A Child’s Drive for Independence

NOTES of IMPORTANCE:

Monday March 18th to Friday March 22nd.

There will be NO public school or VPK that week. Please remember to sign up if you need childcare during the week of Spring Break. ONLY those that sign up will be able to attend!

Sign In: ALL parents “MUST” be signing their child in and out every day! (It is a state law and must be done)

9:am Arrival: Please remember to have your child here prior to 9:am. Arriving past that arrival deadline may hinder your child’s ability to be cared for. Beyond 9:15am. If you have not called, your child will not be able to attend or stay without a doctor’s note!

Change of Cloths: All children need a weather appropriate change of clothing, with their names on them.

Blankets: You may provide only one blanket. No pillows are allowed.

We Do NOT serve breakfast: We provide a simple snack at 8:30am. Please do not drop off your children with a Sippy Cup, fast food breakfast or home meals. We are not geared to coordinating breakfast needs. Please make sure
your children are nourished before they arrive at school.

**Lunch Containers:** All such containers, boxes, etc. must have an Ice Pack and the child’s name on it.

**Footwear:** No flip flops or open toed shoes are allowed.

**Toys, Gum & Small Items:** Please do not allow your children to come to school with Toys, Gum or small items as they tend to cause a disruption with student behavior and some items pose a safety hazard to your child or others.

**Tuition Payment:** Must be paid in full weekly. Please help us assure there is no lapse in our services to provide care and program services to your children.

**Sea of Learning RESOURCES:**

Valuable Resources may be found on our website. If you would like to share additional resource information, please contact us

[www.seaoflearningpreschool.com](http://www.seaoflearningpreschool.com)

If you have a specific request for information not presented, please don’t hesitate to ask and we will try out best to find or secure the information for you.

**Growing Independence:**

Tips for Parents of Young Children Children Love to Learn

“The following are TIP’s, not set in stone. What might work for one child may not yield the same success with another. Tip’s are like best intended practices. Specialists in the field may differ on many recommended practices. “YOUR” child is unique. Try tips and suggestions but choose what works best in your world.

- Open and honest communication will create a lifelong closeness with your child.
- Routines and responsibilities will let your child know what to expect. When a rule is broken, a natural consequence needs to follow.
- As you teach your child how to be independent, you also need to teach how to be safe.
- Learning how to be a good friend is an important skill you can teach your child.
  
Your little one is starting to explore the world outside your home. This is exciting, but can be scary!

**Children from 4 to 6 years old are:**

- Beginning to develop their independence and form real friendships.
- Learning rules to more difficult games.
- Developing important life skills.

**Set Limits**

When children do something against the rules, explain simply and in a few words:

- That what they did was wrong
- What will happen if the behavior
Read at bedtime. This helps your child:
- Settle down after a busy day
- Learn how to read
- Have meals together as much as possible. This is a great way to spend time together and share family traditions, while also teaching good eating habits and table manners.

Take Time to Talk and Listen
Children feel important when adults take the time to talk with them. Talking often, and about many things, helps them gain self-confidence. Ask about friendships and the activities that your child enjoys. Talk about your own best and worst experiences.

Ask your child:
- “What was the best part of today?”
- “What was the hardest part of today?”
Let your child know that it’s OK to have and talk about negative feelings. Share the best and hard parts of your day. This teaches your child that we all have ups and downs.

Assign Responsibility
When young children copy everyday household tasks, they are really learning how to contribute. With your support, tasks will soon be done with few reminders. As children grow older, they can begin to take on real responsibilities, such as:
- Setting the table
- Putting away their toys
- Feeding the pets
- Placing dirty clothes in a basket
- Watch your child’s self-esteem grow when given the chance to help out.

Teach Simple Rules About Safety with Adults
Keeping children safe is an important job for parents. You want your child to respect and trust others, but you also need to teach your child to be careful. Following are some simple rules and ways that you can start a conversation with your child about different safety issues.
- “If you’re not sure, ask me.”
- “If an adult asks you to do something that you’re not sure is OK, always ask me first. I won’t get mad at you for asking.”
- “No secrets.”
- “No one should ever tell you to keep a secret from me—one that might make me mad if I found out. Adults should never expect you to do this.”
- “Certain body parts are private.”
- “No adults (except parents, doctors, and nurses) should touch you where you normally wear a bathing suit.”
• “If we get separated, find a security guard or police officer.”

• “This is a very busy place. If you can’t find me, ask someone to help you find one. That person will help you find me.”

When you take your child to a crowded place, look around and point out the person who is there to help if you do become separated.

Help Your Child Become a Good Friend
Four- to six-year-olds are learning what it means to be a friend. They will have fun times as well as arguments and hurt feelings. It can be tempting for parents to try to solve these problems themselves or by talking with the other child’s parent. Instead, guide your child to solve the problem. With your help, your child can learn how to solve social problems.

1. Help your child understand the other child’s point of view. “I guess Suzie wants a turn too.”

2. Teach your child the following:
   o Stay calm
   o Do not hit, grab, or shove
   o Use words:
   o “I get upset when you talk to me like that.”
   o “I’m sad you don’t want to play with me.”
   o “I’m angry you took the ball from me.”

Stand close by and watch as the children solve their problem. Being close by puts the children on their best behavior. This is how they begin to develop the confidence and skills to communicate honestly, calmly, and politely with others.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE
Services & Functions That Hit Close to Home

Note: If any of our parents out there would like to have their businesses presented in our newsletter, please share your interest with our office and we will make every effort to have them listed.

DONATE: We encourage our parents and the community to donate supplies and materials to the Sea of Learning as these help provide us with the tools to spark the interests of our children in how they express themselves. Empty paper rolls, scratch paper, etc…….

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7317 Little Road New Port Richey, FL 34654 727-84 CHIRO
COMMUNITY NEEDS

SABRINA:
Our continued Prayers for the health of our student Sabrina. When one child is in crisis, it is felt through us all. Prayers for this sweet child.
We hope prayers are answered and that love and support are present in the lives of all those impacted by hardships.

ROCK SOLID THANK YOU EVENT
Parents: Please grab a flyer, copy this flyer or pick up one at the event. Have someone at the gold fish pond or the pony ride sign your flyer. Bring it back on Monday for a drawing. You can win a week FREE tuition or a number of other prizes. Hope to see everyone there. Remember Everything is FREE!
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Make sure you sign up for child care needs for the week of March 18th.