

WELCOME TO FULL DAY PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM 8

**FULL DAY ROOM 8
ANCHOR BAY EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**



HELLO PRESCHOOL FAMILIES

We are excited to begin new preschool adventures with you! Our goal is to help your child/children and family feel at ease knowing that we will do our best to keep a safe, loving, and caring environment to learn and grow. We will keep the lines of communication open by hand written notes, phone calls, and emails. Feel free to email Ms. Mary at mwarf@abs.misd.net with any questions.

Let's begin our Open House...



Meet Ms. Mary



- Hi! I am Ms. Mary and the lead Preschool Teacher in Room 8. I am married to my husband Dave and have 2 step(bonus) children David and Stephanie; and 4 (step) grandchildren. I have been working at the Anchor Bay Early Childhood Center for over 20 years and have my Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Studies from Rochester College.
- Here are a Few of My Favorite Things:
 - Color: **Pink; Purple**
 - Food: Chinese
 - Drink: Mocha Coffee
 - Pets: Leah (dog); Midnight & Tiger (cats)
 - Children's Books: Do Unto Otters; Pete the Cat and His Magical Sunglasses
 - Hobbies: Singing, Music, Gardening
 - Sweet Treat: Chocolate





Meet Ms. Sheri



- Hi! I am Ms. Sheri and a teacher assistant in room 8. I am married to my husband Tom and have 3 grown children Kyle, and my twins Nicholas, and Faith. This will be my 3rd year at the Early Childhood Center; and I have worked 3 years in SACC at Great Oaks. I have also studied human resources at Michigan State University.
- Here are a Few of My Favorite Things:
 - Color: **Hot Pink, Turquoise**
 - Food: Mexican
 - Drink: Coke
 - Pets: Buster (dog); Cookie & Cupcake (cats)
 - Children's Books: The Kissing Hand; The Very Hungry Caterpillar
 - Hobbies: Scrapbooking, Sports, Dance
 - Sweet Treat: No bake cookies





Meet Ms. Leigh



- Hi! I am Ms. Leigh and a teacher assistant in room 8. I am married to my husband Tony and have 2 grown children Anthony and Jonathan. This will be my 8th year at the Early Childhood Center; I have worked in various positions at school district for many years, also. I have attended many Early Childhood trainings; and have a certification in Behavioral Sciences at Macomb Community College.
- Here are a Few of My Favorite Things:
 - Color: **Blue**
 - Food: Steak
 - Drink: Iced Tea
 - Favorite Animal: Dogs
 - Children's Book: The Berenstain Bears Got the Gimmies
 - Hobbies: Photography, Gardening, Reading
 - Sweet Treat: Ice Cream



WELCOME TO OUR ROOM!

When your child enters the room they will move their name from "Home" to "School"; then put their belongings in their labeled cubby. This year, all the belongings needed to be put in a giant Ziploc bag that the center provided.



BLOCK AREA

This is our block area where children will learn a lot of math and science skills while building with things like legos and blocks; and playing with plastic people and animals. We learn by making block patterns, counting blocks, and building block homes.



HOUSE/KITCHEN AREA

This is our house/kitchen area where children will learn important social and oral language skills while playing together. We learn how to set the table, pretend to cook, take care of baby dolls, and play restaurant.



TABLE LEARNING

There are two large tables in the classroom where we will do small group learning activities; and eat breakfast, snacks, and lunch. We will have a snack sign-up; and you will just need to provide a lunch for your child.



LARGE GROUP CARPET

This is our sunshine carpet where we will do large group activities like reading stories, music & movement, pick our classroom jobs, answer a question of the day, talk about the calendar, play large group learning games, and talk about what we will do during our daily routine on the message board.



LEARNING INTEREST AREAS

Here are some more of our learning interest areas that the children will get to explore at Choice Time to enhance their learning interests.



Book Shelf



Table Tops



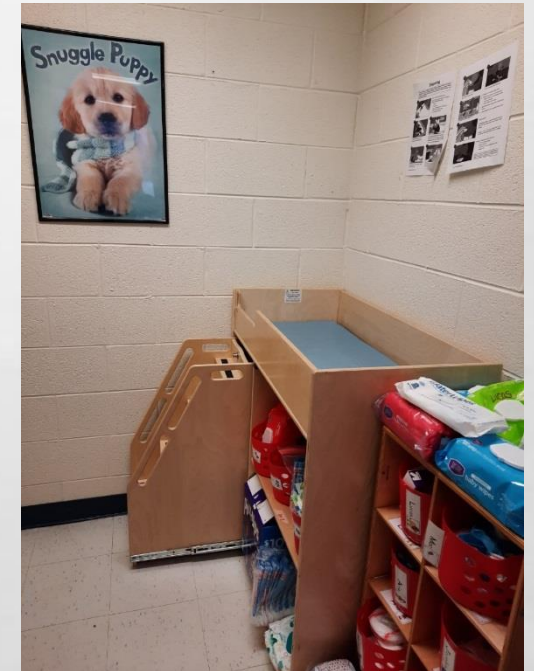
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POTTY TIME

Here are pictures of our classroom bathroom. When preschoolers come in our room, sometimes they are at different levels developing bathroom skills. If your child is not already, our goal is to work with them to become completely potty trained. We have a cute child size toilet in our classroom just the right size for your child to learn these skills.



REST TIME

There is a Rest Time after lunch where your child is given the opportunity to rest or take a nap. Each child will have their own cot. You will need to bring in bedding for your child. Sleeping bags with an attached pillow are great; or please bring a crib sheet, small blanket, and small pillow. Your child may bring a small and quiet stuffed animal to cuddle, too.



HERE ARE SOME DISPLAYS OF WINTER ART ACTIVITIES AS THE CHILDREN WERE HAVING "SNOW" MUCH FUN IN PRESCHOOL!





Full Day Preschool Daily Routine ~ Room 8

*Times may vary during the day

AM

6:00 A.M.	Center Opens
6:30 A.M. - 7:20 A.M.	Breakfast Time
6:00 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.	Arrival Time ~ Table Top Activities
8:30 A.M. - 8:45 A.M.	Clean Up Time
8:45 A.M. - 9:10 A.M.	Large Group Meeting
9:10 A.M. - 9:25 A.M.	Small Group Time
9:25 A.M. - 9:35 A.M.	Songs/Fingerplays
9:35 A.M. - 9:50 A.M.	Snack Time
9:50 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.	Planning Time
10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.	Choice Activities
11:00 A.M. - 11:15 A.M.	Music/Movement
11:15 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.	Outside Time

PM

12:00 P.M. - 12:10 P.M.	Read Aloud
12:10 P.M. - 12:45 P.M.	Lunch Time
12:45 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.	Bathroom Time
1:00 P.M. - 2:45 P.M.	Rest Time
2:45 P.M. - 3:15 P.M.	Snack Time
3:15 P.M. - 3:45 P.M.	Small Group Time
3:45 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.	Read Aloud
4:00 P.M. - 5:15 P.M.	Outside Time
5:15 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.	Table Top Activities ~ Read Alouds
6:00 P.M.	Center Closes

*Schedule may vary throughout the day.



Staying Safe and Clean



- Staff members go through a brief health screening before work and need to wear a mask all day.
- Children will need to wear masks in common areas like the hallway, but not in the classroom. Please wash mask everyday if it is made out of material.
- All of your child's belongings will need to fit in a giant Ziploc bag we will provide.
- The classroom will be disinfected daily including the toys.
- Children will have their own school supply bin to use everyday. We ask if your child can bring a set of 8 Crayola crayons, 10 Crayola Classic Color washable markers, a pair of child's scissors, large glue stick, and bottle of Elmer's Glue. Thank you!
- Each classroom will have their own outside time during the day.
- Breakfast, Snack, and Lunch Times will be in your child's classroom. Please see daily routine for those times.



Special Birthday Notice



Dear Parents,

In our Early Childhood Programs, like many other surrounding school buildings, we have been experiencing an increase in the number of students with severe food allergies. This has become a problem providing a "safe" snack list that covers the range of allergies that we are now seeing. You are still welcome to bring in birthday treats; they just **need to be store bought and sent in the original container with ingredients listed**. We do our best to keep our center allergy safe, so please check food labels so that they do not contain peanuts or tree nuts.

We encourage children to make healthy eating choices and send in something special to share, but please consider the following alternative gifts:

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| ☺ Stickers | ☺ Cards | ☺ Small packs of crayons |
| ☺ Mini note pads | ☺ Fun shaped Post-It Notes | ☺ Mini Play-Doh cans |
| ☺ Glow Sticks | ☺ Temporary Tattoos | ☺ Little toy goodie bags |
| ☺ Coloring Books | ☺ Fresh Fruit | ☺ Fresh Vegetables |

Thank you for taking time to read about these alternative gifts. We hope these suggested ideas are helpful so that everyone will be able to share your child's special day.

The Staff of the Anchor Bay Early Childhood Programs



Highlights from Welcome Newsletter



Daily Friendly Folders

Please check your child's friendly folder every day, empty contents inside, and return it in their bag. Also, please put anything that needs to be returned to the classroom in their folder.



Being Prepared for the Weather/Temperature

Please have your child bring a light jacket or sweater for the classroom. Sometimes we may go out early in the morning and it is a little chilly or the classroom may get a little chilly. Our weather policy is that we may go outside when the temperature (including windshield) is 20 degrees or above; and the wind is below 25 miles an hour (including gusts).



Full Set of Extra Clothes

Please bring an extra set of clothes for your child inside a Ziploc bag labeled with their name on it that includes the following items:

- Shirt (short/long sleeve)
- Pants (shorts)
- Underwear
- Socks



Shoes

Please have your child wear shoes that completely cover their feet to protect their feet when we go outside to play.



Room 8 Preschool Toy Policy

Toys From Home Stay at Home and Toys From School Stay at School®



Rest Time

Please bring the following items:

- **Small** pillow (e.g. travel pillow)
- **Small** blanket (or small sleeping bag)
- Crib Sheet
- Your child may bring **1** stuffed animal to snuggle with during rest time.

Early Childhood Center Arrival Information

- You and your child will need to wear a mask in order to enter the building unless you have a medical reason.
- Once you enter the lobby, you and your child will get your temperatures taken and asked a few health questions. If everyone has good health, then you may sign in your child. After signing in your child, a caring staff person will escort them to their classroom.
- Arrival procedures are subject to change.



Thanks

for Attending Our Virtual
Open House!

Looking Forward
to a Great
Preschool Year!

