

Swans' Classroom News

January 2019

Greetings Swans' Class Parents!

Happy New Year! Thank you for attending the class meeting! Our presentation will be uploaded to our class page. We are excited to be back in class. We have been fortunate to see your children grow and continually develop. 2019 will bring stronger relationships within the classroom community.



Welcome Camila

Camila, Gabriela's niece from Argentina, will be working in the Swans' class through February. The children have been enthusiastically sharing our community and environment with her.

We'd also like to thank Ms. Gladys and Ms. Pas from **The Little School**, who joined our class again for a week while participating in classroom observations. We look forward to another visit from them later in the year.



We Welcome Colby Annarino Baker to the Swans' Class

Colby recently joined us in December, and is enjoying exploring the classroom with his classmates.

GPCP Auction Project

The children's relationship with Sally the Climbing Tree, as well as other trees in our community, have created an opportunity to express their discoveries into

three framed pieces of art. Inspired by this relationship, the Swans' class auction project will highlight the messaging of memories in tree rings, layering of stories from Dream studies focused on Sally, and the color and material exploration of Sally's Winter Clothes.

Milo: "Trees don't wear jackets but its a reason no one in the whole entire world knows why"

Oliver K: "Trees do wear jackets. Everybody knows that leaves create jackets"

Evie: "Yeah, but they only need them in the spring in the cold"

Lila: "I'm making Sally a sweater with clay because it's cold"

Cora: "I'm going to make lots of trees with sweaters"



Hunter: "Who can speak Tree? I can't speak tree"

The children have been working in many different media: fabric, clay, natural/found objects, watercolor, oil pastels, etc.



Please be sure to ask your children about their impressions of Sally!

See the calendar listing below for the **Free Parent Talk Series** at GPCP. Refer to Gabriela's Director's Letter for more information on the series.

Thanks for reading ~ The Swans' Team (Candace, Natalie, and Ivey)

REMINDERS:

Change of winter clothes, please dress accordingly for chilly playground time. **"Feels like 35°"** temperature is the cut off for going out on the playground.

Please refer to our **Health Policies** on pg 40 in the Family Handbook, for a refresher on GPCP's sick policies and procedures.

Please use the red Parent Helper bin in the cabinet over the sink to place your personal items. Purses cannot be placed in your child's cubby due to state regulations.

Please make sure no sunscreen, hand sanitizers, makeup, etc. are kept in the children's cubbies.

Calendar:

- **Wednesday, January 30th - Child Talk Series # 1 – Fear Free Parenting 7:00 to 9:00pm**
Please sign up for free childcare in advance.
- **Friday, February 8th - Grant Park Picture Day**
- **Monday & Tuesday, February 19th & 20th - Winter Break - NO SCHOOL**
- **Wednesday, February 21st - Planning Day for educators - NO SCHOOL for children**
- **AUCTION: Saturday, March 23th**

Important Reminders:

- Always lock the classroom doors upon entering or leaving the classroom
- Please bring your child's JOURNAL back to school so that we may add more pages.
- 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.
- Birthday Parent Helper days will also be your child's share day. On their special birthday share day, your child is encouraged to bring an item from home to present to the class during afternoon meeting. The children take a lot of pride in this experience!
- Please make sure that your child has enough changes of clothes and pull-ups for extended day.
- 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. Weekly journals are also posted on our website. 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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