



**Miss O'Hare's
Back to School Night
Parent Handbook**

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Welcome to PreK 2! I am Emily O'Hare and I will be your child's Preschool 2 year old teacher this year! I am so excited for the rest of this year! We will be learning so much and will be having lots of fun while doing so! I can't wait for all of the milestones and new discoveries that will come this year with your child. I look forward to having a fabulous year!

Welcome

Communication is so important to me and is so important to a successful year! If you ever need to contact me, please don't hesitate.

Here are some ways that you can contact me:

Email: ohare.emily@spsj.org

School Phone: (908) 859-1244

CONTACT INFORMATION

A Day in the Life of a PreK 2 Year Old!

7:30am-8:00am - PreK 2 students arrive in library

9:00am - Morning snack

10:00am - Circle time/Story

11:00am - Lunch

12:15pm-1:45pm - Nap

2:00pm - Afternoon snack

3:00pm - PreK 2 students dismissal in library

Teachers:

Emily O'Hare - 7:30 - 12:00/2:30-3

Maria King - 7:45 - 12:30

- Sue Lawson - 1:30 - 3:00

Jamie Burgey - 7:30 - 1:30

Maryanna MacIssac - 1:30 - 2:30

Marianne Cicalese - 2:45 - 3:00

Class Schedule

Snack

Snack will be served every morning in our classroom! Each student will be provided with Snack every day, twice a day at 9am and after nap at 2pm. If you would like to provide your own snack for your child you may do so, label it as snack or extra.

Lunch

Each day we will be eating lunch at 11:00-11:30am in the classroom. Your child can have lunch at school or you can pack a lunch for your child to eat. If your child is buying lunch, please let me know if you have a lunch account at school or send money in a sealed enveloped with child name and lunch money on it. Put lunch ticket in lunch ticket pocket inside blue folder.

Snack and Lunch

In our classroom we are all about learning how to play, how to share, and how to be a good boy, girl, and friend. I love to celebrate good behavior and being nice, even for the smallest task like helping clean up or saying please and thank you. I also believe in having a classroom where every student feels safe, comfortable, happy, and feels cared for. I want each and every student to feel loved and love coming to school and being in our classroom.

One behavior management system I do and the one I have found most useful for this group of students in the beginning of the year is a **behavior sticker chart**. This sticker chart is eye level for the students and here is where they can start recognizing their name on their chart.

The charts have 25 boxes, 5 rows of 5, and once a student fills up one row of 5 they get to pick a prize out of my treasure chest for their wonderful behavior!

Classroom Management

CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS

PreK 2 will not have "Room Parents" but we will have Classroom Volunteers who come in and help our little ones on special days! To be a Classroom Volunteer all persons must complete the clearance process.

This includes the **Protecting God's Children seminar through the diocese, fingerprinting, and the volunteer application.** (All forms can be found online.)

If you are interested in helping out in our classroom this year, please sign up on the sign up sheets signing your name for which days/events you will be able to attend.

CLASSROOM SUPPLIES

Our classroom is in need of school supplies to stay clean, germ free, and do fun art projects!

We will have an display of apples on a board for parents to take and donate the supply item to the class! Please bring back the apple and your donated item with your child. These donations are greatly appreciated!

Volunteering & Classroom Supplies

ARRIVAL:

Every morning we meet in the library for drop off. When bringing your child to school, please make sure they arrive to school between 7:30am and 8:00am. The day will start in our classroom at 8:00am. If you arrive after 8:00am, please go to the office with your child and someone will be there to get your child or your child will be walked down to class by the secretary.

DISMISSAL:

If you are picking up your child at the end of the day, pick up is at 3:00pm in the library. On half days, pick up will be at 12:15 in the library. If your child goes to aftercare you must fill out the aftercare form and notarize it and return it to school. Send in a note if your child's dismissal routine changes. Aftercare pick up is in the PreK 4 room. After 4:00pm aftercare pick up is in the gymnasium.

If the person who picks your child up ever changes throughout the year, please let me and the office know.

ABSENCES:

Throughout the year, there will be times that your child may get sick, need to go to the doctors, family vacations etc. If your child is absent from school please make sure to contact the office or please send a note in with your child regarding his or her absence.

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PreK 2 Curriculum

Children in the PreK 2 program will explore many new and exciting concepts. The program is designed to promote an atmosphere of development.

PreK Twos are introduced to new skills as well as nursery rhymes through a variety of *songs, finger plays, games, hands-on materials, and art projects* giving them the foundation they need as they continue to the next stage of development.

Their learning of these concepts will be continued in the PreK 3 program and mastered in PreK 4 program. Children in PreK 2 learn these concepts at their own pace. They are assessed by observation and work samples.

The program, full of *creativity*, is designed to offer an outlet for all that energy packed into the life of a two year old to give them the stimulation they need to develop and grow into a *healthy and happy* preschooler!

(More detailed *Curriculum Calendar* will be on separate paper.)

What we learn:

- Colors, Numbers 1-20
 - Basic Shapes
 - Letters A-Z
- Themes - that follow the school year calendar to expose them to the world around them and learn something new every day!

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