

## **NEW SCHOOL YEAR REMINDERS:**

- Upon entering the building, please take your child to the bathroom (there is one located in the hallway immediately upon opening the hallway door to the Infant/Toddler wing)(the keypad code is the same for both hallways) and have your child wash their hands before they come into their respective classrooms.
- Despite the fact that life has gone back to some semblance of normalcy, it will continue to be VCCC's policy that parents do not enter the classrooms at drop-off and pick-up. Please continue "handing your child off" at the classroom doorways to the teachers.
- If your child is not coming to school for any reason, please be sure to call the center to let us know.
- Please remember to ALWAYS SIGN YOUR CHILD IN & OUT EVERY DAY. Sign in/out sheets are hanging on the walls outside classroom doors.
- Due to the severe food allergies of many of our students, please remember that VCCC is
  a PEANUT and NUT-FREE ENVIRONMENT. Please do not send any food items
  containing any kind of nut products or products that are labeled "may contain" or "have
  been manufactured in a facility that processes nuts" etc. Additionally, please note that
  our TODDLER classroom is also EGG-FREE due to significant egg allergies. Please do not
  send in hard boiled, scrambled or fried eggs. We most appreciate your help in keeping all
  our children safe and healthy.
- Please remember to label ALL of your children's belongings with their name. This
  includes the outside of their lunchbox as well as any food containers and water bottles or
  thermos's.
- Extra clothing bins should hold a complete set of current weather-related clothing including underwear and socks. (Infants and toddlers would benefit from at least 2 or 3 sets of extra clothing.)
- Please make sure that children are dressed for play and please remember our motto
  "Messy is Fun!". We will often get MESSY during our activity times and while we will
  offer the children use of smocks, clothing may still get wet, dirty or stained so please
  send your children to school in "play" clothes that can possibly get dirty or wet.
- All TODDLERS and PRESCHOOL/PRE-K children should be wearing sturdy, CLOSED-TOED shoes every day, no open-toed shoes or flip flops are allowed for safety reasons, sneakers are really the best option especially for outside play.

- If your children are staying with us for rest time they will need a sheet to cover the mat (crib size sheets fit the mats perfectly). They may also bring a **small** blanket, **small** pillow and **one** stuffed toy if they so desire. Please, no full-size bed pillows and blankets as rest materials need to fit inside a jumbo size Ziploc bag (with slider closure)(which the school will provide for you) in order that they fit in the cubbies. And please remember that at the end of each week these rest materials **must** go home for washing and then returned the following week.
- During the COVID pandemic, EEC rescinded their regulation on toothbrushing so for the time being, we will not be following the toothbrushing policy that is noted in your Parent Handbook and Enrollment Forms. We will let you know if EEC puts the original regulation back into effect at which time you will then follow the choice you chose on the tooth brushing authorization form that was included in your enrollment form packet.
- While we do understand that this is often easier said than done, please refrain from allowing your children to bring toys from home (outside of a rest time lovey) unless it is a request from the teachers for a particular activity, like "sharing time" for example. If your child does bring unrequested toys from home, he or she will be asked to leave it in their cubbie so that it does not get lost or broken.
- Please remember to bring in an updated medical form every time your child goes to their pediatrician for a physical.
- All correspondence to parents, including monthly newsletters, will be done through email.
   Please make sure that the Director and Classroom Teachers have your correct email address. And please be sure to take a peek at the Parent Bulletin Board too every week!!

WE MOST APPRECIATE & THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THESE REMINDERS!!

