Welcome!

On behalf of the preschool educators, we welcome you to our mixed age preschool group! We hope everyone had a lovely summer, and we can’t wait for an exciting school year!

Our Daily Schedule

Afternoon Preschool
Our friends will begin their day in the Blue Room. Here they will find their locker and begin their play. After Circle Time, we will move to the Green Room for activity time and snack.

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* The Afternoon 4’s friends will join the Morning 4’s friends from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM on Fridays. The activity schedule is similar to the afternoon program.

Campus Explorations

Monday 2:15-3:15
Mrs. Cherin and Ms. O’Neill will take the friends to visit different sights and explore the outdoors around campus.
Arrival and Dismissal

The Afternoon Friends arrive and dismiss under the Green Awning Entrance. Please display the light blue family name card on your dashboard.

If you would like to park in the Children’s School lot and walk your child into or out of our school, please use the side doors to our building that are located near the upper parking lot stairs. For safety reasons, do not walk through the parking lot while we are greeting or dismissing. Parents who need to make car seat switches should park in the Children’s School Lot and walk their child and car seat into or out of the school.

Please be sure to park only in the spots marked “V” for visitor or “S” for school and display your 2018-2019 parking pass on your dashboard when parking in the Children's School Lot. Failure to do so may result in a parking ticket.

Our First Days

All of the Afternoon Friends will begin school on Tuesday, September 4th. During our first week, friends will follow their normal schedule. The friends will meet their teachers, explore their new learning spaces, and meet their new classmates!

Items to Bring

Please make sure that every item your child brings to school has their name on it.

- Extra Clothes (shirt, pants, underwear, socks)
- Tricycle Helmet
- Backpack
- Diapers or Pull-ups (if your child wears them)

We encourage children to wear comfortable shoes appropriate for outdoor play and campus explorations each day.

Family-Teacher Communication

The Afternoon Preschool Website is a way for families to peek into the window of our classroom to see what your child is doing each day. Our blog gives detailed information about what activities are available daily. We also use the site to post photographs, artwork, newsletters and important classroom documents. An invitation to the site will be coming your way soon!

www.cmugreenroom.weebly.com

Please let us know in writing on the Parent-to-Teacher Message forms of any carpool or dismissal changes.

Please feel free to call 412-268-2199 between 8:00 AM- 4:00 PM to speak to us directly. If we are teaching, we will return your call as soon as possible. Communication by email is also an option.

Mrs. Cherin estellecherin@cmu.edu
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Classroom Program

We use thematic units and exploratory learning centers to help children grow in each of our developmental domains.

Learning Centers:
- Math Center
- Science Center
- Art and Writing Center
- Block Center
- Library Center
- Dramatic Play Center

The friends are also provided learning opportunities in the discovery area, the playground, the Make Shop and the reflection garden.

Family Involvement

We encourage family members to come share a story, special talent or just spend time with your child. Birthdays are a great time to arrange something with your child’s teacher to see how you can help make it a special day!

Parents are always welcome to observe from the booth. Please be aware, however, that sounds in the booth carry into the classroom. Please refrain from talking and turn off cell phones. Be sure to check with Ms. Drash and sign in before going to the classroom or booth.

Campus Explorations And Music

During the year, we will be exploring various places around our campus. The Number Garden, Westinghouse Pond, The Mushroom Park and the Track and Field are some of the places we will experience together while finding new spaces to explore along the way.

Mrs. Hraber will be back this year and will provide the children with music and movement opportunities twice a month on Thursdays.

Message From Me

You and your child are being invited to participate in Message from Me, which is a fun way for children to communicate from school with registered family members via e-mail or cell phone. Using the iPad, children are able to take photographs of activities they complete at school and send the picture with an audio message to you! Please register at: www.messagefromme.org

PM Preschool Open House

Mark your calendars for Wednesday October 17, 4:30-6:30 PM. The Afternoon Preschool Open House is a whole family event where your child can share the classroom centers and activities with you.