



STRAWBERRY PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER: AUGUST 2025

Hi Strawberry Families,

Hope you are enjoying the Summer! As we prepare for the new school year, please read the following information and don't hesitate to reach out with questions!

There will be a get together before school starts to help everyone meet. Look out for information from the Board and Room Parents. I'm also attaching lunch, diaper information, and the Fall school calendar.

Please save the date:

-Meet and Greet: Thursday, August 21

Children and parents can explore their classroom, meet their teachers and get ready for the start of the year.

Redwood room: 9:30 to 10:00 am.- Jackson Hoppe, Henry Will, Penny Voorhis, Ariana Bean, Dev Srinvas, Camille Tobe, Oskar Lundstrom, Viviene Vitulano, Gwen Akhmerov, Emilia Leatherbury, Lilikoi Singh

Redwood room: 10:00-10:30 am- Porter Baker, Dean Reinstein, Shayar Bhadare, Ezra Winston, Adian Colleta, Tobin Garber, Mattea Delia, Harrison Vind, Levi Chronert, Milo Driver, Harleen Gill, Luca Conti

Monkey room: 9:30 to 10:00 am. -Farrah Bachman, Aurora Rosen, Selene Hoppe, Harvey Lyons, John Sears, Isaiah Portugues Nengo, Adelaide Sampson

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Dragonfly room and Bumblebee room: from 10:30 to 11:00 am- Ayan Vejrazka Tirumeria, Sebastian Rumrill, Daniel Chiswick Patterson, Alden Daniels, Ana Kahnema, Zayd Nana,

11:00-11:30- Daniel Ramin, Hugo Munoz, Ellie Tibbets, Lila Boggs, Charlotte Merkemo, Julien Fuentes, Ethan Reckhow, Lily Fox, Elly Moss, Clare O'Malley, Ethan Reckhow

Pre-K Sea Otters: 10:30-11:15 am- Casey Briggs, Sloane Lawson, Liam Deucher, Sophia Maher, Charles Eaton, Carter Vind, Roman Bosa

Back to School Night: September 3rd from 6-7—this is a parent-only event

What to bring to school and things to keep in mind:

1. **Communicate directly with the Director or classroom Lead Teacher for general school and classroom questions. Brightwheel messaging is the best way to reach us and how we plan to communicate with families.** We get messages on the app and can get back to you promptly. Please turn on notifications on the app to receive general information, as well as emergency notices, and check messages often. We are with the children in classroom, so we check emails or calls at the end of the day. Message us on Brightwheel for pick-up changes during the day, so we get the information quickly.

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

2. **Double check your list of approved people who are allowed to pick up your child from school, listed in the *Emergency Form*. Make sure to let us know if someone else is picking up your child on a particular day (you can let teachers know at the door during morning drop off or email teachers the day before).** We check ID for anyone new picking up. Make sure the person picking-up or dropping-off knows how to use the digital attendance system and has the code needed to sign your child in and out of school (you create the pick-up code in Brightwheel).

3. **Preschool children must be provided with rest or nap time at school; it is a State law. Please bring a nap/rest-time kit, like this one from Amazon, ALL children must have one:**

https://www.amazon.com/Baby-Boom-Nap-Mat-Set/dp/B07CDZVX6K/ref=sr_1_13?crid=2P6LYIX09AMXX&keywords=child+sleeping+bag&qid=1688964532&srefix=child+sleeping+bag%2Caps%2C164&sr=8-13

*Let us know if your child is napping or resting in the Fall, so teachers can prepare the right spot for your child. Napping children will be in a quiet area with lower lighting and soothing music. Resting children will be in a bright noisier area, and we can offer a quite activity if needed. Sometimes, children can fall asleep in the rest area if he/she is tired. We cannot keep a child from sleeping if he/she really feels like napping. Their body may need to rest and that is why the law exists for preschoolers.

4. **Bring a nutritious lunch (nut-free).** The school will provide a snack in the morning and another in the afternoon. If your child needs special food due to allergies or sensitivities, please tell a teacher to help support your child's needs.

5. **Bring a small zip-lock bag with extra clothes to keep in your child's cubby.** Please mark the bag with your child's name. We do a lot of water play, so expect to refill the bag often.

6. **Children have toilet reminders several times a day as part of our “potty parties” at school.** Teachers will help all children with their toileting needs. Children should wear pants that are easy to pull down for toilet use. Let us know if your child is still using diapers or pull-ups, as well as nap diapers, and please bring some to school for your child.
7. **Apply sunblock every morning and bring a hat with your child’s name if desired.**
8. **Label ALL your child’s belongings** (clothing items, lunch box, food containers, backpack, nap bags, hats, pacifiers etc.)
9. **Children should wear comfortable running shoes (No flip-flops, crocs, or shoes that may be too big and slip off).** Keep in mind we have sand and tanbark in the playground, and they can get into sandals or shoes without a strong sole. We also want shoes to be secure for climbing and bike use at school.
10. **The clothes children wear to school should be meant to get messy and be comfortable for playing.** Also, they should be easy to pull up or down in the bathroom (leggings or sweatpants are best).
11. **Let a teacher know if your child needs medication to be administered at school on a regular basis, while sick, or in an emergency.** There is a form needed for medication, so please contact me to get one on Brightwheel. Medication needs to be provided by the parent to keep at school in original packaging. Please schedule a meeting with us to go over medication information.
12. **Toys from home should not come to school.** Home toys get broken, lost, and create sharing conflicts in the classroom. If your child needs a transitional object to help him/her at school, please check with a teacher.

Let me know if you have any questions. See you soon, we look forward to having you at Strawberry!

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