

# Yellow School News

## September 2020



Welcome to the fall semester!

It has been an unusual time for all of you and for us as well. We are excited to be back in school and will exercise all possible precautions to keep your children healthy!

Our teachers have been busy training and preparing for the fall semester. We are excited to have your children at The Yellow School and look forward to a wonderful partnership with you!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Love, Candice

### Curriculum Information

As you may (or may not) know our three-year-old classes use Frog Street Press as our primary curriculum. This curriculum goes hand in hand with the classic preschool themes we have used for years but adds additional components for fine motor skill development, math, science and literacy.

Our Pre-K classes will continue to utilize the Learning Without Tears curriculum which is an extension of the Handwriting Without Tears curriculum.

Kindergarten will be utilizing the Lucy Calkins Units of Study in Phonics curriculum (currently used in Kindergarten at Spring Branch ISD schools) in addition to Handwriting Without Tears.

### Specialty Classes

This year, our specialty classes will be Music and Movement (taught by Enrichment Services), Spanish (taught by Rocio Chacon), and Chapel (taught by Mayra Escamilla and Rachel Poysky).

With the current COVID situation, all specialty classes will begin in January. This will ensure that our children stay as healthy as possible!

### Our Teachers and Staff

**Room 101 - 3-Year-Olds**  
**Shonda Martin and Nora Valdez**

**Room 102 - Monday/Wednesday/Friday  
and Tuesday/Thursday 3-Year-Olds**  
**Paula Tello and Irene Gionni**

**4-Day Pre-K Class**  
**Cary Alfieri and Selene Limas**

**5-Day Pre-K Class**  
**Jan Conant and Sylvia Varela**

**Kindergarten**  
**Michele Arriaga and Natalie Shepherd**

**Spanish**  
**Rocio Chacon**

**Helper Extraordinaire**  
**Sarah Padar**

**Assistant Director**  
**Tara Riebschlaeger**



### Mark Your Calendars!

September 8<sup>th</sup> – First Day of School!  
October 12<sup>th</sup> – Columbus Day – No School  
October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> – Individual Pictures  
Week of October 26<sup>th</sup> – Vision, Hearing  
and Speech Screenings  
October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Parades –  
More Info to Come

## COVID Challenges

These are challenging times for all of us. As we adapt to our new “norm,” we have made some changes that we hope are temporary in nature. These changes include:

- Temperature checks of the teachers and children prior to entry into the school,
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- Parents are not allowed in the school until further notice,
- Temperature checks after lunch,
- No Extended Day for the time being,
- One class on the playground at a time, and
- If a case of COVID is confirmed in a classroom, the classroom will close for two weeks.

You should have received a Handbook Addendum by email last week. If you did not receive it, or would like a hard copy, just let us know. Please sign the Parent Acknowledgement form so that we know you have received it.

We would love for you to talk to your child and let them know that, while their teachers will be wearing face masks, they will be smiling underneath! We will work on our happy eyes so that the children will know how much we care about them!

The children will not need to wear masks - for children this age, it is tough for them to wear for a short period of time, much less all day.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office!

## Church Activities

### MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

#### Moms of littles, let's meet up!

MOPS this year will meet in-person in the front and back yards of our mentor moms on Thursdays. Babies under one are welcome. We will have a morning small group (10-11amish,

77079) and an evening small group (8-9pm, 77024). Jump into a group for some much-needed connection, discussion and encouragement. We can do this! To register

visit: [https://my.mdpc.org/portal/event\\_detail.aspx?id=29759](https://my.mdpc.org/portal/event_detail.aspx?id=29759)

Reach out to Amanda Caldwell with questions:

[acaldwell@mdpc.org](mailto:acaldwell@mdpc.org)

## REACH

REACH offers an expansive lineup of quality classes and activities which develop knowledge and skills for children, youth, and adults. There are three sessions offered each year – Fall, Spring, and Summer. Flyers are in your Orientation folders!

Please visit [mdpc.org](http://mdpc.org) for more information!



## Reminders

- Please **LABEL** everything your child brings to school (first and last names)!
- **TUITION** is due by the tenth of each month. Make your check payable to **MDPC**
- **Please use the pencil bag**, which is attached to your child's backpack, for all notes, etc. that you have for us
- **PLEASE** read all communications that come home with your child
- **Car line begins at 8:45.** Prior to that, the teachers are preparing for your children. Please wait for us to come greet you!
- We are a **peanut and tree nut free** school!

*Welcome back!!!*