

Parent Information

Arrival

School begins at 9:15 am. Parents should drive through the covered area. A teacher will greet your child at the carpool line and take them to the lobby. It is important that your child arrive on time. If you should arrive late to school, you will need to follow Canterbury's procedure to bring your child to our room, (i.e. enter the building with proper identification). Please be aware that late arrivals are disruptive to the classroom and cannot be tolerated on a regular basis.

Dismissal

School is dismissed at 1:15 pm. We will bring children down from the classroom at that time. A teacher will walk your child to the pick-up area that is located at the covered parking area.

Early Pick-up

If it is necessary to pick-up your child before the regular dismissal time, parents should wait in the pick-up area for a staff member to bring the child down. Please let a staff member know of your plans for an early pick-up in the morning so that we may prepare for early dismissal.

Absences

If your child will be absent from school one day, please let a teacher or classroom aide know by calling us at:

Nancy Gregg (205) 901-5506

nancy.gregg@WISE4AL.org

Susan Farrell (205) 223-6753

susan.farrell@WISE4AL.org

Jamie Cleveland (205) 253-4662

jamie.stone@WISE4AL.org

Lunch

Each child should bring a lunch and drink to school each day. Lunch is important for both the nutrition and the socialization opportunity it provides the children during the school day. Please label all items with your child's name and include an ice pack in their lunchbox.

School Parties

We want to recognize each child's birthday; if a parent chooses, you may bring simple refreshments that are already prepared on the child's birthday. Please do not send gifts. Paper products will be available for your use.

Clothing

Children should dress comfortably in clothing that is easy for them to perform all toileting needs independently. Parents should also provide a spare outfit in the child's bag to allow for changing in case of an accident. We will be playing outside daily (weather permitting) on a playground that contains sand, pine straw, and mulch. Therefore,

children must wear closed toe shoes or tennis shoes.

Amplification

In keeping with the mission of the school, it is required that all children who receive services at the school use appropriate amplification during all waking hours. All children should have a set of spare batteries for their hearing aides or cochlear implants in their bag, should the need to change them arise. We are fortunate to have a sound field FM system available for use in our classrooms. If it has been recommended that your child use a personal FM system, please let the staff know and provide them instructions for its use.

Individual Progress/Confidentiality

Each week in class we will be targeting various activities to enhance the development of auditory skills, language, vocabulary and speech skills. Your child will have individual goals tailored to their individual needs. In addition, we will be targeting some pre-academic skills to help prepare your child for formal education. To protect the confidentiality of your child's progress, please refrain from discussing in detail your child's daily performance on targeted goals during the drop-off/pick-up line.

Behavior Management

It is important for all children to maintain a certain level of acceptable behavior to ensure an environment conducive to learning and maintaining safety. All staff members will help identify disruptive behaviors and address them appropriately. It may become necessary to use time-out or removal from an activity to serve as a behavior modification strategy. Parents will be notified of disruptive behaviors if they persist to a point of interfering with a child's learning. We reserve the right to dismiss a child if behavior interferes with the learning of others.

General Health

If a child becomes ill at school, he/she will be made comfortable until a parent or designated caregiver can be notified to come to pick up the child. The school does not have facilities or personnel to care for sick children. Please be certain that the school has accurate contact numbers for parents and caregivers in case of emergency.

Children must not be present at school with a fever. Children must not be brought to school unless they have been free of fever (without the use of medication), diarrhea and/or vomiting for 24 hours and feeling well.

Parents of children who have contagious or transferable conditions such as pink-eye, impetigo, lice, scabies, or chicken pox must notify the child's teacher immediately. The child must be treated and free of symptoms for 24 hours before returning to school with a note from a physician stating that the condition is no longer transferable.

In the even that a child at school is found to have pink-eye, lice or chicken pox, a notice

will be sent to all parents alerting them to watch for symptoms which could develop in their child. The source of infections or transferable conditions will be kept confidential.

Children with a cough or runny or congested nose will not feel like participating in classroom activities and may be contagious to other children. Please be considerate of classmates and school staff when deciding to send your child to school.

Emergency Situations

If a child is seriously injured or becomes unresponsive while at school, 911 will be called and the parent will be notified immediately of the situation. Staff members have received training in CPR and First Aid.

Medicine

Please give your child any scheduled medications at home before school. Staff members will not be able to dispense medication(s) to children at school. Additionally, if you wish for your child to wear sunscreen or bug spray, please apply these products at home prior to arrival.

Change of Information

Please notify the school as soon as possible whenever you have a change in:

- address
- telephone number
- emergency contact person(s)
- individuals authorized to pick up your child