

Dew Drops

*A tiny little newsletter from Gentle Rain

September 2018

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Dear Family and Friends,

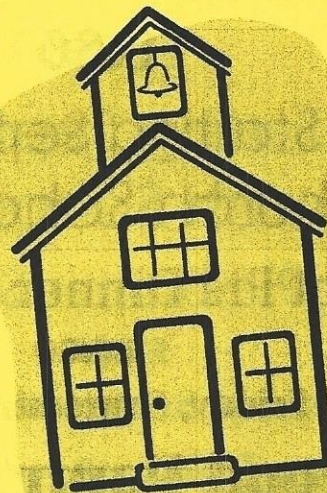
Welcome to Gentle Rain Preschool. We are beginning a new school year and I am very happy to have the children return to class. I feel a close relationship between parents and teacher is extremely important to your child's progress. We will be keeping in touch with you through the Dew Drops, our newsletter to you. I would also like to encourage you to get in touch with me if you have any questions and concerns.

What will we be doing? During the first weeks of preschool we will be spending time getting to know each other, learning classroom rules and manners, as well as being polite. We will be talking about being a bucket filler to encourage children to fill the buckets of others by being kind. It is based on the book "Have You Filled a Bucket Today." When we do things that are not nice we are a bucket dipper. Students will learn how to value themselves and the meaning of friendship. In addition, we will learn to write or trace our name, depending on what is age appropriate for your child. We will be starting with the letter "M" the second week of school, after that we will be learning the rest of the letters randomly, along with their sounds throughout the year.

On the Science table again this year we will be watching the life cycle of the butterfly as it changes from caterpillar to butterfly, also known as metamorphosis.

If you have any questions please feel free to call Miss Pam at school at 610-488-0509 (before or after school is best), or at home at 717-933-5776 after school hours.

-The Staff at Gentle Rain



September Checklist

- ☐ Submit immunization records
- ☐ Pay tuition during first week of school
- ☐ Label lunchboxes, backpacks, and coats
- ☐ Scholastic Book orders due Friday, September 14th

September News

**Zion Blue Mountain UCC
Church**

**SERVICES: 8:00 &
10:30**

**Starting Sept. 14:
Church School 9:00
Pot Pie Dinner Sept. 22**

BINGO

Friday, September 14th

Food Pantry 20th

Tuition

Tuition payments are to be made montly and are due by the 1st of each month (except for Sept. tuition). A parent falling behind in their payments may be asked to reduce their child's attendance or withdraw the child from school until the outstanding balance is resolved. Please contact Miss Pam if for any reason you are having problems with paying your tuition. In order to lesson the confusion for the bookkeeper, please write your child's name in the memo section of your check. Thank you.

Scholastic Book Club

Along with the Dew Drops you will find order forms for Scholastic Book Clubs. Anyone interested in taking advantage of the books offered please fill out the forms and return them to preschool by Friday, September 14th. Please place forms (with child's name on) and money in an envelope with your child's name on. If you wish to pay by check, please make a check payable to Scholastic Book Clubs. You can total book club orders and use one check for all the various book clubs, all book clubs are affiliated with Scholastic.

Scholastic software club, "Click", can be found on top of the cubbies for those interested.

To order online go to: scholastic.com/parenting and use code DXT6Y

Register now for 2019-2020 school year because it's filling up fast. Applications can be found on top of the cubbies.

EXTRA WORKSHEETS

Leftover worksheets can now be found on top of the cubbies at the end of the week for anyone who is interested.

**PLEASE LABEL ALL YOUR CHILD'S
CLOTHES, LUNCHBOXES, AND
BACKPACKS!**

As it upsets the children to lose their belongings, please help by labeling all sweaters, coats, mittens, hats, boots, lunchboxes, and such. Self-care will also be stressed at school, so please help your child learn to zip, button, and put on his or her coat. We will be working on this as well. Labeling your child's items may be done with masking tape or marker. Please make sure that it is visible. Thank you for your cooperation.

Classroom Info

School Closings

Please note that during the school year the Preschool follows the Tulpehocken Elementary School calendar for holidays. However Gentle Rain will hold classes during some of Tulpehocken's in-services. Please check the Gentle Rain school calendar, or the Dew Drops, if you have any scheduling questions. During inclement weather we will follow the Elementary School in closings and delays.

Gentle Rain On The Web

Gentle Rain is now on Facebook!
"Like" us for updates and school closing!



Absence

If your child will be absent from school due to illness or otherwise, please notify us. Otherwise we will be waiting for your child's arrival.
Thank you.

Show-and-Tell

Show-and-Tell will begin in October. Information, along with the show-and-tell schedule will be in the October Dew Drops.

Security Policy

In the best interest in the children at Gentle Rain Preschool the door will be locked at the following times, but will be open before and after school hours.

9:15-11:20 Locked 11:20-11:45 Open

11:45-12:20 Locked 12:20-12:45 Open

12:45-2:50 Locked 2:50 Open

We will be implementing this policy to ensure the safety of all the children. Please help by calling if your child will not be attending school or by bringing a note if you will be picking your child up early.

If you arrive at school and the doors are locked please ring the doorbell to gain entrance to the school. Please only share this information with people who may pick up your child. Thank you for your cooperation.

Vacations

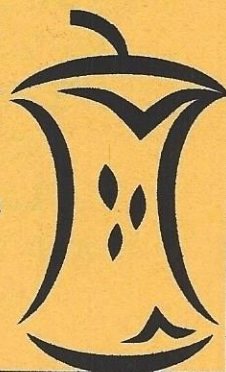
Parents should fill out a vacation slip when planning to go on vacation. The slips can be found in the hallway on top of the cubbies. Family vacation will be deducted from your tuition bill, one vacation per school year.

Doctor and dentist visits are not considered vacation days. Only one vacation week will be honored per school year. Please fill out a vacation slip by the 15th of the month prior to going on vacation.

Snacks

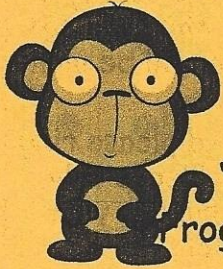
In the interest of good nutrition we will be asking parents to provide healthy snacks again this year. Such snacks include fruits, veggies, crackers, pretzels, etc. Please check the snack calendar included in the Dew Drops to see what day your child is assigned to bring snack. Please note that on your child's birthday they may bring their favorite snack. Please send enough snack for 34 children (incase of a snack being dropped by accident).

When making homemade items please include the list of ingredients for the children who may be allergic. Thank you.



Themes for September

During the first week of school we will be working on being a good friend and what it means to be a friend. The books that we will read during circle time will help us learn about being a friend like "Splat the Cat", a story about Splat's (cat) first day of school and his fears, and a very unlikely stowaway friend for a cat. Where does he hide this friend? Who is this friend? Ask your child! Some of the other books that will be read are, "Have You Filled A Bucket Today?", "Mind Your Manners in School", "Meet My Worry Monster", "Pete's Rocking", "No David", "My Very Best Manners", FSP "Big and Small" FSP, "We Can Sort", "David Goes To School", "Scaredy Squirrel Goes Camping", "PJ. Funny Bunny Goes Camping" and "Foggy Goes To Camp">



September 10th

Letter "M"

"Marvin The Monkey"

Frog Street Press: "Red"

Puppet Show: "Merry Mouse"

Number: "Zero"

"Zero No Leaves"

"Red"

"What If Monster"

"Monkey Soup"

"Manners At School"

"Monkeys Miserable Monday"



September 17th

Letter "F"

"Funny Fish"

"FiFi's Flute"

Frog Street Press: "Circle"

Frog Street Press: "One"

"How To Grow a Friend"

Puppet Show: Friendly Frog

"Found"

'Autumn Begins"

Farm #1

"A Splendid Friend Indeed"

September 24th

Letter "L"

"Larry Lion"

"Lamb That Laugh to Much"

Frog Street Press: Blue

"When The Leaf Blew In"

Frog Street Press: One

PS-"Looney Lion"

"I Can Listen"

#2 Farm

"Leaf Man"

"Yours Truly Louisa"

"Loud Lili"

Notes, Requests, and Communications

When making a request or if you need to communicate information please write it down and give us the note during drop-off or pick-up. It is very difficult to remember what was said if it is not written down. Our priorities are the children during this time so written notes are a must.

If you forget to write something down please write it on the white board by the EXIT door before leaving the room. If you can not find the board please ask one of the staff members.

REMINDER: If you child will be picked up by someone not on the child release form they will require a note, and a photo ID. Thank you for your cooperation, your child's safety is important to us.