



FORESIGHT NEWS

September 2024

Dear Parents,

This month we will focus on the development of positive self concept. We will be learning about ourselves: feelings, emotions, families. We will also learn about friendship and making good choices. We will discover how we are alike and different and how each of us is very special!

We will also be studying magnets, electricity, and simple tools. We will explore different sources of electricity. We will discover how simple tools work and how they help us in every day life. We will also experiment with magnets, use a compass, and test magnetic pulls. In addition to our theme activities, we will begin letter and sound lessons, numeral and number activities, geography skills, practical life skills, cooking, scientific exploration.

Special Events

Monday, Sept 2nd. Labor Day: - Foresight will be closed. Have a safe and happy holiday weekend!

Referral Fee:

If you refer a family to Foresight and they enroll you will receive a \$100 credit to your account!!! We

have several spots available and would greatly appreciate your help in spreading the word.

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Your Child's Independence

One of the most important things we as parents and caregivers can do for our children is encourage and support their independence. When coming and going into school, please allow your child to **walk** into the building and **carry** their own belongings.

Having appropriate expectations of self-care for your child is an easy way to promote self-confidence and positive self-esteem!!!!

Let's Stay Connected!!!

Please be sure to follow us on Instagram and Facebook. We are working to be sure to post as much as we can about what the students are busy doing!

Also know you can call us and talk anytime! If you are newly enrolled (or have attended for a while) and would like to visit your child's classroom, be a volunteer, or just want to get to know your child's teachers/routine better we can set up a time for you to come into the school. Talk to Beth or

Kori if this is something you would like to do!! We want everyone to feel connected to your child's learning environment and to be secure in your choice to attend Foresight!

School activities stay at school:

Please return any items that might leave the school with your child. We often have educational materials that fit nicely into a pocket. We have spoken to the students about the importance of respecting items that belong to our school and others. We would appreciate if you can do the same as a family.

When Your Child is Absent:

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please give us a call. This helps with classroom planning and attendance.

Your Child's Schedule:

One of the most important parts of your child's day with us is the group circle lesson that opens and closes each class. Please be sure to have your child here a few minutes before their scheduled time so that they can get the most out of our program. It is such a great way to help your child feel part of the group and also to get the most from our curriculum! If arriving after the start of class is unavoidable (which we completely understand), please wait until after circle time is over, to avoid interrupting the teacher's lesson. We want to alleviate any stress to our students. **This is especially true of the preschool room where emotions

can run high when a parent enters/leaves and can result in lots of tears for those students with separation anxiety. Thanks for your help to make this a great experience for everyone.

Parent Suggestions:

If you have any suggestions about ANYTHING, we are always open to hearing them! Feel free to call, email, or send a note with any suggestions, concerns, questions regarding your child/school policy. **If it is the weekend, we will get back to you on the following Monday.

Successful Lunch time:

For all of our new families (and continuing families), we are including information on Healthy Lunches and Choking Hazards in our email with this newsletter. We also ask that you avoid including unhealthy snacks, candy, sugary drinks. We would appreciate if you can save "Slim Jims"/jerky for home; both are high risk choking hazards. If you have any questions, please talk with Beth or Kori. Also, please be sure your child's name is clearly written on the outside of his/her lunch box and that the lunch box is not in their backpack. Thank you!

Payments and Fees:

Please remember that payments are due by the **5th** of each month, unless other arrangements have been made with Beth or Kori. There is a **\$30.00 late fee** for payments received after the 5th and /or balances not paid in

full. This policy will be enforced starting September 5th. Thank you!

Late Pick-up Fees:

Please be sure to pick-up your child at your scheduled time. There is a \$10.00 late fee for every 5 min. past your scheduled pick-up time. EX: \$10 for 5 minutes or less, \$20 for 6-10 min., \$30 for 11-15 min. you are late. "Late" refers to any time after your child's scheduled pick-up time.

Foresight Dishes:

Occasionally we loan out spoons for children to use in their lunch/snack. If you have ANY of these spoons that have accidentally come home, please be sure to send them back to us. Also, it tends to be easier (if your child needs a spoon) to send one in their lunch box.

Children's Belongings:

Please remember to label ALL of your child's belongings before school (lunch boxes, backpacks, jackets, hats, etc.). We have permanent markers and/or tape so if you need any help just ask a teacher. We just want to make sure that your belongings are returned to you!

Parking Lot Safety:

When coming to school or going home, please DO NOT allow your child to be in the parking lot unsupervised. It is a very busy place, and having children unassisted by parents is extremely dangerous. We want to keep everyone safe, so please be sure to hold hands (or take other safety precautions)

while in the parking lot with your child.

Toys from Home:

We do not have a show and tell time as part of our curriculum. Please do not allow your child to bring toys or personal belongings to school. It creates problems for those students that know the "NO TOYS" policy. There is an exception to this rule: if your child has an item related to the theme to share with the class and the teacher has prior knowledge about the item so that she may plan for it, then it will be okay. The teachers welcome sharing when approached in this manner.

Staff update:

We are happy to welcome Mikah Hampton to our Foresight family! She will be teaching in the preschool room starting in mid-September, and will be here thru October, until Jena returns from maternity leave. After that she and Jena will be splitting duties so Jena can settle in to being a Mommy. Mikah is pursuing an elementary education degree, has been a nanny for 6 years, and worked as a nurse technician at a children's hospital. Please be sure to introduce yourself to her. She is a kind, motivated individual with a genuine love for working with children.

Peace and Love -

Beth, Kori, Bere, Jena, Angie, Morghan, Mikah, Isabelle, Sam, and Kelsey