

August 2019

Welcome Pacific Preschool Families!

On Thursday, August 22nd, Pacific Elementary School and Pacific Preschool will begin the new school year. The first day of school is a very exciting and important time! The Preschool day begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 12:30 p.m. We strongly suggest you be here as early as 12:15 p.m. since parking is a challenge and we have stringent Sign-Out rules required by the state.

Our daily schedule is available [here](#) and on the school website: <https://www.pacificesd.org/preschool-curriculum.html>. Your co-teachers, Stacey Reynolds and Martha Gagnier, and our bilingual aide, Julia Valle, look forward to meeting and interacting with your children. This is the beginning of their educational journey and we will have lots of fun while playing, learning, and getting to know each other.

For those families who are having their very first day of Preschool, we have found that quick, short good-byes are best for young children. If you feel your child needs a bit more time, pick a transitional activity, like a puzzle or book, and before you start, let your child know you will be leaving when you are finished with this specific activity. Let them know you will be back shortly, after Story Time at the end of the school day. We are all surprised by how fast the time goes.

Volunteering is an important part of our program. During the first month of school, we ask that all parents be patient and let your children get to know their teachers. We want them to be comfortable in their new environment and turn to us for help. Then in October, we will put out a volunteer sign-up sheet. We hope to see lots of parents signing up to help.

On Wednesday, August 21st, from 9:00-10:00 a.m., we will be open for a classroom visit, especially for children who have not been to the classroom or met their teachers, or for children needing a quick check-in to get ready for their first day.

All back-to-school paperwork is available on our website and through our school memo. Please make sure to have all your paperwork done as soon as possible, before the first day of school, especially the [Emergency Information Form](#). Most of our communication will be by email so please make sure we have your current email. Also, let us know if a different type of communication works best for you.

Sincerely,

Stacey Reynolds, Martha Gagnier, Julia Valle