

Welcome to St. Patrick's School Pre-K 3

Dear Families,

I am so excited to welcome you to our Pre-K 3 program at St. Patrick's School. I look forward to providing your child with opportunities to grow and hope they will develop a love for learning throughout this year. For many of you, this may be your child's first school experience. Below, I have provided you with helpful information as we begin this new school year together. Feel free to ask me any questions that you may have now or during the school year.

Arrival: School begins at 8:00 AM. Please drop off your child at the Richmond Road entrance to the school (near the flag pole). We will be using this door for arrival and dismissal due to its proximity to our classroom.

Dismissal: Dismissal will be at the Richmond Road entrance. Children who are attending half-days will be dismissed at 11:00 AM. Dismissal for full day students is at 2:20 PM. ****If someone new is picking up your child from school for the first time, please send a note to school in your child's folder that morning.**

Take-Home Folder: Your child will bring home a folder every day. It will contain notes, reminders, and class work that can be kept at home. Please check this folder every day and send it back to school the next morning that your child attends with any notes, envelopes or anything else you would like me to receive.

Absence: Please keep your child home if they are ill. A note indicating the reason your child was absent should be sent to school in their folder when they return. If you would like a copy of our school absent note, please ask.

Meals: Full day students will have a morning snack and lunch. Lunch will be at 11:00 AM. Half-day students will only have a morning snack.

- **Morning Snack:** This snack should be something light and easy to eat. Please put the snack and a drink in a bag labeled "Morning Snack" with your child's name on it.
- **Lunch:** Lunch will be eaten in our classroom. Please pack your child's lunch in a lunchbox with his/her name on it. It will be kept separate from their morning snack.

Rest Time: (Full day students only) We will have a period of quiet time after lunch each day during which soft, relaxing music will be played. Each child will be provided with their own mat which will be covered with the sheet and blanket you have provided. The sheet and blanket will be sent home each Friday or upon request to be washed. Please send them back to school on the next school day.

Bathroom: Your child is permitted to use the bathroom whenever necessary. We will be teaching the children proper hand-washing procedures. Please review hygiene rules with your child to discourage the spreading of germs.

Please send in a spare set of clothes in a Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name which will be kept in the classroom. This change of clothes does not have to be the school uniform. You will be contacted if your child has a bathroom accident.

Birthdays: If you would like your child to celebrate his/her birthday in school, you may send in one of the 5 approved birthday treats to be shared with the class. Please refer to the "Lunch and Treat" section of our website for further information.

You may also send in goody bags to be sent home with each child. Please be mindful of what you put in the goody bags.

Homework: Each Friday I will send home a homework handout that indicates any activities that should be done over the weekend. These activities are a great way to enforce concepts learned during the week at school. This homework handout will also include a section of important dates and reminders.

Smock: Please send in a smock or adult sized t-shirt that your child can use for painting. This should be sent to school in a Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name.

Family Photo: Please send a family photo to school by Monday, September 11. This will be displayed in our classroom.

Supply List: A supply list for Pre-K 3 students was included in the welcome letter sent to all families. Please let me know if you have any questions about this supply list.

Reminders

- Please label anything sent to school with your child's name.
- Please discuss your child's day with him/her. It gives your child a chance to review concepts presented in school while strengthening memory, language skills, and vocabulary.
- Please check our school website and class news page often for important information.
- School website: <http://school.stpatrickssi.org/>
- Contact information
 - School Office: 718-979-8815
 - Mr. Vincent Sadowski, Principal: vincent.sadowski@archny.org
 - Ms. Desiree Dauphin, Teacher: ddauphin@stpatrickssi.org

A strong parent-teacher relationship is very important to your child's success. I encourage you to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you might have this year. I am always here to help! I look forward to watching my Pre-K 3 students grow this year and continue to shine like the stars they are!

Ms. Dauphin

