



Hello,

Thank you for sharing your children with us! They did fantastic their first week in the KinderPrep program. I enjoyed getting to know them a little better this week. They quickly adjusted to our structure and being able to play once everything is accomplished. You all deserve a round of applause for the wonderful children you have.

Speaking of meeting new friends, I hope you have a chance to see our "About Me" posters on our Class DoJo. The first picture of each student they colored to look like the clothes they were wearing that day and the second page is a little information about each of them. Also, in order to get to better know our class and the staff at RNS we just posted our first class book. I know they are friends with their classmates already. This also will help them get to know most of the staff members by name. They completed their page for the book on Friday and they look great!

Continuing this week, the children will be asked to find their name on their coat rack tag upon entering the room each day. We begin the year with their first name. Then we will change to find last name. Once we are into the new year, we will change it to find address and then phone number.

You may notice on this week's projects that come home that the children will be tracing their names. We will encourage your child to write their name with the first letter being capital and the rest lower case. We have found in the past that these tracers help to take away the anxiety for many of the children. In case you are interested in using tracers at home the website is <http://www.handwritingworksheets.com/>. As with anything in life, the more they practice the better they get. As the year goes on we will eliminate the tracer once the children can form the letters on their own. Each letter has a big dot near the top. That is where your child should begin that letter. It is important to teach proper letter formation the first time. It is harder to correct later. We will also be practicing identifying the letters in their name as they glue them to their project. I suggest hanging their name in their bedroom and everyday pointing to the letters to spell it out. Maybe let them decorate their name. Once they master their first name you could change it to their last name. It is also a great way to start the process of learning the ABC's and their phonetic sound. By making it relevant to them they tend to show more interest.

Rush Nursery School will continue to provide snack and drink for this week. Beginning next we will be asking that each family sends in the appropriate number of packages of snack each month. These we will rotate and combine to make our snack each day. Please check your email at the end of the week for our first Helper schedule and some snack guidelines. The children get very excited to be our helper for the week.

Last week I sent home flyers for the Scholastic Book Club. There is no pressure. Just a way to encourage spending time reading to your child. It's a great time to snuggle and has a huge impact on their development. We offer monthly orders through Scholastic. A great best practice is to read to your child every day.

Well, I hope that all of you have a good weekend.

As always, please never hesitate to contact me about anything.

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September
23-Scholastic book orders due
<https://clubs.scholastic.com/>
Class code: H86Z2

October
2-RNS Stroll 11AM
10-Monday Columbus Day Observed
NO SCHOOL
11 – KP & UPK have school