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**Welcome to Pre-K at Frank Fowler Dow School #52.**

We are looking forward to an exciting and successful Pre-K year. Here is some basic information regarding the Pre-K program.

**Room 115**

**Principal**– Dr. Mary Ferguson

**Assistant Principal** – Mr. Redell Freeman

**Teacher - Cati Marcolina \*email: Catherine.marcolina@rcsdk12.org**

**Paraprofessional** – Kathy Kuehne & Karen Jones

**Parent Group Leader** – Mrs. Paulette Vaccaro \*email: paulette.vaccaro@rcsdk12.org

**Hours: 8:45-2:45-pm – Monday- Friday**

Please call and let us know if your child will be absent or if you need to get ahold of preschool staff.

**RCSD Early Childhood Web Site: http://www.rcsdk12.org/PreK/**

**Parent Participation:**

A major feature of the program is the focus on participation of the parent. Research has shown that children are more successful when parents are involved in school. At this time, parents are not allowed in the building except in the main office.

**Here are some ways we encourage you to participate as a Pre-K parent:**

- Bring your child every day and on time to school.

- Read newsletters, calendars, and information handed out by the Teacher.

- Check backpacks daily.

- Participate in Seesaw activities when shared by the classroom teacher (More information about SeeSaw will be shared in September).

**Our general goals for children in Pre-K are:**

· Give children a positive first-school experience

· Provide activities that help children grow toward independence

· Learn to respect differences in other people and appreciate nature

· Develop Pre-K social skills (sharing, taking turns, language skills)

· Provide developmentally appropriate activities for Pre-K academics

**Arrival**: PreK students enter the building via exit #3. School begins at 8:45. Breakfast is served until 9:30 daily. If you are dropping off your child after 9:00 AM, you will need to check in into the building at exit #1 (Main Entrance).

**Dismissal**: School ends at 2:45. A daily sign-out sheet will require the pickup person’s signature. A child cannot be released if the pickup person is not listed on the Emergency Forms. Please bring your photo ID with you until we get to know you. If another person needs to pick up your child, they will need a Photo ID (and be on your approved emergency contact list). Your child’s safety is our first concern.

**Preschool Clothing:** There is no doubt about it, but Pre-K is messy! Preschool is a time for exploration and experimentation. We do our best to use smocks, but paint, glue, and water can find their way onto every student. Dress in play clothes and leave the good stuff for the weekends.

Please include a change of clothes for your child in case they have accidents (this includes spills and playing at the water table). The change of clothes can be kept in a plastic bag. Please send your child with their book bag daily. Our School District provides a book bag for every PreK scholar.

**Outdoor Time**: We also go outside daily all year long. Sneakers or shoes are best for running and climbing. Please, no flip-flops or open-toed sandals for safety reasons. Please dress your child for the weather daily so they can explore the outdoors safely.

**Rest Time** – Each class has a 30-40-minute rest time daily. Each child will have a mat we provide. If you feel your child will be more comfortable with a blanket, you may send one in on Monday, and we will return it each Friday to be washed.

Questions? Please do not hesitate to ask our staff questions. We are all in this together! We want the best experience possible for you and your child.

**We look forward to a great year and are excited to meet you all soon!**