

# Yellow School News

## September 2019



Welcome to the fall semester!

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. Pre-K and Kindergarten will also be incorporating the MindUp curriculum which is designed to utilize the latest information about the brain to dramatically improve behavior and learning for all students.

### 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).

These classes take place during the school day and are in addition to the activities in the classrooms. The teachers do a great

job of incorporating these classes into their daily schedules as they realize how important they are to the overall enrichment of the children.

### Our Teachers and Staff

**5 Day 3-Year-Olds**  
**Shonda Martin and Nora Valdez**

**Monday/Wednesday/Friday and  
Tuesday/Thursday 3-Year-Olds**  
**Paula Tello and DaLynn Boggs**

**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**

### Hammer Time!

As many of you know, we are fortunate to have a group of volunteers who come each month and do woodworking with the Pre-K and Kindergarten children. If you know of anyone who might like to join this wonderful group of volunteers, please call and let us know.



## Mark Your Calendars!

August 26<sup>th</sup> – First Day of School!  
September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Labor Day – No School  
October 14<sup>th</sup> – Columbus Day – No School  
October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> – Individual Pictures  
Week of October 21<sup>st</sup> – Vision, Hearing  
and Speech Screenings  
October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween Parades –  
More Info to Come

## Room Moms

**5 Day 3-Year-Olds**  
**Holly Paras and Tara Riebschlaeger**

**Monday/Wednesday/Friday 3-Year-Olds**  
**Sara Long and Kelly Morgan**

**Tuesday/Thursday 3-Year-Olds**  
**Lauren Harbour and Audrey Saxe**

**4-Day Pre-K Class**  
**Tiffany Alvarez and Michelle Collins**

**5-Day Pre-K Class**  
**Erin Rushing and Alexandra Hayes**

**Kindergarten**  
**Katie Wittenbraker and Miriam Amaya**

## Church Activities

### MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

Are you a mom of young children? Would you like a little break in the week to drop off the kids, relax, and chat with other moms? Then Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is for you! Come for coffee, connection, solid content, and adult conversations. **Childcare is free!** Your children will be cared for as we take an opportunity to care for you. So come join us - we'll save a seat for you!

Morning offerings begin on Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>  
from 9:30-11am

Evening offerings begin on Wednesday,  
September 18<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm



## 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
- Don't forget to **SIGN YOUR CHILD IN AND OUT** if you are coming late or picking up early (sheets are by the front door)
- **The doors open 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!!!*