



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:



Dear Preschool Families,

Welcome to the Troy Preschool Program!

We are so excited that you have chosen us to be a part of your child's school journey. As the caregiver/parent, Troy Preschool sees you as your child's first and most important teacher. You understand how they learn, what their interests are, and who they aspire to be when they grow up. They will be learning from you for many years to come. We are so proud that you have chosen us to be the first classroom in their early childhood years. The staff and I are excited to begin a new school year with you. For some of you, we will be saying "Welcome Back"; to new families, we are delighted to have you join the preschool family!

You will receive a monthly newsletter and calendar via email or your child's backpack. It is also found on the Troy Preschool Program website. We place a very high priority on communication with you. You will also receive classroom newsletters, calendars and have access to the teacher's website. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to have a conversation with your child's teacher.

We are in partnership to provide the best preschool experience for your child. I am always available by phone or email. Please contact me directly at 815-577-7315, ext. 5012 or pmaxey@troy30c.org.

We are looking forward to a special year of learning and growing with you and your child!

Pam Maxey, Director of Early Childhood Education

IMPORTANT DATES

8/20 First Day of Preschool

Picture Day

8/21 Troy Cronin

8/26 Troy Craughwell

8/26 Troy Heritage Trail

9/5 Troy Shorewood

9/2 Labor Day – No School

9/6 Read a Book Day

9/17 SIP Day

Back to School Night

9/24 Troy Heritage Trail 6-7:30pm

9/26 Troy Cronin 5:30-7 pm

Grandparents Day

9/9 Troy Heritage Trail 9:00 am

9/10 Troy Cronin 7:30 am

(Last names A-L)

9/11 Troy Cronin 7:30 am

(Last names M-Z)

9/20 Troy Craughwell 11:00 am

BACK TO SCHOOL JITTERS

It is back to school time and this transition can be difficult for both children and parents! For some children, this is their first school experience and possibly their first time away from beloved adults. Some things to remember to ease the transition:

- Never sneak away. Your child won't be happy when they figure out you are gone.
- Expect regression. Your child might be great the first week and drag their heels the second.
- Remind them that they can master new things. Say something like, "Remember how you were afraid of the zoo? Now you love it."
- If they are crying or upset, do not prolong your good-bye in hopes of calming them. As hard as it is for you, calmly walk away and reassure them you will see them soon.

Remember school is a positive experience for your child. While it may take some time for your child to adjust, in the end they will come to learn that school is a fun place to learn and play with friends.

Welcome