

Our Classroom Community - November 2026

We're three months into the school year, and our class has already grown in so many ways. This is a great time to revisit our routines and make sure we're all doing our part for a smooth school day. Thank you for partnering with me to keep our classroom safe, predictable, and joyful.

Teacher Commitments — I will continue to...

- Communicate weekly through newsletters and ParentSquare photo updates.
- Provide a nurturing, play-based learning environment for 4-5 year olds.
- Respond to family questions and concerns the same or next school day.
- Care deeply about your child and their progress.

Family Commitments — Please continue to...

Backpacks & Belongings

To help children feel prepared and calm each morning, please send a backpack each day containing only:

- The blue communication folder
- An optional lunchbox
- An optional water bottle (filled with water only)
- A clean blanket and pillowcase on Mondays

Do not send toys, personal items, electronics, or products sold with a Keep Out of Reach of Children label. This includes hand sanitizer, lotion, chapstick, etc.

Money & Forms

To help items reach me:

- Place all money in a labeled envelope with your child's name and purpose.
- Put all forms, notes, and money envelopes inside the blue communication folder.

Clothing & Bathroom Independence

We want children to feel capable and confident. Please:

- Dress your child in clothing they can manage independently in the bathroom.
- Expect messy play — send clothes that can get dirty!
- Send sturdy shoes (socks and sneakers are best).

Nap & Bedding

- Wash your child's blanket and pillowcase each weekend and send them clean on Mondays.

Communication

- Check the blue folder daily.
- Read newsletters and ParentSquare updates.
- Notify me about absences, schedule changes, or needs that affect your child.

Arrival and Dismissal

- Doors open at 7:45, and our day begins at 8:00. Arriving on time allows your child to participate in our arrival routines and transition smoothly.
- Breakfast is at 8:15 — please have your child either eat before school or during that time (no open food from home).
- Dismissal is at 2:15 (1:45 on early dismissal days).

Why These Guidelines Matter

When these routines are not followed, it can create confusion or emotional moments for children. These shared expectations allow me to spend our precious time focused on learning opportunities rather than searching each backpack compartment for lunch money or managing disputes about who a home toy belongs to. If your family has a barrier to any of these routines (such as laundry access, supplies, or scheduling), please reach out. I'm always happy to problem-solve and find solutions together.

Please sign and return this section to let me know that you read these classroom community guidelines.

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Optional note: