



Child View September 2017



Important Dates

Sept 4th	No School
Sept. 18th - 22nd	Book Fair Week
Sept. 19th	FFO Meeting at 9:15
Sept. 23rd	Tapas for Teachers

Water Days - Every Tuesday and Friday until September 29th



Safety Reminders

- **OUR PARKING LOT IS DESIGNED TO GO ONE WAY IN A CIRCLE.** PLEASE FOLLOW ALL SIGNS AND DO NOT GO AGAINST TRAFFIC OR THE DIRECTION OF THE PARKING SPOTS. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE HAVE VERY SMALL CHILDREN IN OUR PARKING LOTS. WE HAVE ALREADY EXPERIENCED NEAR MISSES IN OUR PARKING LOT THIS FIRST MONTH.
- PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR CAR. WE HAVE HAD BREAK-INS IN THIS PARKING LOT.

Notes from the VVELC Front Office: In order to lesson confusion for staff and for the safety of our students, we have a new scheduling policy! . Any changes made during the week will be a **\$7.50 charge**. This will help us keep our rosters up to date and children where they need to be.



FFO Meeting

September 19th

9:15 AM

Staff Lounge

Coffee and Bagels

Siblings Welcome

Come and meet your new friends!

Help us support our teachers and students!

Need a front parking space? Get ready to raffle! FFO Parents will be in the lobby beginning next week selling tickets for a parking space front and center. Parents can win an 8:30 parking spot time, 11:30 parking spot time and 2:30 parking spot time. Enter as many times as you would like! Your spot will be good for a month.

Have you made your direct donation yet?

Drop it off anytime in the silver FFO box just opposite Ms. Margie's desk on the wall by the green button. \$100 a family goes a long way, but we are happy with anything!

Direct Donations pay for: outside wooden benches, classroom supplies, Staff T- shirts, Books for our library, Rugs for classrooms, furniture, nap mats, school supplies and helps to send our teachers to important Early Childhood conferences! Please support our teachers, students and our entire school with your direct donation today!

So far we have raised \$3,900 in direct donations this school year!

Snack Time



Why is snack so important?

Snack time is not just a time to eat at VVELC. Snack time is a time to learn many important social and emotional skills. It is a very meaningful time for all students and adults, which is why we sit and serve family style. Students learn skills like: setting the table, waiting for all to sit down, waiting for your turn, serving oneself, asking to politely pass the food, politely declining food, being flexible, trying new things, delaying gratification, having polite conversation, learning about each other, learning about health and nutrition, cleaning up after oneself and enjoying everyone's company. Some of our most meaningful conversations happen at snack time!

Why can't my child bring their own snack?

We do our best to follow licensing guidelines to serve a healthy snack with at least two components. We try to serve fresh fruits and veggies as often as we can. We are working on lessening sugar and salts while still keeping in mind our tight budget and ability to store fresh food. Please keep in mind that not all snacks from home are alike and can be a problem when someone takes out a cupcake or Cheetos (please don't pack Cheetos) and we trying to introduce black beans or jicama. Everyone eating the same snack makes it easier to talk about and try what is served without distraction and also helps students practice delayed gratification and flexibility - we eat what is served.

What if my child will only eat snack from home?

Please remember that snack is a snack; it is not a meal. We offer food every two hours. We don't force children to eat or not eat. We encourage and offer support. Our policy is not to eat our lunch at snack because we do not offer lunch at school. If there is an allergy, dietary or medical need we will certainly make the necessary accommodations.

Parents,

Please be on time for your classroom start time. If your classroom begins at 8:30, your child should be engaged in an activity and you should be heading out the door by 8:35. The way a child begins their day in class can be the difference between a wonderful, happy day to a stressful, difficult day. We ask that you please follow the following school policies for drop off and pick up.

- **Please be on time.** The classroom door will open 5 minutes before class begins - not before. Teachers need time to prep. If you need to drop off earlier, please utilize our AM Care program. If you are late, your child will miss out on key morning routines and learning. It can also be a distraction to our classroom procedures when you arrive late.
- Quickly sign-in, help your child drop off their belongings and wash hands.
- **Make your good-byes quick.** The longer you take, the longer the child will feel anxious and worried. Please follow your teacher's lead and say a quick goodbye.
- **Please do not linger.** In order to allow the child to transition fully and begin their day, they need to understand that their parents have left for the day. If a parent is peeking through the door or the window, it is very difficult for the child to move on and for the teacher to begin the day.
- **Please pick up on time.** Students do not know how to tell time, but they understand when you are late. It is stressful for a child when their routine is off. Of course life happens and you will sometimes be late. We just ask that you do not make a habit of being late because it causes our staff to have to change their schedules, be late for meetings or late for another responsibility at school. **Remember, if you do not call and you are more than 10 minutes late, you will be charged \$1 a minute.** If you do call and let us know you are running late, you will be charged \$6 and hour.

Thank you to all of you who are trying your best to abide by our policies. We understand that for many of you this is your first school experience and this type of life change can be painful and scary for both parent and child. We ask that you trust in us and our expertise and we promise to care and nurture your child all day. Do not worry if you are not yet fully transitioned, it takes a lot of practice and resolve to develop new habits. We will continue to support and encourage you every step of the way.

Have a wonderful break and restful break, Ms. Marisol

