



Highland Park Preschool

September 2017 Newsletter

Welcome to our school. We look forward to working with you and your children. We are about to embark on a fun filled year of learning while exploring, interacting, and playing that will enhance your child's intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development.

Following is some general information.

Beginning of Class

Please enter the building through the main northwest door. Have your child take off their jacket and outside shoes and put their indoor shoes on in the upstairs foyer. Your teacher(s) will come upstairs to gather the children and we will walk down the stairs together to the classroom. The children will place their backpacks on their designated coat hook and find their name tag. We will help them put it on. They can then explore our classroom until everyone arrives and is settled. If your class has already gone downstairs, **you must accompany your child into the classroom** and ensure that they have been signed in for safety and licensing reasons.

Our class routine offers circle time; center time with a wide variety of theme related manipulatives, sensory, craft, drama and science choices; snack time (each child it to bring their own snack - see guidelines below); as well as gym or outdoor time.

Classroom Rules

Inside (quiet) voice

Listening ears

Gentle hands

Walking feet

Hands up and wait for your turn to talk at circle time

Share toys, not snacks

Everybody helps at clean-up time

Be polite and respectful of others and of school property

End of Class

Please be on time to pick up your child. Children become concerned when their parent is not among the other parents picking up children. Dismissal will be in the upstairs foyer or outside. Please check your child's backpack for crafts and notices.

General Information

Please send your child with a **backpack** large enough to hold his/her snack and crafts that will be going home. Please include a complete change of clothes secured in a Ziploc bag, for your child in case of a toileting accident.









Your child should bring a **small, nutritious snack - 2 food groups** are recommended (ie: cheese and sliced fruit or vegetables). Snacks should be contained in a 'snack kit' or Ziploc bag so that the children can easily retrieve it from their backpack at snack time. We are **"Nut Free"** so do not send peanuts, peanut butter or any nut or peanut by-products (read labels carefully). The snack should be something that your child can easily open and drinks should have lids that do not spill. Water in a re-usable and properly sealed container, is the preferred drink. We will recycle any juice boxes or other non-reusable containers.

Please **label everything** belonging to your child. This includes footwear, coats, hats, backpacks, snack bags and all snack containers.

If your child is ill, please keep him/her home from school. **If your child has vomited in the last 8 hours, is running a fever or has diarrhea, he/she must be kept at home.**

Make sure that you refer to the monthly newsletter and session calendar for information about our theme and special events. If you have any questions or need clarification, please feel free to ask.

Coming up in September.

Sept. 7 th	Parent Meeting, Volunteer Selection and Orientation All cheques - current and post dated will be collected at this time 6:30 - 8:30 HPCA Upper North Hall
Sept. 11 th and 12 th 	Staggered Entry 9:00 - 10:15 or 10:30 - 11:45 Parent or guardian must attend with child Please refer to poster at parent meeting for your staggered entry time
Sept. 13 th - 15 th 	Regular class times start - 9:00 - 11:30 Welcome to School - Classroom Rules and Routines - Bucket Filling 
Sept 18 th - 29 th 	Me and You together  We are unique, Family  , Favorite things  Feelings 

Looking forward to a great year!

Mrs. Gail, Mrs. Sick and Miss Rubeen