

# Move Up Day is July 2<sup>nd</sup>



Dear Parents,

My name is Ms. Angie and I will be your child's new teacher in the Preschool II class (green room). I have a BA in Education and a Master of Science in Forensic Science. Your children are growing fast and I, along with Ms. Eloisa and Ms. DaVasha, look forward to working with you and your child as we teach them to reach for the stars.

Your child is developing in many ways---physically, socially, emotionally, in language, and in thinking (cognitive) skills. We will support your child in all these areas.

**Physical development** is the way your child moves her arms and legs (large motor skills) and her fingers and hands (small motor skills). We will help your child learn these skills by offering different physical activities and equipment. Children run, jump, climb, throw, and catch. Using their hands, they explore materials like paints, playdough, puzzles, sand, and things to write with. By using their bodies actively both indoors and outdoors, children build healthy bones and muscles.

**Social development** helps your child get along with others. We will help your child understand the importance of respecting others and working together. By playing and learning together, children build their social skills, language skills, and self-control. Our teachers will help the children learn to resolve conflicts that may come up during play.

**Emotional development** lets your child understand his feelings and the feelings of others. We will help the children recognize and manage their own feelings and behavior. We will also teach the children to show concern for others.

**Language and literacy development** helps your child understand and communicate through listening, talking, reading, and writing. These skills are all connected. We will help your child use her growing communication skills to learn new concepts. We will be covering letter recognition and phonics, numbers, and colors. We will also read books and have many classroom discussions.

**Thinking, or cognitive, skills** develop as children learn to think more complexly, make decisions, and solve problems. As young children explore, ask questions, and create, they improve their thinking skills. Reflecting on and using information lets your child understand the world around him. The way children approach learning is also an important part of their thinking skills. For example, being able to focus or handle frustration helps him learn more easily. We will work with the children daily to become independent thinkers.

**The following items are needed for my class:**

- Red and blue mat
- Mat cover (king size pillow case)
- 2 complete changes of clothes (shorts/pants, shirt, underwear and socks)
- 1 extra pair of shoes

**July and August Only (these items will be left at school for our twice a week water days)**

- 1 bathing suit
- 1 pair of water shoes
- 1 towel

**Items that are NOT needed:**

- Basket for items (I have provided a plastic tote for your child's items for storage)
- Toys. Please leave toys at home.

**Important information about lunch:**

- We are a nut-free school
- Candy is not allowed
- Sugary foods are allowed after your child has eaten their healthy growing food.
- The children are provided as much water as they would like to drink at lunch and have access to water all day.

We believe that communication is the key to your child's success and to a great parent/teacher relationship. I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at any time.

Thank you, and we look forward to a wonderful year!

**Ms. Angie      Ms. Eloisa      Ms. DaVasha**