



Pre-K 3 Parent Orientation
Monday, August 9, 2021
6:00 p.m.

Introductions

Curriculum - Goals & Objectives

- We are thrilled to incorporate the High Scope Curriculum into our current Pre-K 3 practices. HighScope uses a carefully designed process of learning through discovery, called active participatory learning.
- Build upon existing tools while maintaining successful, proven teaching methods Episcopal School of Jacksonville, St. Mark's Campus is known for.
- Create an environment that encourages them to explore learning materials and interact with teachers and peers
- Support students as they make decisions, build academic skills, develop socially and emotionally, and become part of a classroom community.
- Help students gain knowledge through their natural play and interactions with the environment, events, and other people.
- Individualize learning throughout our daily routine and incorporate detailed activities in areas such as science, math, literacy.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up

- **Early Morning Arrival** (7:15 - 7:55 a.m.) - *McCarty Early Learning Center - ELP 2 Classrooms*
- **Regular Morning Arrival** (7:55 - 8:10 a.m.) - *Carpool at Kindness Loop*
 - An adult will assist your child out of the car and a patrol will walk them to class
 - Please make sure to remain in your car and have your child's car seat positioned behind the passenger seat
- **Late arrivals** (after 8:10 a.m.) - *Front office*
- **Dismissal**
 - 12:00 p.m. - *Carpool at McCullough Lane*
 - 3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - *Carpool at Kindness Loop*
 - **Please make sure to have your carpool tag properly displayed in the windshield**
 - After 3:30 p.m. - Call or text the EDP cell phone at 904.305.7704 upon arrival and they will let you know where to pick up
- **Absences:** Please email us if you know your child is going to be absent.
- **Early Release Days:** Pre-K carpool begins at 11:30

Daily Schedule

- **7:55 - 8:10: Drop-off**
 - Students dropped off at early morning will transition to their classrooms
- **8:10 - 9:00: Centers**
- **8:25 - 8:55 (Mondays & Wednesdays): Chapel**
 - Mondays: Chapel in the Commons
 - Wednesdays: Chapel in St. Mark's Church
 - Parents are encouraged to join us

- **9:00 - 9:30: Circle Time**
- **9:30 - 10:30: Snack & Resources**
 - Monday - Library
 - Tuesday - Spanish
 - Wednesday - Art
 - Thursday - Music and Movement
 - Friday - Dance and Spanish
- **10:30 - 11:30: Playground**
- **12:00: Dismissal**
- **Extended Day:**
 - Dani will discuss more details at 6:30 in Mrs. Barnes' Classroom

Communication

- Please feel free to email me anytime with any questions you may have
- **Friday folders** will be sent home each week containing your child's work and various communication from the teacher and school.
 - Please empty these folders and send back on Monday.
- **My ESJ - Parent Portal**
 - This will be a great resource for information such as pictures, class schedule, calendars and events, billing, submitting required forms, and other tools.
- **Fall and Spring Conferences**
 - Provide the opportunity for us to discuss your child's developmental progress and growth.
 - **Fall Conference Date:** September 29
 - **Spring Conference Date:** March 30
 - A Sign Up Genius will be sent out prior to each conference date to schedule a time.

Potty Training Policy

- Students must be potty trained in our Pre-K 3 program.
- We understand potty training is a process.
- We consider a child potty-trained when s/he is able to articulate the need to go to the bathroom (i.e., stop playing, go to the bathroom, independently undress/dress, use the restroom without accident, wipe her/himself (with assistance if necessary), flush, and wash hands).
- Your child will need to be in cloth underwear - not diapers, pull-ups, or training pants.
- Accidents will happen. If a pattern starts to appear, we will recommend you continue working with your child at home.

Wellness Policy

- Fever of 100.4 and above, moist productive cough, vomiting, or diarrhea must be kept home until fever & symptom free for 24 hours, without medication.
- With any contagious disease or condition, please keep your child at home to avoid the spread of illness.
- If we have a contagious virus spreading (strep throat, flu, conjunctivitis, etc.) we will notify you via email so you can keep an eye on your child.
- COVID Protocols:
 - All adults and students age 3 and older in the Lower Schools will wear masks indoors.
 - Students will not be required to wear a mask outdoors including on the playground and moving between classrooms.
 - Patrols will be wearing masks at carpool due to being in close proximity to the children walking them to class.
 - Your child will not be required to wear a mask when getting out of the car and may keep it off until they enter the classroom.

- Hand washing and sanitizing will continue to remain a priority

Allergies

- Please make sure you have completed the Medical Action Plan form in Magnus
- Please speak privately regarding allergy and treatment
- Over the Counter medicine administration

To be ready for your child's first day, please send in the following:

- **Forms:** Complete all required forms in the Magnus Health Portal
- **Uniforms:**
 - Uniforms are required for students in Pre-K 3 and above.
 - We understand that some uniform orders are delayed
 - Students who are waiting for their uniform orders to arrive may wear a solid, logo-free, white, gray, or maroon polo shirt with approved dress code bottoms through the end of August.
- **Backpack:**
 - Should fit a standard size folder
 - Should also need to be large enough to house their snack as well as any items needed if they are staying for the Extended Day Program such as a blanket, lovie, and lunch box.
- **Snack & Water Bottle:**
 - Healthy morning snack and water bottle with your child each day.
 - Please label everything.
- **Lunch:**
 - If your child stays EDP, you have the option of ordering from our lunch program or you may send a lunch.
 - Lunches and snacks will be stored in the classroom but please be sure to properly chill any items, as needed, with ice packs.
- **Change of Clothes:** Pack a complete set of seasonally appropriate extra clothes (label each article) in a sealable bag (e.g., gallon-sized Ziploc), including a plain white, gray, or maroon polo shirt, dress code bottoms (pants/shorts/skirt), socks, and underwear.
- **EDP items:** Dani will cover at 6:30 p.m. in Mrs. Barnes' Classroom
- **Bug spray & sunscreen**
 - Apply before school, especially during the next few months
 - May send in a bottle to keep at school
 - Sunscreen - teachers can only apply once during the day

Classroom Events

- Homeroom Parent
- Class Parties/Special Snacks - Halloween/Christmas/Easter - signs ups will be sent via email
- Birthdays - small celebrations in class - please make sure special treats are store bought
- Pre-K 3 Easter Performance
- Fire Drills/Code Red - we will have these occasionally throughout the school year

Reminders

- Please verify your information on the printed forms on the table

Questions

Dani will meet with those registered for Extended Day at 6:30 p.m. in Mrs. Barnes' Classroom.