



~*~*~*~*~SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2019*~*~*~*~

Dates to remember>>>

3-5: All Students Attend: Before , Extended, Kindergarten and After School Care starts!

6: All School Family Picnic (dismissal at 11:00 am)

12: Ms. Gail's Group: Manor Visit

17: Parent Education Night 7:00-8:15 PM

23: Bring An Apple Day! (use apples for food prep, apple sauce making)

25: Dance begins

26: Johnny Appleseed Day ~ Special snack-our homemade apple sauce

27: Spanish Begins

Welcome Back!

We hope everyone enjoyed the summer together. We are excited to be back in session...there is so much for the children to learn and a lot of news to share! Sit back and enjoy reading the **FIRST NEWSLETTER OF THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR**

****What to bring the first day...***Immunization record if expired, tissues, rainboots, a change of clothes and kindergarten children need their supply box. Children staying for lunch need a healthy lunch packed on ice or in a thermos (no refrigeration or heating available) and nappers need nap supplies!

~*~*~*~*~CHANGES*~*~*~*~

Carline : With almost half the children enrolled in the before school program there is no longer a need to have a 15 minute window for the carline. ***THE CARLINE will be from 8:45-8:53. Once all children in the carline are in the building we will close and lock the doors.*** PLEASE DO NOT KNOCK ON THE CLASSROOM DOORS TO BE LET IN...THE TEACHERS ARE ALL ATTENDING TO THE MORNING NEEDS OF THE SCHOOL. CALL THE OFFICE 859-341-5145 AND WAIT FOR AN ADULT AT THE LOFT ENTRANCE. Being late is very uncomfortable and distracting to the children. Please be here at 8:45.

Tuition payment: All payments have to be sent in to the address at the bottom of your statement. Use check, casher's check or money order only. No cash payment and no hand delivery available.

Monthly Curriculum---Includes but is not limited to:

- **Grace and courtesy ground rules. How to : push in a chair, carry a work, walk around our work mats, stop, look and listen when the chimes ring.**
- **Animal classification –Fish**

- Living and Non-Living sorting
- The three elements of the Earth: Land, air and water-classifying objects into these categories

All School Family Picnic:

Friday, September 6th is our all school family picnic from 11:00 am-12:30 pm. Pack your lunches and meet at the playground. The children will be sitting on the green benches until you come and greet them. Once you greet them they are under your care and you are responsible. It's not always possible but I would eat lunch first and then let them play afterward. The back bathrooms across from the dumpster and recycle bin will be open. The classroom will be locked. This is a great opportunity to get to know new families and talk with the teachers. We hope you all can join us in the FUN!!!

~*~*FOOD*~*~

Breakfast:

If you cannot serve your child breakfast at home you are welcome to BYOB (bring your own breakfast) Children that are enrolled in the Before School Program are welcome to eat their own breakfast at school. Acceptable options are yogurt, smoothie, oatmeal, dry cereal, waffle, fresh fruit, homemade: eggs, sausage, bacon, or plain muffins such as banana, and milk. **NOTE:** No doughnuts, pop tarts, fast food or sugar filled sweets. PROTEIN is the most important jump start for the brain!

Snack Time:

We have a morning snack for ALL children that wish to partake during the classroom work time. The snacks are all nut free. The schedule is as follows:

Mondays: Cheerios and raisins

Tuesdays: Carrots and wishbone ranch dressing

Wednesdays: Nabisco graham crackers

Thursdays: Apples or bananas

Fridays: Utz pretzels or sometimes plain veggie straws or Garden of Eaten blue chips

The After School Program offers a variety of snacks that are also nut free.

Birthdays:

We honor all birthdays! Every child will get a chance to walk around the sun holding the Earth while a teacher reads a brief story about their life. August birthdays will be celebrated in September, along with the September birthdays. Birthday forms have nut free suggestions. Bring 50 snacks to share.

*****FACT CHECKING-your help is crucial!!!*****

*****Accuracy:**

There are several forms to view and check closely for accuracy. Please pay attention to spelling, phone numbers, addresses: both house and email, etc. Thank you in advance for double checking **ALL** the attached documents.

*****Directory:**

The directory is for you to have so you can contact other families in our school; whether for a play date, a birthday celebration or a party outside of school (we do NOT pass out invitations-please send them in the mail.) Please correct errors and then save a copy. After errors are fixed, a FINAL DIRECTORY COPY will be sent via email.

*****Allergy Posting List:**

The Allergy list is posted: in the lunch room, in the snack cabinet and by the snack hutch. Please review the list to make sure it is accurate. *Posted with permission by parents.

*****Dance and Spanish:**

You can still sign up for Dance or Spanish! Just email the school to add your child to the list. The list is attached. Please check it to make sure it's accurate. Dance and Spanish are billed later in the year. The cost will be on a later tuition statement.



➤ PARENT TIP

I suggest keeping a folder handy with all the important school related information inside. Include newsletters, the directory, class list, calendars: school and cultural, emergency phone tree, etc Organizing information is the KEY to staying abreast of what is going on in your child's school, and good practice for the elementary years and beyond!

~*~*Additional School Related Activities & Information*~*~

Cultural Calendar:

I am currently working on our cultural calendar. This calendar includes dates for the Manor visits, special occasions, School House Symphony performances and other special events that are not included on the school calendar. Look for it to be emailed soon!

Racing to Read:

The children that are enrolled in the After School Program will be going on a monthly visit to the Kenton County Library Van. The library brings a van full of books for the children to check out! The librarian comes in: reads a story, sings or plays an instrument, and afterwards the children can visit the van for their book selection.

September FUN WEAR fundraiser:

Ms. Molly is heading up the first fundraiser with the help of a local merchant (Grateful Threads, Bellevue, KY). Look for details at the family picnic. Next fundraiser is in October. The Small Hands fundraiser is organized by April Bertoli, her info will be in the directory but look for an email late September/early October.

Manor Visits:

Every month a group of children will go and visit the residents at the Manor. The children will be supervised by their teacher along with a parent helper. Parent helper do not need to be Virtus trained to help. It is a one time volunteer situation where the teacher attends and is fully responsible. This is a wonderful intergenerational program that was started several years ago.

Ongoing Fundraiser:

Thanks to Danielle Difabion and her mother Kathleen Gouge, we will have CAR MAGNETS and MUGS with our LOGO this year. Please look for information soon! Box tops, Kroger and Remke's all **give FREE MONEY** to programs. We just have to follow their protocol. EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS THIS SMALL NON-PROFIT PROGRAM. Thank You for your NEVER ENDING SUPPORT!

~*~*COMMITMENTS*~*~

Commitment to our Earth:

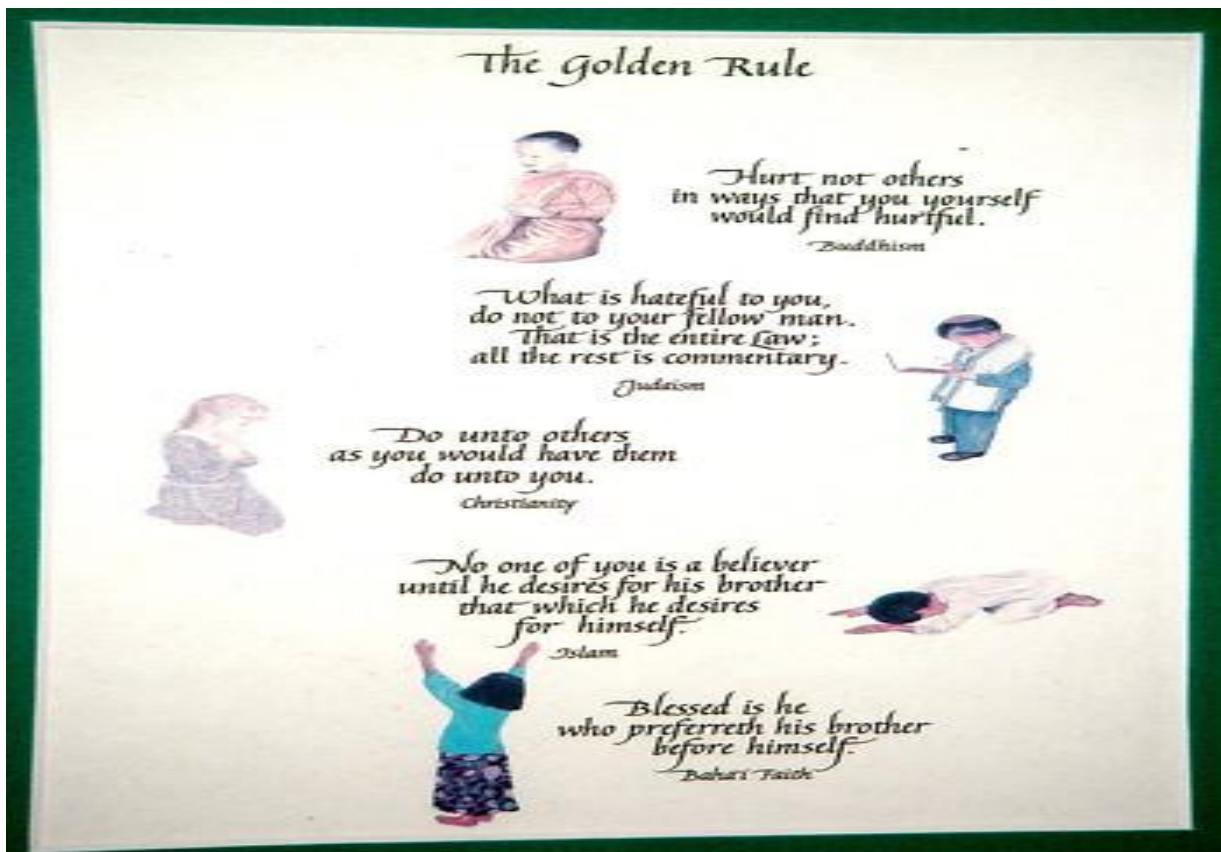
When packing lunch or breakfast items please pack them in reusable containers. The children learn what they can compost, recycle and reuse. Please be a steward of our environment. We practice what we preach in our school and homes.

Commitment to our Families:

The teachers are very hard working, dedicated women that will give you the shirt off their backs! We will make ourselves available to talk to you about any concerns, issues or fun life events! This is a partnership between all, but you do have to be responsible for reading information and sharing anything that may benefit the development of your child as we will be doing the same. We are excited to serve you and your child/ren at VMM. We look forward to our partnership!

The Golden Rule:

This year's focus will be on Matthew 7:12 doing unto other as you would have done to you! We welcome you all and will treat you like family. God Bless!



**THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ AND CHECK OVER
INFORMATION. YOU ARE APPRECIATED!
MAY PEACE PREVAIL, THE MONTESSORI STAFF**