

Dear families,

Welcome to our Prek class! We would like to take a moment to familiarize you with our daily routines and events. Our objective in Prek is to foster confidence and independence as we prepare them for kindergarten. All of our activities are aligned with Ohio's Early Learning Development Standards. Our classroom goals include:

- Language arts skills including phonemic awareness (identifying letter sounds), word recognition (recognizing words are made from letters), and reading and writing concepts.
- Mathematic skills including numeral recognition, measurements, sorting and classifying, counting and graphing.
- Science skills including the examination of the world around us, understanding technology and spontaneous exploration, such as on the playground or in the sensory table.
- Social studies skills including becoming aware of different cultures, families and their traditions, geography and a sense of belonging to a group.

We enjoy some very special days during the months of the year:

- The Greene County Public Library's Bookmobile visits every month to two months, giving the children an opportunity to check out books for our classroom as well as have a book read to them.
- On Wednesdays your child has the option to participate in the Webby dance and gymnastics program. This program has an additional cost, and information is provided in the hallway.
- Every other Thursday we have a visit from Mrs. Regina, our school's Creative Movement/Brain Gym teacher. The children learn stretches, exercises, dances and other movement fun!
- On Fridays (unless otherwise noted) our class holds a SHOW and SHARE day. Your child can bring in an item to share with the rest of the class based on our topic of study, which will be noted on our email/classroom door (ex: pirates, sports, pumpkins, books, weather, summer, etc.).

We are happy to answer any questions and share your child's accomplishments. You may find it easier to communicate from email. Our email address for the classroom is Prek@daysofdiscovery.com. We share topics of interests, special unexpected experiences, our menus, and lesson plans through email. Please make sure we have an updated email address to add to our contact list and keep you updated on our current events. You can find additional information about our center and any forms you may need at www.daysofdiscovery.com.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to get to know you and your child! We look forward to your child joining us in our hands-on discovery!