



Bobbie Noonan's Child Care
Palos Hills

*****Pre-Kindergarten News*****

for the week of 8/14/2017

- **Theme** – Getting Acquainted/School
- **Introduce** – Aa & Bb, red, blue, yellow & green
- **Expressive Vocabulary** – absurd – *silly, foolish or untrue*
befriend – *to become a friend to*
- **Bits of Intelligence** – Dinosaurs
- **Manners** – Try to share / Use words, NO hitting

Happy Birthday to Bella Baker 8/12

Dear Parents,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all of our previously enrolled families, and extend a special welcome to the new friends who have just joined our Bobbie Noonan family. It seems hard to believe that a new school year is upon us! This newsletter is our way of keeping you informed of the bountiful activities and lessons we have planned for your young learner, as well as school events. It is important that every newsletter be read (perhaps even posted on the fridge?) as you will gather much information from them.

The focus of this first week of school will be getting acquainted with each other and our environment. Rules and routines will be established, and extra time will be devoted to making sure each child feels comfortable and excited about coming to school. Our special puppet friend, Taffy Apple, will make a surprise visit at the end of the week to welcome the students and help with review!

Our morning preschool runs from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. We ask that students arrive no later than 8:55 a.m. so that your child can receive the most benefit from our program and not miss out on key instruction. This is extremely important in preparation for Kindergarten. During preschool hours your child will travel through three content areas, spending approximately 45 minutes in each class. Each content area is taught by a different teacher.

Language Arts: Our Language Arts room will be taught by Mrs. Debbie. The children will enjoy learning about our weekly themes through finger plays and story books. Look for our theme table to display a variety of interesting objects related to our topic! The Language Arts room is also where the boys and girls will learn to recognize the letters of the alphabet and their corresponding phonetic sounds, as well as work on the Bold Beginning Reading Series that was created by Dr. Roberta Noonan. Mrs. Debbie has taught at Bobbie Noonan's for 25 years.

Concept: Our Concept room will be taught by Mrs. Julie who has taught at Bobbie Noonan's for 9 years. Mrs. Julie will be teaching your children number recognition along with number concepts.

An emphasis is also placed on the calendar in this room, helping the children learn not only the days of the week and months of the year, but ordinal numbers as well. The children will have the opportunity to use the tablets along with job time on a daily basis. We can't wait to see what science experiments Mrs. Julie has in store for us!

Craft & Writing: Our Craft/Writing room is taught by Mrs. Tiffany who is starting her 18th school year teaching at Bobbie Noonan's. Mrs. Tiffany is responsible for all the cute craft projects that your children come home with that we hope you will proudly display. In addition, Mrs. Tiffany will work on readiness papers that reinforce printing, as well as concepts taught following our weekly themes. Fine motor skills will be enhanced by activities using glue, scissors, paint and crayons.

Motor activities and games will be offered throughout the day to help develop gross motor skills. Our outdoor play ground is always a favorite, as is the inside obstacle course. Listening skills are reinforced through movement CDs and songs.

Reminders:

*Each child will need to keep a change of clothes at school. Please put these in a sealed Ziploc bag labeled with their name and store in their cubby, or on their coat hook.

*Each child will need a backpack every day. This will allow them to easily carry papers and projects home from school without fear of losing them. Please label their backpacks with first and last name. Also, if you send anything in your child's backpack that would require a teacher's attention, please let a staff member know.

*Each child should wear comfortable clothes, shoes and socks that are suitable for outdoor play. Gym shoes are the best as sandals or flip flops are not always safe for running and climbing on the playground.

*Please do not allow your child to bring toys to school. However, Daycare children may bring ONE small soft sleepy friend to stay on their bed for the week.

*Please encourage independence by allowing your child to care for their own needs, such as taking off and putting on their own coat and hanging up their backpack.

*Please remember the most efficient form of communication is through a note sent to school with your child.

*Newsletters will be emailed to you starting next week. If you would like a paper copy please write a note stating this and drop it in the tuition box.

We are eager to get to know each of your children and are looking forward to providing them with a unique and rewarding educational experience. Please remember the lines of communication are always open. We will be happy to discuss with you any items of concern you may have about your child.

Mrs. Debbie, Mrs. Tiffany, Mrs. Julie