

# Welcome



## Back to School

September 2017

Preschool Room 123: Mrs. Caroline (Cary) Robb

[crobb@readington.k12.nj.us](mailto:crobb@readington.k12.nj.us)

908-782-2141 Ext. 5123



# Back to School Information



September 2017

## Our Preschool Team:

Classroom Teacher: Mrs. Caroline (Cary) Robb

Classroom Aides: Marianne Schultz & Pauline Marsh

Special Education Support Teacher: Miss Daniela DeFranco

Speech and Language Teacher: Mrs. Erica Winebrenner

Occupational Therapist: Mrs. Kelli Marella

## Classroom Information/Routines:

### Preschool Hours

- Regular Days
  - AM CLASS 9:00-11:30
  - PM CLASS 12:50-3:20
- Early Dismissal Days
  - AM CLASS 9:00-11:00
  - PM CLASS 11:00-1:00
- Delayed Openings
  - NO AM CLASS
  - PM CLASS 12:50-3:20
- **Arrival & Dismissal Procedures:**
  - **Arrival-** Preschool teachers will meet all busses and students who are dropped off at the front of the building at 9:00 for AM class and 12:50 for PM class. Dropped off children must be carefully walked across the parking lot to meet up with our class. **If you are late** dropping off your child, please bring them to the main office and one of our classroom aides will come up and bring your child to our class.
  - **Dismissal-** Preschool teachers will bring all AM CLASS students to the front of the building to meet up with the buses and parents/guardians who are picking up their child at 11:30. Picked up children must be signed out by an adult before leaving.
    - PM CLASS- bussed children are picked up at the left side of the building at 3:15 to avoid traffic in the front at the end of the day. Any children being picked up will be taken to the **library** at the end of the day with all other students who are to be signed out by a parent/guardian. You can enter the library by a set of stairs that go down into the library from the front of the building.

- \* Please make sure your child is on time and has good attendance, even at their young age!
- Please let me know if your child is out sick, on vacation, etc. (email or call)

- **Specials**
  - Children may have opportunities to attend Computers, Gym, and Library (weekly newsletters provide daily activities in our class, including any special)
- **Snack**
  - We are a NUT-FREE classroom
  - Please remember to send in a healthy snack with your child each day. Snack time will be about 15 minutes, so try to send something that can be easily consumed during that time. Please also send in a drink (juice box, bottled water, etc.)
  - Please remind your children to eat their own snack *only*; we do not share due to allergies and spreading of germs.
- **Notes to school**
  - Use the provided Tiger folder (Folders you send in will be used as backup!)
- **Birthdays and Star Student**
  - We will have birthday celebrations in class, however, due to district policies, we are unable to allow **any** outside food into the schools for such celebrations. Birthday party invitations should be mailed home, unless the entire class is invited to the party and then we will distribute.
  - Star Student- Each child will have their time "shine", which I will TRY MY BEST to do around their birthday. Summer birthdays can be celebrated in June or at your child's half birthday-please let me know your preference. During their special time, children will create an "All About Me" poster, will bring home our very special Backpack Bear "Paws" to have adventures with, and we will invite a parent/family member to come read one of their child's favorite books to the class. I can read a special book for you if someone is not available 😊. If you would like to bring any non-food items, such as goodie bags for the class that would be great. However, do not feel obligated to do so, as we will make their day/week very special! More detailed information to follow.
- **Show & Tell**
  - We rotate children weekly and usually relate their items to the letter we are learning that week. More information will come home shortly.
- **Monthly Calendar and Weekly Newsletter**
  - You will see a monthly calendar and weekly newsletter that will outline what we will be doing in class throughout the month and each week. There will be the letters, skills, activities, events, etc. listed on the newsletter so that you are aware of happenings in the classroom.

### Overview of Preschool Program:

We use a variety of programs and pull from many things to enrich your child's learning. Here are some of the larger programs that we pull ideas from:

- **Math: Touch Math Program-** A hands on program that allows children to use manipulatives to reinforce topics such as one-to-one correspondence, counting and number order, greater than/less than, pennies, shapes, simple addition and subtraction, etc.
- **Language Arts: Project Read & Foundations-** Both programs provide a hands on way to learn letters, sounds, basic sight word recognition, beginning phonics and decoding of words. Reading, writing, listening, and speaking elements are covered extensively. (Theme-based units)
- **Creative Curriculum:** Themes and activities are often generated from children's interests in the classroom.
- **Writing:** Proper letter & number formation, Names, Basic Words
- **Social Studies:** Holidays, Family, Community
- **Science:** Seasons, Weather, Simple Experiments, Cooking/Baking

Every day we work on the following:

- Social skills (following directions, problem solving with friends, etc.)
- Calendar routines (months, numbers, weather, etc.)
- Name recognition
- Communication skills (building vocabulary, proper use of grammar, etc.)
- Fine motor skills (cutting, gluing, writing)
- Gross motor skills (dancing, hopping, skipping, etc.)

**\*Specific themes and skills will be displayed on the monthly calendar for you to help reinforce at home.**

### Assessments

- **Portfolio:** Compilation of ongoing assessments and student work
- **Teacher Observation**
- Assessments to be viewed during conferences in fall and spring

### Sign-ups

We will be using **Sign-up Genius** for you to sign up for things in our classroom (more info to come)

- **Volunteer Opportunities:** parties (to run games, crafts, etc.), field trip chaperones, housekeeping supplies, weekly prize donations etc.
- **Star of the Week**

# How Can You Reach Me???



**By E-mail:** This is the best way to contact me. I check my email frequently. My email address is: [crobb@readington.k12.nj.us](mailto:crobb@readington.k12.nj.us). Please indicate your child's name on the 'subject line' of the email so I do not mistake your email as 'junk mail.' Sometimes the district filters out email, so if you do not hear back from me in a day or two, please call me at school.

**By Phone:** My phone number at school is (908) 782-2141 ext. 5123. I do try to check my messages throughout the day and will call you back as soon as possible. Please leave a detailed message when you call. If it is an emergency please call the main office at ext. 5715.

**By sending a note to school:** Please put any notes or forms you have for me in your child's folder. Every day when the children arrive at school, we check their folders for any notes, etc.

\*I will be sending home many important papers, especially as we kick off the school year. Please remember to check your child's backpack and folder **every day**. Papers accumulate quickly!

PLEASE, never hesitate to call me if you have questions or concerns about anything!! It is very important that we keep open communication so that your child's needs are met at all times!

**Thanks!**  
**Mrs. Robb**