

Welcome to St. Patrick's School Pre-K 3

Welcome to Pre-K 3 at St. Patrick's School. I am looking forward to a year full of fun, discovery, and learning with your child. For many of you, this may be your child's first school experience. Some of you may be new to our school. Below, I am including some helpful information as we begin this new school year together. As always, please feel free to ask me any questions that you may have now or during the school year.

Arrival: School begins for PreK-3 at 8 am. Please bring your child to the PreK-3 entrance located near Richmond Road. The children will be greeted by either me or our aide and be escorted one at a time to our classroom.

Dismissal: Dismissal will be similar to arrival in that each child will be brought to the door by either me or our aide. You may knock on our classroom window beginning at 2:10 pm, and we will bring your child to you.

Home Folders: Your child will bring home a folder every day. It will contain notes, reminders and completed classwork which may be kept at home. Please check it each day and send it to school on the next day that your child attends with any notes, envelopes or anything else you would like me to receive.

Absence: Please keep your child home if they are ill. A note indicating the reason your child was absent should be sent to the teacher upon your child's return to school. If you would like a copy of our school absent note, please ask.

Meals:

- **Morning Snack:** Snack will be eaten upon arrival at school. This snack should be something light and easy to eat. Please put the snack and a drink in a bag labeled "**Morning Snack**" with your child's name on it.

- **Lunch:** Lunch will be eaten in our classroom. Please pack your child's lunch in a lunchbox with his/her name on it. It will be kept separate from the morning snack.

Rest Time: We will have a period of quiet time after lunch each day during which soft, relaxing music will be played. Each child will be provided with their own mat which will be covered with the sheet and blanket you have provided. The sheet and blanket will be sent home each Friday or upon request to be washed. Please send them back to school on the next school day.

Bathroom: Your child is permitted to use the bathroom whenever necessary. We will be teaching the children proper hand-washing procedures. Please review hygiene rules with your child to discourage the spreading of germs.

Please send in a spare set of clothes in a Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name which will be kept in the classroom. This change of clothes **does not** have to be the school uniform. You will be contacted if your child has a bathroom accident.

Masks: All children are required to wear a mask when entering the school building. We will help your child adjust to wearing a mask by having frequent breaks from wearing one. Please provide extra masks in your child's extra clothes bag.

Monthly Calendar: Each month, a Pre-K 3 calendar will be sent home. It will include the themes, skills, and concepts that we will be working on that month, special days/events, important reminders and birthdays. It will also include the name of the "Author of the Month". Please use the information on the calendar to guide the reinforcement of skills/concepts at home.

- *Author of the Month*-In addition to books that support our themes and topics, we will also focus on a specific author each month.

Reminders

- Please label anything sent to school with your child's name.
- Please discuss your child's day with him/her. It gives your child a chance to review concepts presented in school while strengthening memory, language skills, and vocabulary.
- Please check our school website and class news page periodically for important information.

School website: <http://school.stpatrickssi.org/>

- Contact information:
 - School Office: 718-979-8815
 - Mr. Vincent Sadowski, Principal:
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Thank you for your cooperation and involvement in your child's education. Working together will ensure the best year possible for each child!

Ms. Harrigan