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WHERE ALL CHILDREN BLOSSOM

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GCDS HIGHLIGHTS - NOVEMBER 7, 2021

DURING OUTDOOR AND INDOOR EDUCATION, WE INCORPORATE ALL ACADEMICS WHILE HAVING FUN!!

STEM: We love exploring, creating, fostering our science, technology, engineer, and math skills.



MATH: While building, we incorporate counting. How many triangles does it take to make a hexagon? Let's count and find out.



Writing: Pre-writing skills are the fundamental skills children need to develop before they can write. These skills contribute to the child's ability to hold and use a pencil, and the ability to draw, write, copy, and color.



Reading: We love listening to stories as well as looking at books on our own!

Art is one of our favorite activities where we can be creative!



Listening: We love the listening center where we can listen to stories on the CD.



Creative Play is a great way to build a child's communication skills in a fun and supportive environment.



Celebrating "World Kindness" Day

Each class did various activities in relation to "Being Kind" in honor of "World Kindness" Day, which was held on November 4th at GCDS.



SCHOOL NEWS

I. Drop Off and Pick Up

- A. Times will be pre-arranged via sign-up genius the Tuesday before the following week.
- B. When you pick up and drop off, you have a 30-minute window to pick up and drop off your child.
 - a) Arrival
 1. The time is between 6:30 am and 9:00 am for all day children and 8:40 am - 9:00 am for $\frac{1}{2}$ day children as well as academic day children. You will sign up via "sign up genius".
 2. Once you arrive, you will pull all the way up to the arrival tent.
 3. A teacher will come to your car to watch the parent take their child's temperature with their own thermometer and it is recorded into our school log. As the temperature is being taken, the teacher asks the CDC (Center for Disease Control) questions about COVID-19. If the child has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, the child is unable to stay at school.
 4. The child is then escorted by our teachers to wash their hands.
 - b) Departure
 1. You will sign up for a departure time via the sign-up genius.
 2. The time is from 3 - 3:15 pm for academic day children and from 4 - 6:30 for extended day children. If your child is at GCDS for $\frac{1}{2}$ day, your child's teacher will bring him / her to your car.
 3. Parent pulls their car up to the tent at their scheduled pick-up time.
 4. A designated teacher will escort the child to the parent's car.
 - c) It is very important NOT to make appointments for your children during the academic day. From 9 am to 3 pm, no one is at the check-in table to greet your children in the morning and record his/ her temperature or to bring your child you, unless it is after 3:00 pm.

II. Masks

- A. Children 2 and older are required to bring 2 masks in a Ziplock back daily. The masks are sent home daily to be washed.
- B. When purchasing a mask for your child, make sure it fits his or her face.
- C. Have your child practice wearing a mask at home if they are not used to it because if we are inside, masks are to be worn. Although, for the most part, we are outdoors and don't need to wear masks.

III. Lunches

- A. Lunches must be in brown paper bags (NO LUNCH BOXES.)
- B. We are a "NUT-FREE" school. No food should contain nuts due to allergies.
- C. All items in lunches must be disposable (NO TUPPERWARE CONTAINERS.)
- D. Pack extra snacks for your child (morning snack, lunch, afternoon snack.)
- E. All lunches will be kept in coolers.

IV. Other items to bring

- A. Plastic Backpack (can be found on Amazon at the following link:
https://www.amazon.com/s?k=plastic+backpack&crd=312ZC7WUECV3V&sprefix=plastic+backpack%2Caps%2C205&ref=nb_sb_ss_ts-doa-p_1_16)
- B. Extra clothes in a Ziplock placed in your plastic backpack.
- C. Water bottle: Your child's teacher will refill it.

STUDENT PARENT HANDBOOK

The 2021-2022 [Student and Parent Handbook](#) has been available on the GCDS website. This resource is helpful for navigating the school year and includes information about GCDS, policies and services available to support and enrich learning. A printed version of the handbook is no longer provided.

ABSENCE / EMAIL REMINDER

Please email the school if your child is going to be absent. Please write your child's name, date of the absence, and the reason for the absence.

PICTURE DAY

Irvin Simon Photographers will be taking individual outdoor pictures (environmental background) of your children on Monday, November 8th at 10:00 am. Please make sure that your child is in regulation uniform for their individual photo. Regulation uniforms can be found on the Flynn & O'Hara website.

SPIRIT DAYS

Every Friday at GCDS is Spirit Day. Please go to the Flynn & O'Hara website to purchase your child's Spirit Wear attire.

Upcoming Events

- Monday, November 8th - Picture Day Rain Date
- Friday, November 12th - Wear Favorite Sports Team / Jersey Day
- Friday, November 12th - Report Cards will be emailed home
- Friday, November 19th - Crazy Sock and Wacky Shoe Day
- Tuesday, November 23rd - Thanksgiving Celebration All Day
Pioneer Day

- **Tuesday, November 23rd - Last day of Hot Lunch #1**
- **Wednesday, November 24th - School is Closed.**
Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences
(be on the lookout for an email to
confirm your google meet parent-
teacher conference
- **Thursday, November 25th - School is Closed in observance of**
Thanksgiving.
- **Friday, November 26th - School is Closed in Observance of**
Thanksgiving.
- **Monday, November 29th - Hot Lunch #2 Begins**
- **Friday, December 10th - Next Classroom Newsletter**