

Turlock Nursery School

August 2021



Important Dates in August

Aug. 11th : Play Date at TNS 10 a. to 12 p.

Aug. 12: Parent Orientation 6:00 pm at TNS

Aug 16: First Day of School MWF Class

Aug 17th: First Day of Class TTH Class

Welcome

We are looking forward to starting a new year here at Turlock Nursery School! A few housekeeping reminders before we start the new year.

- Please arrive at your scheduled pick-up and drop-off times. Our regularly scheduled school day begins at 9 a.m. unless prearranged with the director.
- Please do not leave any children unattended in a vehicle during drop-off or pick-up.
- Any person planning on working in the classroom must have required immunizations and papers on file (i.e.grandparents).
- Expect notifications to join Brightwheel. We will begin using this application this year for billing, sign-in, communications and more.

August Themes

Our first couple of weeks will be spent getting to know each other! Our class theme will be **Nursery Rhyme Weeks** Aug 16th-27th. We will have fun with rhymes, dramatic play, manipulatives, art and more. We will also dive into friendships and kindness at our school. Children will be introduced to the structure of our day here at TNS and have a chance to explore.

August 30th-Sept. 10th our theme is **Butterfly Weeks**. We will learn about metamorphosis and hopefully we will be able to watch a monarch caterpillar turn into

a chrysalis and then a beautiful butterfly we can release!

What does parent participation look like?

“The child’s brain has the innate wisdom to tell the child what they need to do.”
– Jane M Healy

As each class begins, the children proceed to wherever and whatever their brain is directing them. The preschool, inside and outside, is filled with opportunities and materials for the children to engage with. The responsibility of the Staff and Parents is to create a rich environment for the children, to arrive on time, ready and prepared to supervise their play as the children immediately fill every part of the preschool – inside the preschool and in the play yard.

We believe that having parents share in the experience of TNS is the best way to support the whole child. We ask parents to work 1 or 2 days a month (depending on your plan) in the classroom. Parents are scheduled during the same school hours as their child.

We are committed to the parent participation model as we find it the most valuable way to connect with families while honoring the developmental needs of young children. We believe participation builds community. It models to the children the importance of

working together and it instills in them the sense of “belonging.”

A Community exists when there is:

- A shared sense of purpose
- Agreement on Core Values
- Participation
- Communication
- Commitment
- Shared Responsibility
- Collaboration

As a parent participation preschool, our families also serve in other capacities to help our school community function successfully. **These requirements are outlined in the Parent Handbook.**

Note: Please read the Parent Handbook Prior to orientation. We will have a Parent Handbook Signature Page for you to sign.

