



Welcome to Our Class

2017-2018

I would like to welcome all of our students and their families to Classroom A. This is the year for your child to shine brightly in our classroom. It will be a year of amazing growth for your child. I am looking forward to working with you and your child as we guide him/her to reach for the stars. I believe that communication is the key to a child's success and to a great parent/teacher relationship. I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I am available before school between 7:30-8:20 and after school with an appointment after 3:30.

For many children this may be their first experience of separation from parents and it is common for even the outgoing child to be anxious the first week of school. That is why it is important to say good-bye to your child at the playroom door and not linger where they can see you. The quicker you leave the easier it is on the child. The staff will take good care of him/her and you are more than welcome to call and check on them.

Please note the following as these are items that will be needed for the upcoming year:

- **First:** Please send in two wallet size pictures of your child. I will be making cards for each child with these pictures. These cards will be used as a place holder for work the child takes from a shelf and will also help each child, especially the younger ones, to recognize their names.
- **Second:** Please send in a baby picture of your child (less than one year old). These picture will be used for a poster and the children will be guessing who each baby is.

- **Third: Your child's birthday will be celebrated on his/her actual birthday, or if it is during the weekend or vacation time, it will be celebrated the Friday before. To help us in celebrating, please send in a picture for each year of your child's life along with a short story telling us about his/her favorite toys, food, and general information which can be read in class. These should be given at the beginning of the year to ensure that we have them on hand for their birthday celebration.**

Please feel free to have your child decorate the enclosed snack bag. They must bring it to school each morning filled with one morning snack.

There is also a supply list enclosed with this mailing, listing items which are needed for our classroom. Thank you for helping our class with these items. This will greatly help to defray the cost of everyday items used.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathleen Oliveira

Montessori Teacher - Class A