



News from Strawberry Preschool



January 2019

Strawberry Families,

Happy 2019 to all of our Strawberry Families! We hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday and a happy and safe New Year.

Theme: Careers & Transportation

For our next unit of study, we will be learning about Careers & Transportation. This unit is always fun as it sparks a lot of conversation with the children regarding what mom and dad do for a job. We will also learn that some jobs actually require driving special cars and trucks (firefighters, police men/women, mailman/women, etc.). If you have anything at home that could add to this unit, please feel free to bring it in. Also, if you have a job that you would like to come in and talk to the kids about, please let me know.

Messages from our Board

Save the Date for Two Upcoming Events

Parents' Night Out: Save the date for our annual School Fundraiser! This event will be held on Saturday, March 16th at Studio 333 in Sausalito. We organize this event each year to raise funds for our preschools that will be used to make improvements and additions that will further enrich the experience your children have during their preschool years. To help make this event a success, we will be requesting donations from you for our silent auction. You will be receiving an email from the Board shortly with additional information.

Some donations that we are seeking:

- *Vacation homes*
- *Sports, music, theatre tickets*
- *Special experiences*
- *Art, wine, collectibles, sports memorabilia*
- *Services-do you have a skill or service you can donate?*
- *Sign-up parties-do you have a fun idea for a sign-up party that you can host?*

This is a great opportunity to enjoy a fun night out and meet other parents and teachers in an informal setting while helping us raise much-appreciated funds for our schools. There will be a hosted bar, food trucks, a DJ, and live auction. We hope you can join us!

A few Notes

Registration for the 2019-2020 School Year: It's hard to believe, but registration for the 2019-2020 school year is starting up again. Tomorrow, you will be receiving an email that will ask you about what program you are interested in for the upcoming school year. This will also be an opportunity to include any siblings that will be joining us next year. This part of registration is very important, as it allows me to see how many spaces I will have available for the families on my waitlist. Tours are also available to you if you are interested in taking a look at the program that your child will be going into. Of course, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Some Reminders

- Please make sure that you label everything. Jackets can end up in the wrong cubby, or left on the playground, and lunch containers can sometimes get left behind. If your child is staying for rest, please also make sure to put his/her name on their nap bag. Thank you.
- We are officially in the middle of flu season, and germs can spread very quickly between children and teachers. If your child looks to be under the weather when they wake up, please give them a day at home, as symptoms oftentimes get worse as the day goes on. Sometimes, one extra day at home is all that's needed to feel better. Please also remember that we have a strict 24 hour policy; your child needs to be symptom free and/or on antibiotics for at least 24 hours before returning to school. Thank you for helping to keep the spread of germs under control.
- It's important that we know of any change in your child's life, no matter how little it may seem. A hard night sleep, change in a routine, moving to a different house, or a traveling parent can cause your child to have a change in their behavior. If we know the possible reasons why, then we are better able to help your child while they are at school.
- After a long break, it's normal for the transition back to school to be a bit bumpy. Maybe your child doesn't want to go back to school, maybe there are a few tears when you leave, or maybe they're having trouble separating from you. This is totally normal behavior, and usually doesn't last that long. Of course, we will give your child some extra TLC if they're sad and missing mom, dad, brother or sister, and they should be back to their normal self in no time.
- Please remember that in order to be able to volunteer in the classroom, it is now a state law that you need to provide proof of vaccination (MMR, Pertussis and Flu). Many of you have already handed in the necessary vaccination requirements. I know that these new requirements can be frustrating and difficult to obtain, but please remember that this is a state mandated law, and

every preschool in the state of California is required to follow the same guidelines. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. Thank you for your understanding.

Important Upcoming Dates

- We will be closed on Monday, January 21st for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- We will be closed the week of February 18th for Mid-Winter Recess
- Parents Night Out: Saturday, March 16th at Studio 333 in Sausalito. More information will be coming shortly

A Heartfelt Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone for the kind and considerate holiday gifts, and yummy baked goods. We greatly appreciate all you do for the school and us. We have enjoyed getting to know you and your child/children this year and look forward to many more wonderful memories. Here's to an amazing 2019!

Happy New Year,

Lisa Woods and the Strawberry Preschool Staff