

TNS

Newsletter

September 2022



Starting Off The New School Year!

With our first month of school behind us, we have already learned so much. Our students have been busy making new friends and catching up with friends they missed over summer. We watched our Monarch caterpillars go through metamorphosis and were so excited to release our lovely butterflies. As we move into September we are ready to explore the Jurassic period and learn all about dinosaurs, followed by community helper week where we will learn all about the people in our neighborhood that help keep us safe.

Sept 5th : No School, Labor Day

Sept 7th and 8th: Picture Days

Sept 6th-16th: Dinosaur Weeks

Sept 15th and 16th @11:30: Dino Dig

Sept 19th-30th: Community Helper Weeks

Sept 24th: Work Party-Bernard, Ramage, Aguinaga

How can I help in the classroom when I notice undesirable behaviors beginning to occur?

This is probably one of the main questions we get asked as preschool teachers. Redirection is the answer. Redirecting inappropriate behaviors before they escalate helps keep students happy and the classroom manageable. If you notice one of the children having some trouble with friends or becoming overstimulated or upset, help lead the child calmly to a new area and help them adjust to a new game or activity, or help the child find the words for their emotions and what they are needing help communicating to a friend. Preschoolers have a hard time regulating their emotions and behaviors and they rely on adults to help them. In most cases, helping a child to a new activity or finding the right words will help stop a problem before it gets out of hand.



Reminders:

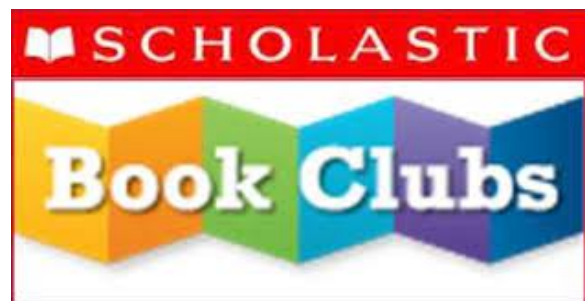
- Class begins at 9am. Please do not bring your child earlier than 9am unless you have arranged for before school care or are the working parent for the day.
- Working parents need to arrive by 8:45am and plan to stay until 12:15.
- If your child needs medication in the morning to feel well, please do not send them to school.
- We understand allergies are also a problem right now, but if they are feeling generally unwell or have a lot of nasal drainage, they should stay home.

Child of The Week!

Each monthly calendar we select a child to be “Child of The Week” most weeks . Each Child will have an opportunity to share a poster, and share an item each school day that they attend. Our Scheduling Coordinator will send a reminder to

you when it is your child's turn. It is a wonderful opportunity to communicate with a group and share a bit about who you are! Every child is unique and we look forward to this time that is set aside just for them!

8-29 Everly Smith, 9/4 Sawyer Davis, 9/12 Wren Felix, 9/18 Elee Chaplin, 9/26 Luca Rodriques



Our first class book orders will be happening this month! Please visit the link to order. All books will ship free directly to our school. We can earn points that the school can use to purchase books and a selection of classroom supplies.

<https://orders.scholastic.com/YDN6W>

Class Code: YDN6W

Orders Due by Sept 15th.

Work Party Requirement

Each family needs to help with one work party during the school year. (9/24, 10/22, 1/21, 2/25, 3/25 & 4/22). Contact Cherie Arceneaux at workparty.tns@gmail.com if you have any questions or still need to sign up.

Dear Turlock Nursery School Families,

We understand that some families are concerned about our proposed school photo policy. We hear your concerns and are working on ways to accommodate all of our families and insure that our students remain our schools number one priority. Teachers and the board historian are aware of individual privacy concerns and will be able to capture special moments throughout the day as time and safety allows. **Parents can take photos/videos of their child and friends once they have spoken to a teacher about who can or cannot be photographed.**

1. First and foremost, the supervision and quality of care your children receive from teachers and parents is non negotiable. We need the parent helper for the day to be actively involved in the classroom activities. Unfortunately, when parents are focusing on taking pictures and capturing the perfect moment, supervision slips. We need parents and teachers to be focused on creating opportunities to learn and explore.

Families should not be on their cell phones, texting photos, or answering requests for photos during the class day. We want you involved in the class, not behind a screen. (If a

family has a concern about their child or needs reassurance on how your child is doing, please reach out directly to the teachers through Brightwheel or by calling the school.)

2. TNS is a unique school and program that focuses on creating rich environments that foster our students' social and emotional needs. We are able to help our students develop a strong sense of autonomy by having them be active participants in their school community. This may involve asking them if it's okay to take their picture and allowing them to say no as well as allowing them to continue the activities they are involved in, without stopping them to pose.
3. Legally we need to respect any parent's wish to not have their child photographed within the school. Whether the family wishes to keep their child off of social media or would simply not like for other families to have photos of their child, that is their right. We want TNS to be a place where everyone feels safe and welcome.

We know that families love seeing pictures of their child's day at school, but we do need to be mindful that photography is not the goal of preschool, and while it is such a treat, it is just icing on the cake. If you have any concerns, please feel free to bring them to Jaime or Ashley and we can add time for a discussion at our next board meeting.