

Algonquin Parent News

September, 2021

The Algonquin Way

The educators at Algonquin will actively commit to creating a stimulating, language-rich classroom environment that is developmentally appropriate, implements best practices, and is differentiated to meet the needs of every student. The classroom will capture the individuality of the whole child, encourage students' curiosity and creativity, and prepare them for future success.

Welcome Back Algonquin Families!!!!

Our school year is off to an AMAZING start!!!! It has been such a pleasure to meet each of our 2021-2022 preschoolers!!!! Our students are busy from the time they arrive, until the time they prepare for dismissal. . It may look like playing with toys to you, but our students are thinking, exploring, engineering, and learning, all through play!!!! Our students are learning routines, procedures, and expectations daily, so please talk to your child about their day and do not hesitate to extend their thinking as you inquire about their day. We are looking forward to working closely with each one of you, as we partner with you to enhance academic capacity, and to empower our students to take ownership of their discovery.





The Preschool Years

The preschool years (ages 2-1/2 to 5) are an exciting time for young children. Preschool-aged children's style of thinking and learning can best be described as "what you see is what you get," or reasoning based on the way things look. Preschoolers rely heavily on the literal appearance of things as a means of understanding the world around them. For example, if a child breaks her graham cracker into four pieces while her brother breaks his in half, she thinks that she has more graham cracker than her brother because she has four pieces and he only has two pieces. Similarly, a child may begin a friendship with another child because of something appealing that the other child has, such as a pretty dress or a new toy. Adults play an important role in helping children take initiative and explore their environments. Adults' behaviors, attitudes and styles of thinking contribute to preschoolers' development. Talking with children and including them in conversations helps to develop their language skills. It is important to give children opportunities for make-believe play. This helps them to understand themselves and others, and encourages their imaginations.



Algonquin's School Day

Half Day

8:15-10:45 a.m.

12:15-2:45 p.m.

Full Day

8:15a.m.-2:45 p.m.

Attendance Matters!!!! We need our students at school each day and on time. Attendance plays a significant role in student achievement. Our Preschool program sets the foundation for future success as it prepares students for Kindergarten and beyond.

In the event of an absence, please be sure to call the attendance line at (708) 668-9202. The following information is needed when calling your child off of school for the day:

- The student's name
- Parent/guardian's name
- Date of absence
- Reason for absence

Dismissal

New procedure alert: beginning August 30, 2021. If your child does not ride the bus and a parent/designee pick them up daily, we would greatly appreciate you signing your child out daily. The teachers at the door, will have a clipboard, and we would like for you to print and sign your name, as a record of who our students were released to at the end of the school day. If you need to assign someone different to pick your child up from school, please inform the school secretary or the classroom teacher. Also, please make sure that your designee is aware of our dismissal procedures.

School Bus

In the morning when putting your child on the bus, if you know someone else will pick the child up from school in the afternoon, please let the bus driver/monitor know this information immediately. In addition, please inform your designated pick up person, that the school personnel will request identification upon pick-up. It is also helpful if the person is on your pick - up form that was completed during registration/screening.



Emergent Literacy

Reading books is one of the most valuable ways that parents can spend time with their children. Reading to children helps them develop an awareness of the sounds of language, understand that letters represent sounds, and value literacy. The books listed below (title, author/illustrator, publisher, publication date) promote children's emerging literacy skills through rhyming, repeated patterns and predictability. Most importantly, they are fun to read!

- *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*

By Bill Martin Jr.

Illustrated by Eric Carle

Holt. (1992).

- *Caps for Sale: A Tale of a Peddler, Some Monkeys, and Their Monkey Business*
By Esphyr Slobodkina
HarperCollins. (1987).
- *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*
By Bill Martin, Jr., and John Archambault
Illustrated by Lois Ehlert
Aladdin. (2000).
- *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*
By Laura J. Numeroff
Illustrated by Felicia Bond
HarperCollins. (1985).
- *The Napping House*
By Audrey Wood
Illustrated by Don Wood
Harcourt. (1984).
- *The Polar Express*
By Chris Van Allsburg
Houghton Mifflin. (1985).
- *The Snowy Day*
By Ezra Jack Keats
Viking. (1981).
- *There's a Nightmare in My Closet*
By Mercer Mayer
Dutton. (1992).
- *Where the Wild Things Are*
By Maurice Sendak
HarperCollins. (1988).
- Dr. Suess books
 - *Hop on Pop*
 - *The Foot Book*
 - *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*
 - *Green Eggs and Ham*

**Parent Advisory Council Meet & Greet September 7, 2021 at
9:30a.m. Limited space R.S.V.P needed**

**We are looking for parents to join our Parent Advisory
Council!! Contact Ms. Jordan or Ms. White at (708) 668-9203
or (708) 668-9442**

Parent Volunteers Needed!!!!

We need your help!!!! We understand that your day is filled with work or just life. However, we know that several parents are looking for ways to help our school, during afterschool hours. You can help us by passing out preschool recruitment flyers at work, at church, in your neighborhood, or at your local

social groups. Please contact Ms. Jordan and/or Ms. White to obtain your flyers. We appreciate your time and your support.



- September 3, 2021 Preschool Screening for new students
- September 6, 2021 Labor Day (No School)
- September 7, Parent Advisory Council (P.A.C)
- September 15, 2021 Virtual Open House (6:30p.m.)
- September 16, 2021 Early Childhood Network
- September 21, 2021 National IT Professional day

- September 23, 2021 Early Release Day (Afternoon classes cancelled)
- September 24, 2021 Family Playgroup (9:30 & 1:30)



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