



Atala Montessori

School for Creative Expression

Dear Preschool 4 Parents,

We are excited about the start of the school year and eagerly look forward to working with your children. You may have some questions about the classroom, and what is needed by the students. Here are some answers to commonly asked questions.

We will use plastic elastic folders to transfer work to and from school instead of backpacks. The folders that are available at any office supply store are clear plastic one pocket large envelope designed with elastic bands on each bottom corner to secure contents. **Please check and empty your child's folder every day.** This is the best way to keep you informed of what is going on in the classroom. Please send in an extra set of clothes, including socks and underwear in a large Ziploc bag, which we will keep here in case of an accident. Please put your child's name on everything to avoid having it lost or misplaced.

Full-day children should bring their lunch in a lunch box marked with the child's name. It is a good idea to use the insulated ones to keep food cool and fresh. Please send a healthy well-balanced lunch for your child. Please make sure that your child can easily open and close containers to promote independence. **Because of choking hazards children are not allowed to have any popcorn at school.** Hot dogs should be cut in quarters and grapes must be cut in half. We will also be offering some hot lunches later in the month. Be sure to look for information on this soon.

Child of the Day: At the beginning of each month, we will be sending a calendar home indicating when your child will be "The Child of the Day." He/She does not have to bring in anything but may bring a special snack to share with the other children if he/she would like. On this day he/she will hold the flag, help with the calendar, and will have other important jobs. It is a special day.

Monday is Show and Tell: The children may bring something special to show the class. Some of our favorites are books, photographs, shells, rocks, artwork, etc. **Toys should be left at home.** We also enjoy hearing about a trip you took, a funny story, or what you did over the weekend.

Friday is sharing day. On this day, the children may bring a healthy snack to share with the class. This is optional and does not have to be done every week. We enjoy fruits, veggies, cheese, muffins, crackers etc. Stickers are fun too, just be sure to cut them individually, so they are ready to be passed out. We are asking that all food brought into the classroom is healthy and would prefer fresh or homemade snacks. We would appreciate your help in implementing healthy eating habits in the classroom as well at home.

Friday is also an optional Pizza Day for those who wish to participate. We will be ordering cheese pizza. Money is sent in monthly, and the cost will vary depending on how many Fridays are in the month. The cost is **\$4.00** per week, and we do require **cash only** (no checks please). **We ask that pizza for the month be paid in full by the first Thursday of the month. If the full monthly payment is not made by that date, your child will not be allowed to order pizza until the next month. This is for bookkeeping purposes and NO exceptions will be made.**

We are looking forward to a very full and exciting year. Thank you for entrusting your child to our care.

Sincerely,

Ms. Figueroa

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