

~WELCOME TO THE WALKER'S ROOM~

Please sign you child/children in on the green sign in sheet located outside the walker's classroom. You should also place your child's coat, backpack or any other belongings staying at school in their locker located in the hallway. It is also a good time to share any information with the classroom teachers that may affect the child's day. Such information may include- someone new is picking the child up that day, child is getting picked up early, child is not feeling well, child didn't sleep well, and/or child will need medicine.

We do have a classroom schedule that we do our best to follow everyday. We have--- craft time, Jesus time, music time, gross and fine motor skills time. We also work on having the children follow directions, sharing, taking turns, waiting and walking in line, hand washing, sitting at the table on their bottoms, self feeding, using their words instead of actions, potty training, keeping their hands to themselves, independent play, parallel play and group play.

Below is the general schedule that we follow-

7:45-9:00 BEFORE CARE
9:00-9:20 FREE PLAY- MEET AND GREET THE PARENTS
9:20-9:40 DISCOVERY PLAY AND SMALL GROUP
9:40-9:50 CLEAN UP AND WASH HANDS FOR SNACK
9:50-10:10 SNACK
10:10-10:20 CLEAN UP
10:20-10:35 JESUS TIME
10:35-11:00 CRAFT AND DIAPERS
11:00-11:15 SPECIALS (MUSIC, SENSORY, GYM)
11:15-11:50 GROSS MOTOR (GYM OR OUTSIDE)
11:50-12:00 CLEAN UP AND WASH HANDS FOR LUNCH
12:00-12:45 LUNCH, CLEAN UP, DIAPERS
12:45-1:00 GET READY FOR NAPS
1:00-3:00 NAPTIME
3:00-3:15 FREE PLAY
3:15-3:25 CLEAN UP, WASH HANDS AND SOME DIAPERS
3:25-3:40 SNACK
3:40-4:00 CLEAN UP AND FINISH DIAPERS
4:00-5:00 GROSS MOTOR AND FREE PLAY

On extremely nice days we may spend more time outside and forego doing art. We will also adjust our schedule on days that we have fire drills, tornado drills, classroom parties, picture days, and fire truck visits.

Mrs. Faulkner, one of our preschool teachers, teaches music on Wednesday mornings for the Climber and Walker classes. As your children move up through the program – into preschool, they will have music for longer amounts of time and participate in music programs.

We have snack in the morning and afternoon. Snacks are parent provided. You will be asked to provide a snack once a month during an assigned week. Weeks are assigned alphabetically by the beginning of the families last name. For example: Families with the last name beginning with the letters A-G will bring in snack the first week of the month. It only needs to be enough to feed the class 2-3 times that week, not for the whole month. Reminders about who has snack will be emailed weekly. Please send a cup in each day (only 1 cup please) with the child's name clearly written on it. It may be filled with something from home or filled with water. **We ask that you do not leave containers of milk at school.** We do not have room in our refrigerator for beverage containers along with each child's cup, all of the lunches, some leftover breakfasts, and snack items.

You may also bring in a special snack for the child's birthday (homemade or store bought). We will have holiday parties with sign up sheets for Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day and Easter.

One of the most enjoyed times of the day is craft time, staff included ☺. We work one on one with the children or in small groups. We work on having the children follow directions and fine motor skills. On days that we are using messy mediums we will do our best to protect your child's skin and clothing. Please let us know if your child has any allergies to things such as paints, play dough, or shaving cream.

During Jesus time we will talk about Jesus and His relationship to the particular lesson plan for the week. We will sing songs and read books that relate to that lesson plan. We also take song requests. We will also do some gross motor movement songs. We encourage the children to tell us about what they did the night before, what they had for dinner... we will also talk about events coming up such as fire truck visits, classroom parties, birthdays... We work on taking turns talking, keeping our hands to ourselves, and increasing attention spans.

Lunches are to be brought in gallon size, sealable plastic bags or see through plastic containers (large enough to hold all of their food) with your child's name written on them. They should be put in the classroom refrigerator upon entering the classroom in the morning. Please label all items – spoons, plastic containers and cups. It helps eliminate some confusion during lunchtime. It also helps assure that the items will be returned to you. We do have a microwave to heat up food items.

A cot, sheet, and blanket are provided for naps. If there are other things your child needs to help them fall asleep you may bring them from home. We will either put them in their tub so we can use it each day for nap or keep it with their cot. If you would like to take it home every day, please let the staff know and they will put it in their locker. Please label all nap items. For staffing reasons all nappers are woken up by 3:15 each day.

Thank you,
Rachel Stults, Director