



Dear God's Garden Families,

It's that time of year again... time to start gearing up for a new school year! After months of quarantine and social isolation, I know our children (and parents) are ready to get back into a stable routine. This year will be different in many ways, but we are going to do our part to provide security, consistency and a sense of community and belonging for your child. As you know, things are changing daily in our society, even at the time of writing this letter, there are still many unknowns regarding the new school year. The dates given below are accurate at this time but are subject to change as we receive more guidance from the Office of Early Learning and Child Care Licensing. ***If you have decided to keep your child home for the Fall, please call the office at 813-752-6150 ASAP, as many classes have a waiting list.***

Important Dates:

- **Meet the Teacher will be the week of August 3rd-7th.** Your child's teacher will call you to set up an appointment. This time is important for ALL our families, both new and returning, as we have additional paperwork you need to fill out to complete your enrollment.
- **School starts Monday, August 10.** God's Garden will be **closed August 3rd-7th** to prepare for the new year.
- Our **parent committee will meet Wednesday, August 12 at 5:00pm** to make plans for the new year. This meeting is open to anyone who would like to be involved for the 2020-2021 school year. We will social distance for this meeting and we encourage you to wear a mask.

Classroom Supplies for Infants:

- ½ or 1 inch 3 ring binder
- 1 plastic folder with prongs (any color)
- 1 pkg. Ziploc bags, gallon-sized
- Change of clothes (labeled with name)
- Bottles/ Formula/ Breast milk/ Food
- Diapers and wipes
- 2 fitted crib sheets
- Sleep Sack (**No blankets allowed**)
- Pacifier or other comfort item, if needed. Please do not send strap to attach the pacifier to your child's clothes.

Classroom Supplies for 1,2, 3 and 4 yr olds:

- ½ or 1 inch 3 ring binder
- 1 plastic folder with prongs (any color)
- 1 pkg. of baby wipes
- 1 pkg. Ziploc bags, sandwich or quart-sized
- Change of clothes (labeled with name)
- Insulated water bottle (**not sippy cup**, labeled with name)
- **If napping-** 2-inch-thick KinderMat, fitted crib sheet, blanket and 2 Jumbo (20 gal size) Ziploc Big Bags for storing nap items.

New Health and Safety Practices:

- We will check children's temperatures every morning upon arrival
- Only one age group of children will be on the playground at a time. The playground equipment will be sanitized with a bleach/water solution between uses.
- Children age 2 and up are strongly encouraged to utilize our morning carline. If you wish to walk your child in, you will drop off and pick up in the foyer. Parents of Infants and Toddlers may walk them to class.
- We will continue our practice of sanitizing toys and surfaces throughout the day with our bleach/water solution and will remove and wash toys as needed.

Make sure to check out our school website, www.godsgardenpreschool.net and our Facebook page www.facebook.com/GodsGardenPreschool for up to date information. We look forward to seeing you all in the coming weeks and getting to know your child(ren). We are going to have a great year!

Sincerely,