during instruction time. It is not fair to the other students who are engaged in their lessons.
- Students are not permitted to be dropped off earlier than their contracted drop off time. Our staff ratio does not allow for early drop offs. If you arrive earlier than your specified time, you will be asked to wait in the foyer with your child until your drop off time.

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DROP OFF/PICK UP PROCEDURES

***We will continue to follow our outside Drop Off/Pick Up procedures. Please visit our website for details.**

Before Care begins at 7:15am, school starts at 8:30am. Pick up for basic school day is at 12:30pm. Aftercare pick up times are 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 and 5:15pm.

Please be sure to sign in and out each day. There will be no admittance after 8:45 unless the office has been notified and approved.

- If your scheduled drop off time is 7:15 am, you will be dropping off at the main door. Parents must park in the lot and walk their children and their belongings to the door and ring the bell.
- If your drop off time is 8:30AM, you will be dropping your child off at their classroom door. Parents must escort children and their belongings to their classroom doors.
- PreK and 3yr students will use the Lyceum Ave. entrance doors.
- Toddlers, 1yr and 2yr students will use the last door in the parking lot that opens directly into the 2yr classroom.

STUDENT SAFETY

- Please be cautious when entering or leaving the parking lot...little feet travel here.
- Please do not allow access to anyone you do not know into the building. **Do not hold doors open. Make sure doors are closed behind you.**

PARKING:

All vehicles must **enter** through Lyceum Avenue side only and **exit** through Mitchell Street side only. This is for the safety of our students. Please know that this request is **not optional**. We ask for your consideration and cooperation. Please be mindful that little feet travel in the parking lot. Please go slowly. If you are parking along side of the building, please pull up as close to the building as possible so that other cars may get through.

ACTIVITIES

During registration, Four Seasons School collected an activity fee from each child. We have exciting activities planned for each month. Please ask your teachers if you have any questions about this or upcoming events.

SICK POLICY

***At this time we are following our 48-hour sick policy. Please visit our website for details.**

It is important to keep your child home when they are sick. If your child is sent home sick, they may not return to school until they have been **symptom free** from the last occurrence for 48 hours.

- NO** Fever
- NO** Vomiting
- NO** Diarrhea
- NO** Rashes
- NO** Green/Yellow Nasal Discharge
- NO** Nasal or Eye Discharge

FSCP Policies

Please review our Parent Handbook to review:

- Late Pick Up Policy
- Late Payment Policy
- Sick Policy
- Refund Policy
- Poor Weather Policy, etc.

SPECIALS

This year we are happy to bring back our specials classes. Beginning in September, we will offer:

- Art @ Born Creative (2s, 3s & PreK)
- Yoga (18 months, 2s, 3s, & PreK)
- Soccer (2s, 3s & PreK)
- Music (Toddlers, 1s & 2s)

More info to follow!

DONATIONS

Please keep in mind that we are always in need of the consumable products for your child's classroom. We ask each family to donate the following items:

- Tissues; Paper Towels; Napkins; Disinfectant Wipes; Lysol Spray; Coffee Filters; Baby Wipes
- **Toddlers&1s:** Ziplock Quart Bags
- **2s:** Ziplock Gallon Bags
- **3s:** Ziplock Quart Bags
- **PreK:** Ziplock Gallon Bags

We thank you in advance for helping us keep your child's classroom as clean and germ free as possible.

For Your Calendar:

8/26 - 9/6
School Closed

Thursday 9/7
1st Day M-F & T/TH

Friday 9/8
1st Day M/W/F

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SCHOOL SUPPLIES

You will need to bring the following items to school for your child/children. Be sure to clearly label all items with your child's name.

- A light weight, standard size school bag large enough to hold a folder. No wheels, please.
- A lunch bag that fits in the school bag with a healthy lunch.
- A complete change of clothing in a large zip lock bag. Child's name on the bag please.
- A light sleeping bag or blanket, and a fitted crib sheet for nappers only.
- Diapers & wipes if needed
- 1s & 2s – smock or craft bib

For Toddlers 12 months and younger:

- Daily Schedule (completed monthly)
- Bottles (Formula/Milk)
- Baby Food
- Diapers/wipes
- Pack-n-Play sheets – 2 **must be pack-n-play size**
- Bibs - 3
- Change of clothes - 3
- Blankets - 2
- One Fitted Crib Sheet
- Smock or craft bib

Ones

- AM & PM milk cups (spill proof) clearly labelled *If your child drinks milk/if your child no longer drinks milk water will be served.
- Refillable water bottle daily, clearly labelled.
- Lunches cannot be warmed up. Please send items that are cut and ready to serve.
- Please pack a clean bib in lunch box daily.
- Diaper cream with medical protocol form in a Ziploc bag, clearly labelled.
- 3 changes of clothes clearly labeled
- Diapers- about 25
- Wipes- 2 packs

Twos

- A labeled, full water bottle daily
- Lunches cannot be warmed up. Please send items that are cut and ready to serve.
- Diaper cream with medical protocol form in a Ziploc bag, clearly labelled.
- A complete change of clothing in a large Ziploc bag. Child's name on the bag, please.
- An extra pair of shoes. (labeled)
- Diapers- about 25 * no pull-ups please!
- Wipes- 2 packs

Threes

- A labeled, full water bottle daily
- Lunches cannot be warmed up. Please send items that are cut and ready to serve.
- Diaper cream with medical protocol form in a Ziploc bag, clearly labelled.
- 2 sets of clothing in a large Ziploc bag. Child's name on the bag, please.
- An extra pair of shoes. (labeled)
- One pack of assorted color dry erase markers
- One pack of glue sticks
- Plastic spoons
- One plastic folder
- One individual photo of child
- One family photo

PreK

- A labeled, full water bottle daily
- Lunches cannot be warmed up. Please send items that are cut and ready to serve.
- One pack of assorted color dry erase markers
- One pack of glue sticks
- A small flashlight (labeled)
- One pack of highlighters
- Coffee filters
- Plain paper plates
- Plastic spoons
- One family photo

THANK YOU
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