Kaleidoscope

Early Childhood Development Center

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Dear Pre-K for All families,

We are excited to be your child's Preschool and look forward to an enriching and rewarding school year. So many great things will happen in our preschool! Our objectives are to prepare your child for kindergarten emotionally, socially, and academically in a positive and nurturing environment.

Play is children's work! Below are some of the skills children will develop in Pre-K while playing with their friends:

➢ **Language Arts and Literacy:** learn new vocabulary, listen to, discuss and retell stories, left to right progression when reading and writing, letter and letter sounds identification.

➢ **Math Concepts:** counting and cardinality, operations and algebraic thinking, measurement and Data, identifying and describing shapes, number names and the counting sequence, simple addition and subtraction, patterns, measuring, and sorting.

➢ **Fine Motor Skills:** manipulating small objects, painting, drawing, pencil grip, letter formation (writing), and cutting.

➢ **Gross Motor Skills:** children will run, jump, walk, hop, climb, balance, pedal a tricycle, throw and catch a ball, push and pull.

➢ **Science:** ask questions and make predictions based on observations and manipulation of things and events in the environment, test predictions through exploration and experimentation, observe and describe characteristics of earth, space, and living things, and acquire knowledge about the physical properties of the world.

➢ **Awareness of self:** respect themselves and others as well as our school community, waiting one's turn to speak and play, demonstrate an understanding of roles, rights, and responsibilities.

➢ **Social Studies:** children will develop an understanding of how people and things change over time and how to relate past events to their present and future activities, demonstrate interest and awareness about a wide variety of careers and work environments.

➢ **Visual and Performing Arts:** children will express themselves and represent what they know, think, believe and feel through visual arts, dance and creative movement; engage in musical activities, participate in a variety of activities to represent fantasy and real life experiences.

Smooth transitions into Pre-K for All programs lay the foundation for a successful year. To welcome new children and families for the 2020-21 school year and to help them adjust, Kaleidoscope's Pre-K for All has created a staggered schedule for children that will participate in 100% In-Person Learning Model.

Thursday, September 10, 2020   9:00 am – 11:00 am

Friday, September 11, 2020   9:00 am– 12:00 pm

The first full day of preschool is Monday, September 14   9:00 am – 3:20 pm

Please refer to COVID-19 Health guide for the pick up and drop off procedure.

Extended Day will begin on Monday, September 14, if we have enough interest.

Enrichment clubs will begin on Monday, September 28, if we have enough interest.

Due to COVID-19, we will not be providing transportation.

For the first day of school, please bring a small backpack with a complete set of comfortable weather appropriate clothing - shorts, t-shirt, socks, underwear, and a refillable water bottle. The backpack will stay in your child's cubby and will be going home every Friday. We will provide your child with a sheet and a blanket for rest/quiet time.

Children whose families chose 100% Remote learning will be invited to a ZOOM session with their teachers on Thursday, September 10 at 12:00 pm. During the session, your teachers will let you know about the times you and your child will join Kaleidoscope's virtual lessons that will begin on Friday, September 11.

We will send you our school calendar as soon as the public-school calendar will be published.

To avoid big gatherings at school, our Parent Orientation will be organized into a webinar and shared with you on or before Friday, September 4.

We are looking forward to working with each child and are excited to be a part of their growth and development. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,
Oksana Grebenyuk
ECDC Kaleidoscope Director