



Dear Families,

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over, and the new school year is quickly approaching! I am so excited that your child is going to be in our class! Ms. Messina will continue as our paraprofessional. We will both be working with the 3 & 4 year old children while Mrs. Hamill is on her maternity leave. I want to take this opportunity to tell you a little more about ourselves for those of you who don't know us.

I live in Westfield and I received my Master's in Education from Westfield State University. I am certified in Special Education, Early Childhood and Elementary Ed. I have worked in Early Childhood settings for over 20 years, both in private and public settings. Ms. Messina has her Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education and has been working with young children for over 20 years as well.

I believe that Farmington River is a very special place to be! Everyone here has been so welcoming! The staff has all helped to create a wonderful learning community which I look forward to coming to daily with a smile on my face! I truly enjoy working here and I am looking forward and I am eager to begin this new school year as your child's teacher.

Start-Up Information:

Preschool Zoom Orientation: On Friday September 4th @ 9:30 I will be holding an orientation. This will give us an opportunity to meet each other. The link will be sent to your e-mail. If you can't make this, please feel free to contact me and we can set up another Zoom or phone contact.



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3 Year Old Program

The first day of school for the 3 year old children will be **Thursday September 10th**. They will attend from 8:30 – 11:30. We will supply your child with a sturdy folder that will be used to go back and forth each day in your child's backpack. Please remember to check it DAILY for notes or other important information from our school and classroom.

4 Year Old Program

The first day of school for the 4 year old children will be **Friday September 11th**. They will attend from 8:30 – 2:30. We will supply your child with a sturdy folder that will be used to go back and forth each day in your child's backpack. Please remember to check it DAILY for notes or other important information from our school and classroom.



SNACKS / LUNCH

The school cafeteria will continue to provide snack in the morning and in the afternoon. Hot lunch can be purchased or you can pack your child a cold lunch. A monthly lunch menu and sign-up sheet will be sent home weekly.

ARRIVAL / DISMISSAL

School begins promptly at 8:30 A.M. Please follow guidelines that were sent home regarding drop off and pick up. Dismissal is 11:30 for the 3 year old children and 2:30 for the 4 year old children. Please strive to be on time picking up your child. If an unforeseen event happens where you will be running late, please be courteous and call the school to let us know.

We encourage your child to wear a mask and wash their hands frequently. We will provide mask breaks and utilize our outdoor space weather permitting. The program will follow all safety protocols set by the CDC, Dept. Of Early Education, and the Farmington River Regional School District.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. My email address is nhiggins@frrsd.org and the school phone number is 413-269-4466 extension 136. I look forward to a successful school year and can't wait to watch your child grow and learn emotionally, socially, and academically!

Please Note: Please send in a family photo for our bulletin board. We will be studying a unit on families.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Nanette Higgins
Preschool Teacher

