

Friday, September 11, 2020

Dear families,

We have had a wonderful start with our Blue cohort children yesterday. It was a rather chilly first day of school! We still managed to work in our traditional gathering. I appreciated the opportunity to say a few words of welcome and read a poem to the children. We'll repeat that tradition for the Green cohort children on Monday morning. For our families in the distance learning option, here's a [short video](#) of me reading [Your World](#) by Georgia Douglas Johnson.

It was lovely to see so much outdoor learning happening throughout the day. Our mission always celebrates the value of nature play and learning in a young child's school experience. This mission commitment neatly aligns with our health and safety emphasis as we launch this school year..

Arrival / Dismissal Routines

If arriving by car, please do so between **8am - 8:10am**. Staff will open the doors and help children exit. Please coach your child(ren) to be masked and ready to exit. This helps us move the line along and reduce waiting time for families.

At the end of the day, families should arrive between **2:35pm and 2:45pm**. Please do not arrive before this time. We work hard to be respectful of our neighbors and keep Denmark Ave clear of a line of cars. We are asking families to post a sign with their child's name in the passenger window to help us identify you, and efficiently direct children to cones.

As a reminder, After School Care children should be picked up at the Green door by the plaza this year. We are asking parents not to enter the building, instead staff will bring your child(ren) to you.

Update from Nurse Connie

Dear families: Attached is a flyer with information for free Covid-19 drive-thru testing in Dakota County. As a reminder, if anyone in your household has been tested and is waiting for results, all family members need to stay home and stay away from other people until the test result is back.

I'm also attaching the brand new Covid-19 Symptom Home Screening Tool from MDH.

Thank you for your patience and support as we navigate the start to an exceptional school year. It gives us such joy to be present with your children again - be it remotely or in-person.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,
Simon

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