



## **Strawberry Preschool January 2025 Newsletter**

### **Happy New Year Strawberry Families!**

We hope everyone had a wonderful and healthy holiday season. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back at school Tuesday and are preparing fun activities in the classroom. Please look for information from your child's classroom teacher regarding the January theme.

### **Fundraising Update**

Our new truck is due to be delivered very soon. We are so excited to have raised enough money to replace our beloved truck with a new and updated one. Thank you for all your generous donations! Over the break with help from parent volunteers and board members we were able to prepare the interior of the main preschool building for a beautiful new paint job! Teachers will spend our in-service getting the classrooms ready for Tuesday's return!

Thank you so much for supporting our school and helping to enhance our student's learning environment!

### **Specialists**

- \* We will continue to have soccer every other Friday. The children are loving Coach Luis.
- \* Also, we will continue to have Jamaroo every other Wednesday depending on the class and every Friday afternoon at 3:00 for enrichment.
- \* We will be having the Owl Lady come the last week of January

### **Strawberry Fall 2025 Registration**

Registration starts on Wednesday, January 22. On January 22, current students returning next year or not eligible for TK, will be asked to pay the \$160 Fall registration fee on Brightwheel to save their Fall spot. You will have access to your child's file forms. Every student will need to turn in a new physician form signed by your child's pediatrician, so please be aware of the new form. Forms are due on June 1.

We are committed to our preschool community and are going to hold spots for the TK eligible children who may attend elementary school if TK is available in the Mill Valley School District. As soon as we know the district's decision, possible mid-February, we are going to continue with our registration to make sure we reach everyone on our waitlist in a timely manner.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we figure out everyone's needs. Here is how registration priority works:

1. Current enrolled students
2. Current student sibling
3. Returning sibling
4. Families on the waitlist
5. None-waitlist families

\*We also consider boy to girl ratios, age priority, and classroom availability during registration.

In March, families who are registered for the Fall will be asked to finalize their child's registration by signing the 2025-26 contract and paying the Fall deposit. At that time, I can also inform families of their child's classroom placement. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me, [director@strawberrypreschool.org](mailto:director@strawberrypreschool.org).

### **Kindergarten, TK, Pre-K information night: Thursday, 1/9, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm**

Our meeting has been rescheduled to allow us to gather information from the school districts and figure out plans for our own registration. This year, we have an in-person meeting at the Church Sanctuary at our sister school, Tamalpais Preschool. Marcela, Director from Tamalpais Preschool will be joining me for the meeting, and this year's special guest speaker is Diana Withers, an elementary school teacher and TK parent. Please look for registration information in your local district website, most have information available now:

Mill Valley District Kindergarten and TK Information:

<https://www.mvschools.org/domain/29>

Tiburon, Reed Kindergarten and TK Information:

Pre-K Info: <https://www.reedschools.org/registration/pre-k-registration>

Kindergarten Info: <https://www.reedschools.org/registration/kg-8-registration>

Corte Madera School District:

TK Info: <https://www.lcmschools.org/Page/2906>

Kindergarten Info: <https://www.lcmschools.org/Page/2908>

Sausalito School District: <https://www.smcsd.org/index.html>

### **Strawberry Adventure Camp 2025**

Camp registration will be available at the start of February, and it will stay open until all spots are filled. Children need to be at least 2 years old, and no older than 5 years, to attend camp. Only families registered at Strawberry currently or in the Fall will be eligible for camp, as spots are limited to our school community. Camp fills up as we get closer to the summer, so please register early, but make sure to register for the dates you need, as we don't allow refunds. Families who turn in a camp form will be billed using Brightwheel. Camp information will be available soon.

### **Important Reminders**

\*We ask that you keep your child home if he or she is not feeling well. If your child looks to be under the weather when he or she wakes up, please give your child a day at home to rest and make sure he/she is well, as symptoms can worsen as the day goes on. If children come to school sick, not only will they spread germs, but your child will not enjoy their day at school feeling sick, and recover may take longer without proper rest.

\*We follow a 24-hour health policy. If your child is home sick, or was sent home due to illness, your child needs to be symptom-free and/or on antibiotics for at least 24 hours before he or she is able to return to school. This guideline helps ensure everyone is healthy at school and exposure is kept at a minimum. Expect more restrictions if there is exposure to COVID-19, as we will follow the Health Department guidelines. Thank you for helping to keep our school community healthy and helping us remain open.

Thank you all for your amazing help!

### **Billing**

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

Invoices are sent through Brightwheel on the 5th of the month and are due on the 25th, a late fee will apply after that. Please let Rose know if you have any questions or difficulties. You can print receipts and look up tax information in Brightwheel.

Please remember Tamalpais Preschool is a non-profit preschool and school donations are tax deductible.

If you have questions about childcare charges, you can view your child's attendance in Brightwheel. Students entering school from 8:00 to 9:00 am are charged for morning care, and those picked up after 1:00 pm or staying in aftercare will be charged for the corresponding aftercare hour(s). Please make sure you pick up your child on time, as late charges will apply.

**Dates to Remember:**

Teacher in Service day: January 6th

Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School): Monday, 1/20

Strawberry Fall 2025 registration Start: Wednesday, 1/22

Mid-Winter Recess (NO SCHOOL): Feb 17 – 21

Happy New Year!

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