



Building a Solid Foundation



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Dear Parents,
I want to thank all of you parents for your patience and understanding as we started school with our new check in procedure. We are working on improving our processes. Thank you for allowing Ms. Tamara and Ms. Andrea's students to be dropped off first in the morning, in turn they are released first in the afternoon at 3:00pm. As the cold and flu season arrive I want to remind you to look at your parent hand-

book for the "is my child too sick to go to school guidance" If your child is complaining of a sore throat, cough or has a fever please keep him or her at home to observe if they are getting better or getting worse. We are working hard to keep our center illness-free. All you need to do is call us to let us know why your child is absent. Our program has two apps with a family option to share information back and forth with teachers one is



called Teaching Strategies Gold and the other one is Ready Rosie. By now you should have been set up on both apps and that is what we will use if we have to move to virtual learning at any time.

If you have any questions, feel free to give us a call at 336-1203.

With gratitude
Cecilia Dowell,
Center Manager

On October 12th we will have our Pumpkin Decorating Family Night. Due to COVID restrictions we will only be able to accommodate 3 guests per enrolled child(ren)

I will have a sign up sheet at drop off/pick up time to get a head count of who will be joining us. Family Night will be held at the Community Building Dance Room from 5:30 to 7:00 Pizza, carrots, ranch and water will be provided.

Picture Day is Almost Here

Fall School Pictures have been rescheduled with Rick Avalos Photography out of Pueblo.

Pictures will now be taken on **Wednesday, October 6th** starting

at 8:30am. All orders will be completed online so there won't be any order envelope going out.

He will take pictures of all of the children and parents can decide

what to purchase on the website.



Avalos
Fine Portraiture

Thank you to a generous donation we will be able to purchase one pumpkin for every enrolled child to decorate at Family Night.



Classroom News

What is MyTeachingStrategies® Family?

MyTeachingStrategies® Family is an online family portal and mobile app that gives families another connection to their child's classroom. Through MyTeachingStrategies® Family, teachers can share documentation, weekly plans, reports, activities, and more.

My TeachingStrategies is the portal that we will be using if we have to go back to virtual learning or if your child is in remote learning.

Ms. Andrea and Ms. Tanya's Classroom has been working on learning routines, getting to know our friends and learning the classroom rules

Ms. Tamara and Ms. Shellann's Classroom has been working on learning letter sounds, classroom routines and proper hand washing.

Ms. Donita, Ms. Vanessa's Classroom, they are talking about being a good friend, proper handwashing and classroom routines.

Ms. Chandra and Ms. Marisol's Classroom has been working on classroom rules, practicing letter writing, music and movement and being a good friend.



“Education is the most powerful weapon for changing the world.” Nelson Mandela

Events happening at our center in October

SCHOOL PICTURES—October 6th starting at 8:30am

October Dress Up Days are as follows:

Monday, October 25th Pajama or Sweats Day—

—at home, challenge your family to

build the tallest pillow tower - email me a picture of your tower to cecilia.dowell@ojc.edu

(please send tennis shoes to wear with the pajamas)

Tuesday, October 26th—Western Day



Wednesday, October 27th—Wear Your Favorite Color Day — wear your favorite color t-shirt, pants or whole outfit

Thursday, October 28th—Crazy Hair Day—

Thursday is also an early release day, students will be released at NOON so teachers can complete parent/teacher conferences.

Thursday, October 28th after 12:00pm and Friday all day— Parent/Teacher Conferences at the Center—COVID screening and a facial mask are required before entering the classroom.

Your child's teacher will be contacting you to schedule the conference time

FAMILY NIGHT

When: Tuesday, October 12th

Sign up sheets will go around the week before October 12th

Where: Community Building Dance Room

How Many guests are allowed: 3 per enrolled student

What: Decorating Pumpkins—1 pumpkin will be provided for each enrolled student—you may bring extras if you chose

Pizza, carrots, ranch and water provided

Parent Committee Meeting: Topic

Car Seat Safety










October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 Picture Day	7	8	9
10	11	12 Family Night 5:30pm	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Policy Council Meeting	22	23
24	25 Pajama or Sweats Day w/ regular shoes	26 Western Day	27 Wear your favorite Color Day	28 Crazy Hair Day Parent/Teacher Conferences	29	30
31				**Thursday, October 28th students will be released at NOON **		



Preschool staff suggests that you have your child go to bed by 8:00pm

Bedtime Routine

-  Eat Dinner
-  Have Bath/Shower
-  Clean Up
-  Drink Milk
-  Brush Teeth
-  15 min Reading
-  Sweet Dreams

Please send your child to school with a jacket as it is beginning to be colder when they arrive and during morning outdoor time.. Also let us know if your phone number or address changes so we update our records system for notifications



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