

Parent Tidbits and Reminders

First Presbyterian Day School

2024-2025

Arrival/Departure:

- Please pull to the most forward open area when arriving or departing.
- If you will be late, picking up a child or just need to get in the building – Don't forget your access card.
- At pick-up please have your child's name card displayed especially at the beginning of the year!
- Please pull out of the car line if you need to speak with your child's teacher so not to hold up traffic.
- Arrival
 - Staff will meet you and your child each morning in the car line. Staff will take your child to their class.
 - Drop-off will begin at 8:25. Currently, we do not have early drop off.
- Departure:
 - Pick-up will begin at 11:40 for the toddlers and 2 yo classes and at 11:55 for the 3 and 4 yo classes. If, in the rare case, you are going to be late, please notify your child's teacher so arrangements can be made.
 - Staff will place your child in their car seat, however, staff can NOT buckle them in the car seat.
 - Please pull ahead and over to the parking spaces to buckle your child's car seat so the line can continue to move.

Daily items to remember:

- Each child should have a 2nd set of clothing in the event an accident occurs. Remember, play clothes are best. Shoes should be closed toe which are better for running, climbing, jumping and playing!
- Talk to your child about the things they did that day. Share in their excitement for learning new things. Check their backpacks and folders for clues about what they did.
- Please make sure everything is labeled!

Snacks

- Since the Day School is a half day program, we would like to spend a small amount of time for our snacks. Please try to encourage a healthy breakfast before school. We are going back to having parent's send in SMALL, healthy snack with a labeled, PLASTIC water bottle or cup. It can be empty and we will gladly fill it. In the past we asked parents to send in snacks and they were large meals. And then we provided snacks and realized how difficult and time consuming it is so we are hoping this will be a good solution.

- **First Presbyterian Day School is a nut-free facility.** We have at least one child with a SEVERE allergy. We, also, have a staff member with a severe orange allergy and we are asking to avoid oranges, too.
- Suggestions for snacks: goldfish, graham crackers, pretzels, small fruit, dry cereal, cheese, crackers, veggie straws or cut up vegetables.
- Please before you send a treat for birthday or holiday, check with the teacher and it must be store bought.

Communication:

- Your child will bring home a folder with things they have done. Praise their efforts. Remember, learning is about trying new things and should be exciting.
- The Day School will have a “theme of the week”. Talk to your child about things relating to the theme.
- Most communications will be through text or email. (Trying to save some trees!)
 - A monthly newsletter about what the children did or what is coming up the next month will be included. This will help you and your child be prepared.

Medication:

- In most cases, medications should be administered at home.
- If medications must be administered at school, remember you must bring the completed medication form along with medication in the original container.

Questions/concerns:

- Ask! The Day School staff want you and your child to have a wonderful year and are willing to help any way we can!
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