



Dear Parents:

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year. We are looking forward to an exciting and fun-filled year ahead. We are happy to have Mrs. Sarah Speech joining us again this year and we welcome our new paraprofessional, Mrs. Lauren Morrin to our classroom! Here are a few points to get our school year started.

COMMUNICATION

I will be sending home weekly newsletters to keep parents informed of what is happening in the classroom. If at any time you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. You may e-mail me at cbrychel@ahsd125.org. You may also send a note to school or call the school office at (708) 423-3078. I am in the building between the hours of 8AM and 3PM and I check my e-mail daily.

I also use a messaging program, “Seesaw Family”, to encourage on-going, two-way communication between teachers and parents. This app will also encourage on-going, two-way communication between teachers and parents. This is a free, secure messaging program that can be used on any iPhone or Android device and allows you to communicate easily via secure messaging. This method of communication is meant for non-urgent questions and information. Parents should call the school office at (708) 423-3078 for any urgent matters (such as bus issues, changes to dismissal, etc).

SNACK

We have a short snack time each day. Each student should bring a small snack to school. Milk can be ordered by calling the school office. If your child does not want milk, they may bring juice or water for snack. Please do not send pop. Snack time is a wonderful time for the students to learn about responsibility! Each month, students make a placemat to use at snack time which will come home at the end of the month. After snack, the students are responsible for cleaning up their own snack and wiping off their placemats.

BIRTHDAY TREATS

We are happy to celebrate birthdays in the Early Childhood classroom. In keeping with the district treat policy, we ask that all treats be individually wrapped in a sealed box. No cupcakes or cakes, please!

CHANGE OF CLOTHES

Please send a change of clothes to school with your child in case of an accident or spill. Please include a t-shirt, long pants (**no shorts, please**), socks, and underwear. We will keep the clothes at school and return them at the end of the school year. If your child wears diapers/pull-ups, please send us a supply to have in the classroom.

DAILY ROUTINE

Routines are very important to students in Early Childhood. Here is what our day typically looks like:

8:30	Arrival
8:30-8:45	Tabletop Toys/Puzzles
8:45-9:00	Rugtime
9:00 - 9:10	Sensory Play
9:10 - 9:20	Bins
9:20 - 9:50	Guided Play
9:50-10:00	Group Activity/Turn Taking
10:00 -10:15	Gross Motor
10:15 -10:30	Snack
10:30 -10:45	Project
10:45 -10:55	Book/Bubbles
10:55-11:00	Ready for Dismissal
11:00	Dismissal

SPECIALS

Students in Early Childhood have Library, Fine Arts and Physical Education. Early Childhood has PE on Tuesday and Fine Arts and Library on Wednesday.

Library books are due on library day of the following week. Please send your child in gym shoes on PE days.

I look forward to working with your children this year! Again, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.



Sincerely,

Mrs. Colleen Brychel