

Welcome to the Winchendon Preschool Program!

Beginning a new year is always a time of excitement for everyone. We are looking forward to a great year getting to know your child as an individual. Each month I will send home a calendar and a newsletter highlighting upcoming events and important dates at school. This year we are continuing our new district wide program called Wonders. The first unit in this program is Who We Are. Each unit covers one month and includes math, science, social studies, literacy, social emotional and music and movement. The focus questions for unit 1 include:

Week 1: What do we do in school? How do we learn new things?

Week 2: What do we do with our eyes, ears, fingers, and toes? What does our flag look like and why is it important?

Week 3: What special things can we do? How are we alike and different?

Week 4: What are our senses? What can we learn at a museum?

This year, you will be hearing the acronym PBIS often. PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies and focuses on teaching children the skills necessary to interact socially and strategies for problem solving when needed. Our focus topics are:

BE KIND and BE SAFE. We will be spending time this year learning how to be kind and to be safe at school, at home and in the community.

It is going to take some time for the three year olds to adjust to school. Our focus for the time being is going to be learning the routine and making new friends. We will be working on colors, shapes and numbers all year, completing projects, playing games and singing songs. We will be working on our fine motor skills (working with our fingers) completing art projects, playing in the activity tables and using manipulative toys and on our gross motor skills moving during circle games and playing on the playground.

The four year old classes will be working on learning basic concept skills in math and English language arts including the alphabet, counting, fine motor skills including writing their name and social skills including how to be a good friend.

Extra Clothes- Please send extra clothes to leave at school including pants, shirt, socks, and underwear. If an accident should occur it is helpful to have clothes here should a change be needed. It is helpful to us if the clothes are in a labeled Ziploc bag.

Birthday Celebrations - We celebrate with a song and a crown for the birthday boy or girl. Parents are welcome to send in a snack for the class but it needs to be a prepackaged snack from the store with the ingredients listed.

Communication- It is important for the success of your child that we keep communication open between home and school. I will not be able to speak with each family personally every day but we will be able to keep in touch throughout the year in several ways. Please write me a note, send an email or call the school if you need to contact me. I am available from 8:15 -8:45a.m and 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. at 978-297-3436. You can also email me at askawinski@winchendonk12.org.

If someone other than a parent will be picking up your child we need a written note. That person will be asked for identification before the child is released. If the same person will be picking up continually one note is fine for the year.

Upcoming Dates: School Pictures on Monday, September 30 for both AM and PM classes and Tuesday, October 1 for AM class only.

Wish List

napkins

disinfectant Wipes

shaving Cream

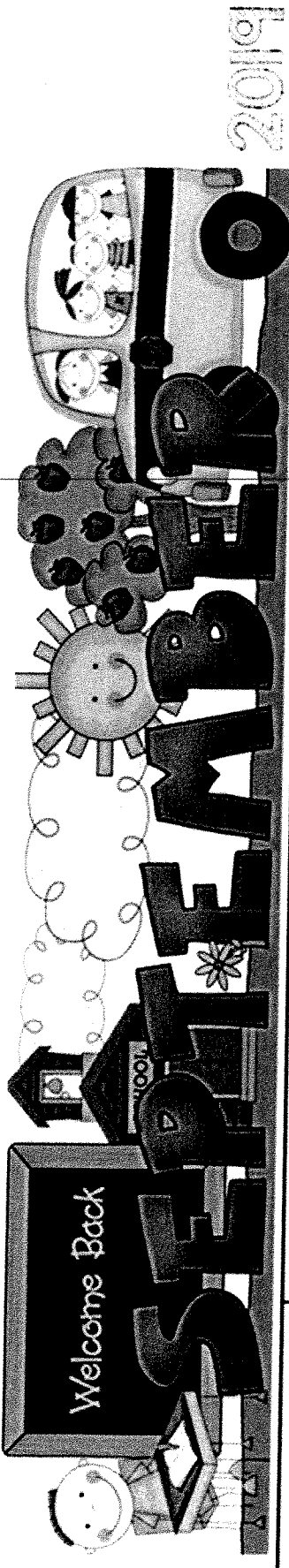
purple glue sticks

Thank-You,

Mrs. Skawinski

Mrs. Manuel

Mrs. Forgues



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Mrs. S's M/Th AM Orientation 9-9:30	10 Orientation T/F AM 9-9:30 PM 12:15-12:45	11	12 Preschool Starts M/Th AM and PM	13 Preschool Starts for Mrs. S's T/F AM class	14
15	16 PTO Meeting 5:30 at Memorial	17	18 Playgroups Ages 0-3 9:00-10 Ages 3-5 10:00-11	19	20 Book Order Due	21
22	23	24	25 Playgroups Ages 0-3 9:00-10 Ages 3-5 10:00-11	26	27	28
29	30 Picture Day Mrs. S's M/Th AM and PM classes	October 1: Picture Day Mrs. S's T/F AM Class Only				

