



NORTHSIDE PRESCHOOL The Penguin Press

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PICASSO
Is our school Mascot!
He is named for a famous artist because preschoolers love art so much!

Let's Focus On

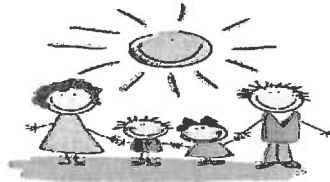
To protect the Students and Staff please review at home how to properly wear your mask. It should cover your nose and mouth.

Masks should be worn while on the bus and at school to protect everyone. Thank you for your continued support with this matter.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

We ask that you do not bring in branded food from restaurants. It is against federal and state regulations due to our funding. It also creates a difficult situation since our children are too young to understand why they can not have the food you have.

If you do need to bring in branded food, please rewrap if possible before coming to lunch. We try to keep items in the office to assist you in



OUR FIRST PARENT MEETING

WILL BE VIRTUAL

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 29

6:00 P.M.

Program:

"What Your Child is Learning in Preschool."

Parents will learn about the Tools of the Mind Curriculum and the PALs testing that occurs three times during the school year.

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!



•**No school for students**
October 11 - October 15

•**Parent Teacher Conferences**
October 12 - October 15

•**Fall School Pictures**
Friday, October 22
Pictures by Strawbridge, Inc. as listed on your 2021-22 Preschool Calendar.
The pictures are always great, but then why would not they be? We have the cutest kids!



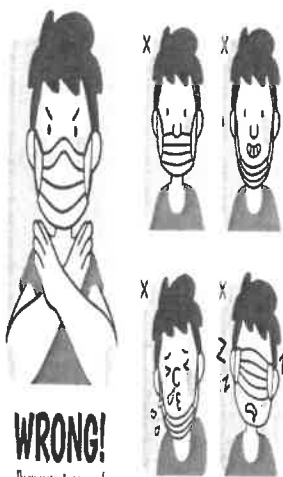
October Fire Prevention Month

The firefighters will be at Northside on October 4 with the fire truck to talk to the students about fire safety.

Principal Wright's Corner

Wow! It has been a wonderful opening of school. Your children are quickly learning so many things including our school procedures. The lines are getting straighter and the children are looking more confident each day that Northside is their school and they know where their classroom is. I feel that a great home and school communication is key to your child's positive school experience. I will be sending messages through phone calls to parents periodically. If you ever have a question or concerns, please feel free to call.

Rhonda Wright, Principal





**TOOLS
OF THE
MIND**

Tools of the Mind Connection

A newsletter connecting home and school environments

FALL
SEPTEMBER 2021

Welcome to preschool! We hope you had a terrific summer and are excited about the upcoming school year! Your child is special to you, and to us, and we hope to form a partnership with you as the year progresses.

WHAT AM I READING?

- What Mommies and Daddies Do Best
- Hermit the Helper
- Bear's Busy Family



Each month, you will be receiving this newsletter designed to give you information about what we are doing in school and give you ideas of activities you can do at home with your child. We will highlight some activities and key ideas of the "Tools of the Mind" curriculum to give you a picture of a day in the life of your preschooler.

Studies show that the best foundation for children is to use **play** as the activity to 'spark' learning. When you ask your children what they did in school, their answer will most likely be 'I played', and they will be absolutely right! A part of this newsletter, titled "**What am I doing in play?**" (below) will tell you what theme the class is working on and ways you can encourage your child's learning through play.

WHAT AM I DOING IN PLAY?

Theme: Family

Roles I can be: Mom, Dad, Brother, Sister, Grandma, Grandpa, cousin, aunt, uncle



What's happening in my centers:

Pretend to feed/wash/dress the baby
 Going to the Laundromat
 Having a movie night/watching television with the family
 Going on a trip in the car
 Fixing the car
 Going to the Laundromat
 Making meals and preparing the table

I am practicing my reading/writing and math by:

Making a grocery list
 Measuring with various tools
 Making checklists
 Practicing reading books
 Sorting and classifying objects

NURSERY RHYME TO PRACTICE

One, two,
 Buckle my shoe;
 Three, four,
 Shut the door;
 Five, six,
 Pick up sticks;
 Seven, eight,
 Lay them straight:
 Nine, ten,
 A big fat hen.



EXTENSIONS AT HOME:

- Draw a picture of all the people in your family
- Help someone at home make a recipe in the kitchen
- Read a book we have on the reading list, read your play plan to someone or teach someone the nursery rhyme!

