

Hello CT Ladybugs Families,



The first weeks of school have been awesome! The children seem to be enjoying their new classroom, new routines, and doing really well at keeping up with washing hands, cleaning up after we play, sitting on the rug for morning meeting, clearing our plates after lunch, and taking turns.

Thanks you for being consistent about washing children's hands when entering the school. It is very important that we keep everyone's hands clean beginning at the start of the day. As the weather begins to change we will be working extra hard to keep everyone healthy, and we need your help.

Thank you to all the parents who enjoy staying for morning meeting. We believe that the school house should feel like an extension of home, and having a moment -a fifteen minute moment from 9:00 - 9:15- with your child to sing, and get information about the plans for the day helps foster that sense of school family.

In the past week the children have shown a special interest in trains. During small group time, the children often create "trains" using the chairs in our classroom. The children board the "train" and take trips to various stations, mountains and beaches! The journey is often accompanied with train sounds from our computer and sound from our mouths! The imagination in the classroom has completely exploded and we will continue to support their exploration and creativity!

Transitions are a time to focus on listening and patience. We believe learning is a process that is integrated throughout the experiences of the day, not a set curriculum of bench marks that we follow. Therefore, it is important that we value and honor these times too, helping children learn and understand the importance of listening, taking turns and following directions.

We are very excited about this school year!

We have been anticipating the arrival of Ms. Irina's baby. We are pleased to announce that Ms Irina has had her baby girl! Charlotte Sylvia Johnston was born August 20th at 6:59 am, with 6lbs 14oz. Mom and baby are doing well! Congratulations to Irina and her husband. We can't wait to meet her!



Calendar Dates and Reminders:

- **School Closed for Labor Day: Sept. 3rd**
- **Workday: Saturday, Sept. 15th**
- **Class Meetings: Thursday, September 20th from 7:00 to 9:00pm**
- **School Camping Trip: Sept. 21st-23rd**
- **School Closed: Friday, September 28th - Professional Development Day**
- Always close the classroom door upon entering or leaving the classroom
- Please bring your child's JOURNAL back to school so that we may add more pages.
- Please check your child's cubby everyday to make sure they have two sets of weather appropriate clothing, wipes, and diapers.
- Please make sure that all clothes, cups, and containers are labeled with your child's first name and last initial.
- Please send fresh WATER every day in your child's labeled water bottle. Remember to take the bottle with you at the end of the day for cleaning.
- If you are still working on potty training, please share with us the strategies that you are using at home so that we can be consistent in implementing them here at school. Also, make sure that your child has enough changes of clothes and pull-ups for extended day.
- Please send or email 3-5 family photos for us to laminate and keep in our safe space. This will support our home/school connection, giving the children a tangible form of security.
- We encourage your child to bring in loveys or blankets from home either for extended day or for our Safe Space in our classroom. Please no toys from home.
- Our class monthly letters are posted on our class page in the GPCP website and shared through the school newsletter that goes out bi-monthly. You can access your child's class page from the website at any time, by clicking the "Classes tab" and choosing your respective class. In our class page, you can also access the email addresses of all GP Swans' families. You can email families individually or as a class group. Please be aware that all school related matters need to be communicated through the website.
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