



# Welcome



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Jefferson Preschool! My name is Diana Newberry and I will be your child's teacher for the coming school year. Below is some information to get the year started. More information will be in future newsletters.

The curriculum at Jefferson preschool emphasizes interest areas that include but are not limited to circle time, dramatic play, blocks, art, feeling table, sensory and table toys, science exploration and large motor. Language, social skills and play skills are also embedded throughout our entire program. Your child's individual needs will be addressed according to their IEP using the curriculum framework.

Sara Kud will be the speech pathologist in our classroom. She has had the opportunity to work with some of your children last year. She is a skilled professional with a very enthusiastic style. Miss Sara will be in class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Tuesday she will lead circle time which includes a large group language activity. Miss Sara will also be pulling the children the days she is in our class for individual or small group therapy based on their IEP goals. Additional staff and classroom aides will be announced soon.

Each Wednesday we go to the library. Children are given the opportunity to check out a book, which should be returned the following week. Books need to be returned before the child is allowed to take out another book.

Each Friday I will send home a newsletter discussing what we will be doing for the week to come and any important information. This is a great way to inform you about what is happening in your child's class so you can talk with your child about upcoming events and ask questions regarding the daily activities. For those with internet access, the newsletter will be available to view on the Jefferson website at <http://jefferson.cusd200.org/classnewsletterpage.htm>.

Each day your child should bring a healthy snack and juice or water in a bag that is labeled with his/her name. This assists the children in working on name recognition. Juice or water bottles should be the small size as children do not usually finish the larger size and much is wasted. No peanut products are allowed due to allergies. On our cooking day (Thursday), children will only need to bring a drink. SIPPY CUPS

ARE NOT ALLOWED AT PRESCHOOL. This year Jefferson Preschool will be working towards earning a "green flag for recycling." We are encouraging parents to send in waste free snacks with their child if possible. More information will be coming home regarding this at the beginning of the year.

I encourage parent-teacher communication. Working together enhances children's progress. Daily communication can be done via e-mail or hand written notes. If you do not have access to e-mail, you are welcome to use a notebook or just write me a note when necessary.

**Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>** will be an "Open House". AM session is 9:30-10:30 and PM session is 11:00-12:00 noon. This is a time for you and your child to come and meet me as well as see our classroom. This is a great time to introduce your child to the new setting and people in a comforting environment to avoid a stressful first day of school. There will also be a bus parked outside to explore for students who will be riding the bus for the 1<sup>st</sup> time.

I have attached a copy of the general school supply list for items to bring on "Open House." These items will be shared by all of the children so there is no need to put your child's name on each item. Unused items will not be sent home at the end of the year. Additional items may be requested throughout the year as needed for projects and such. If you purchased a PTA supply kit, you do not need to purchase the supplies on the attached sheet, although please read items that need to be brought on the 1st day of school with your child. You may also bring school supply items on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school which is August 20<sup>th</sup>.

I look forward to working with you and your child this year!

Miss Diana