



## POP Kids News and Information 2019

Wow! Another year is just around the corner. The staff at POP Kids are gearing up for another fun year of learning and discovery!

September will be spent getting to know our new classmates, teachers and classrooms. One of the primary goals is to create an environment in which children can be academically and socially successful. As we have worked with preschoolers through the years, we have come to understand how critical the beginning of the school year is to laying the foundation for the entire year. We progress slowly and intentionally. The academic curriculum is based on developmentally appropriate practice and the social curriculum is one that focuses on building a caring and respectful community. Initially, very few materials are on the classroom shelves and a limited number of centers are open. As we learn, new materials will be introduced and explored. The gradual progression allows children to feel successful and confident, not over-whelmed. You will see many exciting changes in your children as the year unfolds. We believe that by providing a foundation, we are offering them the opportunity to begin with a positive attitude about themselves and learning.

As your children's lives are entering a new phase, so are our staff lives. Changes at home or life in general, sometimes require a change in work life as well. We have had some adjustments in staff lives as we are entering this new year. However, the amazing news is that we are keeping our beloved staff, and adding new ones. We just need to move around a little. Change is sometimes hard but it can also bring new opportunities and fresh perspectives. We always have your children's best interest at heart. Our new teams will be:

**(Bright Stars)** Mrs. Grabenbauer (lead)/Mrs. Schick (asst.); **(Three's)** Mrs. Prokopius (lead)/Mrs. Top (asst.); Mrs. Dakoske (lead)/Mrs. Kuhn (asst.); **(Pre-K 2 and Pre-K PM)** Mrs. Herbon (lead)/Mrs. Rubin (asst.); **(Pre-K 2 AM)** Mrs. Alemagno (lead)/Mrs. Lolli (asst.); **(Pre-K PM)** Mrs. Riedell (lead)/ Mrs. Loll (asst.); **(M/W/F Pre-K)** Mrs. Riedell (lead)/Mrs. Clapp (asst.)

We can't wait to begin this "school journey" with your children and your family. We consider it a true blessing!

God's peace,

Angie Seiller, Administrator

### School Supplies

Sometimes the children think it is fun to donate supplies just like their big brothers and sisters do. Plus we are a non-profit school so everything helps! If each child could bring 1 or 2 items, it would be a huge help but certainly not required!

#### Some ideas are:

Small **Elmer's** Glue sticks

Paper towels

Kleenex tissues

**Crayola** water colors

Gallon size plastic baggies

Sharpies: Multi-colored/black (regular and thin)

Thin Whiteboard markers

Wet Wipes



### Extended Day Information

The Thursday Extended Day is filled. The list and waiting list will be posted at Open House. There are three more spaces available in the Friday ED. If we do not have more sign up, we will not be able to offer Friday. Please contact the office if you are interested in ED or being on the waiting list.

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# Information for a successful year at POP Kids

## To keep the fun constantly flowing...

Please remember the following:

- A backpack that is large enough to hold a 9"x12" paper.
- In the backpack include in a large Ziploc bag: a full change of clothes including socks and underwear even if your child is fully potty trained.
- Label all coats, etc. We will provide a backpack label. Labeling helps the teachers quickly transition to outside play and packing-up so we have more time to do the "fun things" in class. It can even be a piece of masking tape with your child's name.
- Please be on-time for school drop-off and pick-up. Young children need time to transition into class for the day. Many times it sets their "mood" for the day if they do not get this early transition time. And at the end of class, the sad looks are heart-breaking when they are the last one left at pick-up. In addition, our teachers have scheduled activities after class is over.
- Please dress your child in comfortable play clothes. Gym shoes are requested for outside play and the gym. **(Please, no sandals or cros).**



**Happy faces!**

## Extremely Helpful Hints for all ages:



Encourage your child to use the bathroom before coming to school. Please make going to the bathroom right before you leave home part of your child's "getting ready for school" routine. While we are happy to take your child to the bathroom when necessary, too many

bathroom trips can be very disruptive to classroom activities.

Children feel a sense of accomplishment when they can go to the bathroom without assistance, so help them achieve this by putting them in clothes with easy snaps or buttons, Velcro, etc.

  
"Alone we are smart.  
Together we are brilliant."

## And finally...



**Working together, we will create a learning atmosphere filled with love and discovery!**

**God's Blessings!**

**Angie Seiller,  
Administrator**

*Looking for Information! Don't forget our web site:*

**popkidsschool.com**

The POP Kids website always includes copies of the handbook, calendars, newsletters and other policies and procedures .