

Tam Preschool Newsletter: November 2021

Celebrating 65 Years!

To celebrate Thanksgiving this year, we want to focus on the spirit of giving and sharing. The classroom conversation will focus on giving thanks and sharing with those in our home, school, and community.

Keeping with our theme, the week of November 15, we will be collecting canned foods in every classroom and donations will be given to the Marin Food Bank. Thank you in advance for sharing and caring for those in need.

Teacher Work Day:

On Monday, teachers worked in the classroom sharing conference information, adjusting the class schedule, and preparing activities for November. We also learned about the *Teaching Pyramid* from teacher Monica who received special training at the Marin County Office of Education on this social emotional teaching system. We are including a link with family resources you can use at home. Teachers will be using this educational method to help support children's social emotional deployment growth in the classroom and will send information periodically to families.

Teaching Pyramid Family Information:

<https://cainclusion.org/teachingpyramid/materials/family/>

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Thank you for considering this, particularly as we enter the holiday season where gift-giving abounds.

Health Reminders:

*Please make sure your child brings clean extra facemasks to school every day, at least 3. Face masks must fit your child's face properly. They must cover the nose, mouth, and stay fitted on their face, while also feel comfortable. Please check your child's mask to make sure it fits properly. Teachers help children change and adjust their masks as needed.

*Please keep your child home if he or she is not feeling well or you suspect COVID-19 exposure. If your child looks to be under the weather when he or she wakes up, please give your child a day at home to rest and make sure he/she is well, as symptoms can worsen as the day goes on. If children come to school sick, not only will they likely spread illness in the class, but your child will not enjoy their day at school feeling sick and recovering may take longer without proper rest.

*We now follow a 48-hour health policy. If your child is home sick, or was sent home due to illness, your child needs to be symptom-free and/or on antibiotics for at least 48 hours before he or she is able to return to school. This guideline helps ensure everyone is healthy at school and exposure is kept at a minimum. Expect more restrictions if there is exposure to COVID-19, as we will follow the Health Department guidelines. Thank you for helping to keep our school community healthy and helping us remain open.

Safety Procedures:

COVID-19:

This week, we were informed of a Covid-19 exposure in the Garden Room Class. We have been in close contact with the Marin County Health Department. They are guiding us every step of the way as we communicate with families and follow the necessary procedures to keep everyone safe. Restrictions depend on how direct or indirect the exposure has been. For information, please contact me or Rose directly. Our goal is to keep everyone safe at school. **Everyone must let us know of any health risks to the class or school as soon as possible, as it will minimize spread.** If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask. Thank you all for your patience and understanding.

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RUNNY NOSE POLICY

A runny nose has now been determined to be a stand-alone symptom for Covid in child care settings. The Delta variant is much more contagious and its symptoms often manifest similar to allergies. Therefore, effective immediately, all runny noses will be sent home. Children should be monitored for other symptoms. Contact your Dr. and Covid-19 test should any others develop. Children may return once they are symptom free for 48 hours without fever reducing/cold medicine. Clear, thin runny noses may return with a negative Covid-19 test or a Dr. note indicating another condition; symptoms must be improved and the child should not be spreading illness to others. We want your children to be at school when they are feeling good and have the energy to enjoy and participate in our activities.

TRAVEL POLICY

Due to the fact that our children remain unvaccinated, the recent occurrence of breakthrough cases and that the Delta variant is highly contagious and seems to be affecting more young children now, we will be enacting the below policy for out of state and out of country travel of all household members:

Child travels out of state or country: test on the 5th day after return, if negative and no symptoms, return on the 8th day or quarantine for 14 days, return on the 15th if symptom free.

Household member travels out of state or country: child may return to school once the household member has tested on the 5th day after return, provides a negative test and all are symptom-free. Or, the child may quarantine for 10 days and return on the 11th if symptom free. This would apply to any out of state/country visitors also.

Our goal is to keep everyone safe at school and to remain open to support our school community. We really appreciate you trusting us with your child and family's health. We take that responsibility very seriously. Please inform Rose and Marcela about your travel plan before you travel.

Billing:

For billing questions, **please contact Rose Lofrano**, our Chief Operating Officer. Her contact information is 415-246-4941 and rosetsp1@yahoo.com.

Invoices are sent through Curacubby on the 5th of the month and are due on the 25th, a late fee will apply after that. Please let Rose know if you have any questions or difficulties. You can print receipts and look up tax information in Curacubby.

If you have questions regarding childcare charges, you can view daily attendance sign in/out times in Curacubby. Students entering school from 8:00 to 9:00 am are charged for morning care, and those getting picked up at 2:00 or 4:00 pm will be charged for their corresponding aftercare hours.

Dates to Remember:

Veterans Day (NO SCHOOL):

Thursday, November 11

Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive:

November 15 to 19

Thanksgiving Break (NO SCHOOL):

November 22 to 26

Holiday Break (No School)

December 20 to 31