

# *Welcome to Pre K 5 Buzzin' Bees Class of 2021-2022*

We are so happy to welcome all of our children and families to The Glory Bee Preschool Pre K 5 Class of 2021-2022. Our class name is The Buzzin' Bees! We would like to let you all know some important things about our class.

- The first week of school, September 7-9, will be half days, 8:30am-11:30am.
- Our full day schedule will begin on Monday, September 13, 8:30am-3:00pm. Morning care (7:45-8:30am) and extended care (3:00-5:30pm) will be available beginning September 13. You must fill out a form if your child will be attending morning or extended care.
- **HALLWAY CUBBIES** – Each child will have a cubby in the hallway outside of our classroom to hang their backpack and jacket, and to store their lunch box. Each cubby will be labeled with the child's name. On the first day of school, your child's cubby will have a name tag to wear for the day. When we begin our full days, the bottom section of each cubby will be for storing their mat for rest time. Rest mats will be sent home at the end of each week for washing. \*\*\*Please send a FULL SIZE backpack with your child each day. They have a lot of items to carry between home and school, it makes it much easier to be able to put all their belongings in one place! Thanks in advance :)
- **OUR DAY** - Our schedule is divided into child directed and teacher directed times as well as quiet and active times. This provides many opportunities for age appropriate social interactions. Much of our day is spent learning through the play that is taking place and the socializing that the children are engaged in, however, there will be many opportunities to learn such concepts as colors, shapes, numbers, letters, and much more through songs, games, stories, puzzles, art, science, math, and many other daily activities.
- **PLAYGROUND** – As part of our daily schedule, we will be taking the children to the playground. Play clothes and closed toe shoes are best for this activity. The surface of the playground is small pea gravel, which will get stuck in open shoes such as sandals. This is very uncomfortable and unfortunately when sandals are worn children spend most of the time on the playground sitting down to take rocks out of their shoes. We want the children to be able to run and play

comfortably, so **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD WEARS SNEAKERS TO SCHOOL.**

- **SNACK TIME** – We have two snack times during the full day schedule, morning and afternoon. We ask each child to bring **TWO SMALL, HEALTHY SNACKS EACH DAY LABELED WITH THEIR NAME** and place it in the snack baskets when arriving. Our preschool is a **NUT FREE ZONE**. For safety reasons, please do not send snacks with nuts of any kind. We also ask for your child to bring a full water bottle labeled with their name (either reusable or disposable) for them to use during snack times, lunch, and throughout the day. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND JUICE** or other beverages for snack time.
- **LUNCH TIME** – When we begin our full day schedule, we will eat lunch together in our classroom. When packing your child's lunch, please remember that we are a **NUT FREE ZONE** so nothing with nuts is permitted. Your child may bring juice or milk and a small treat (dessert) in their packed lunch. **\*\*For lunch and snack time, don't forget to pack a spoon or fork if needed. These are not provided by the school.**
- **REST TIME** – Each afternoon our class will have a rest time. I understand that many children this age do not take naps. That being said, some children do and it is a state licensing requirement that all full day programs provide children with a rest period. Each child will need a rest mat for our full days. The mats will be sent home at the end of each week for washing and must be returned the following week. The children are not required to sleep but they will be required to rest quietly on their mat. Your child may bring one small stuffed animal to cuddle at rest time. It must be able to fit in their backpack and we ask that you do not allow them to bring one that makes noise as this will disturb the children that choose to sleep. There will be no rest time on 11:30 dismissal days.
- **READING ENRICHMENT** – Our preschool program uses the “Happily Ever After” Reading Enrichment Curriculum. It is a story based program with such classics as *Little Red Riding Hood*, *The Elves and the Shoemaker*, *The Nightingale*, and *Peter and the Wolf*. Each unit takes approximately two weeks to complete. Along with the story, each unit covers specific concepts such as: letters, shapes, colors, positional words, and many others. At the end of each unit, your child will bring home all of the work completed and a parent letter with information about that unit as well as the next unit.

- **MASS** – The preschool will attend Mass on the First Friday of each month. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD ARRIVES AT SCHOOL NO LATER THAN 8:45AM** on days we will be attending Mass and that they use the restroom before coming to class. We will attend Mass the first time on **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1**.
- **SPECIALS CLASSES** - Our class will have specials classes which include Spanish, Music, and School Counselor visits once a week. We will also visit the school library once a month for story time with our school librarian.
- **EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS** – All Wednesdays are 2pm dismissal. Throughout the year there will be some days that our school will dismiss at 11:30am. The same carpool procedures will be in place on these days as on our 3:00pm dismissal days. All early dismissal days will be listed on our class calendar and newsletter.
- **CLASS NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR** – Each month you will receive a class newsletter and calendar via email. It will include information about what we are learning, special events, activities, reminders about “Supply Families”, Mass days, “Read with Me” volunteers, early dismissal days/school closures, etc. Please be sure to read these each month because they will have the most accurate information for our class. I will also email reminders as needed about important events or with updated information. Please make sure I have accurate email addresses for you to receive these important items.

I understand that this is a lot of information to process. It is available on our class page at [www.holyfamilydalecity.org](http://www.holyfamilydalecity.org) for your reference. If you ever have any questions, please feel free to ask or email [eweidley@holyfamilydalecity.org](mailto:eweidley@holyfamilydalecity.org) ~ we are a team through your child’s preschool journey!

May God’s Blessings “Bee” with you always,

*Ms. Ellen*

