

Hello Families,

We look forward to the new school year & watching your children learn, grow & have fun!

- School day 8:00am-3:10pm. Monday-Friday Sign in starts at 7:45am. First day of school is August 19th 2020.
- To comply with the Health Department, Parents will not be permitted into the Early Learning Center. Your child will be signed in, temp checked (non touch thermometer) and hands sanitized before going into the classrooms.
- We will be thoroughly cleaning & disinfecting the Center before School, after School & during recess breaks.
- Your child will have their own assigned cubby for coats, backpacks, P.E shoes etc. We encourage Family pictures to be brought in to place on their cubbies :)
- Please send your Child in uniform if they attend on Wednesdays. This is Mass day. Three, four and five year olds will attend Mass. Ms. Sharon will stay at the Center with the 2yr olds (uniform still required) Uniform consists of the following: Navy or white collared shirts with St. Mary's logo, khaki or navy pants or skirts. **No shorts**; navy dresses or jumpers are permitted with St. Mary's logo. River Bend embroidery has our logo.
- Hot lunch is available to purchase (billed monthly) or you can send your child in with a lunch from home. Hot lunch menus will be emailed and sent home with your child. We do not microwave food at our center; we will refrigerate any food items from their lunch that need to be kept cold. Hot lunch count goes in at 9am every morning, Mrs. Hubbard is our amazing lunch lady and she brings our hot food over to the Center.
- If your child has food allergies, please give us a detailed list of foods that they are allergic to. This will be posted in our kitchen at all times. If you are more comfortable sending your child in with their own snacks for this reason, that is fine.
- Your child will be assigned a show & tell day once a month, this item can be a favorite toy, stuffy ,book, souvenir or something that is important to them. Additionally, this will be your child's snack day, please bring in a healthy snack for the entire class to share. Please plan to send a healthy snack for 16 students.

Ideas: - Cheese sticks, apple sauce, pretzels, crackers, grapes, apples, oranges, carrots

- Please bring in a water bottle, with their name on. We have a water dispenser for refills. These will be sent home to be washed daily.
- Recess- We have our own play area outside that only the preschool children will use (weather permitting) If your child needs sunscreen applied, please bring it in, with their name on the bottle. We will have a form for you to sign for this.

- We will send a copy of our daily schedule home with you. We do circle time (Pledge of Allegiance, Calendar, Weather, green choice/red choice) arts & crafts, learning centers, table time and reading every day. Your child will also be assigned a job for the week; these could be flag holder, line leader, prayer leader, snack helper, librarian, calendar helper, weather person etc. They love having these responsibilities! The 2 & 3yr old class will be sent home with a daily 'my day today ' sheet.
- Please bring a blanket for nap/quiet time. A favorite stuffy is fine too. We do ask that no other toys are brought in from home (unless it is their show & tell day) For children that no longer nap, they have book time on their mats. Blankets will be sent home at the end of the week to be washed.
- Please bring in diapers/pull ups if needed for your child. We will assist in potty training (when decided by parent) We have a potty rewards chart that works really well!
- Your child will be assigned a blue communication folder that they will keep for the school year. This will be for art work, menus, newsletters, forms etc. This will be sent home with them at the end of the school day. Please bring the folders back in with your child every morning.
- The first day jitters can be hard for your child especially after a very long spring/summer break. We will make this transition as easy as possible & we can assure you that the tears never last for long. Once they get into the swing of things and start playing/learning with their new friends, all will be fine.
- Our promise to you is that your child will be loved and cared for; they will learn and have fun with the goal of making lifelong friendships here at our Early Learning Center.

See you all soon, we are excited for the new school year!

Please feel free to call, text or email anytime with any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

Ms. Sharon

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