



Upcoming Events

September

1st Labor Day! No School

2nd Full Day 10 Month Contracts start

Part Day Tu/Th Contracts Start

3rd Part Day MWF Contracts Start

October

8th Parent Night at 6:15 PM in the CDC

17th CDC Closed- Teacher

Professional Development Day

Welcome to a New School Year at Woods!

This year promises to be filled with new friendships and exciting explorations. At Woods, we are committed to making your child's preschool experience a positive one –and one of the best ways to accomplish this is through communication.

We have many ways to communicate with your child's teacher. Speaking to them at drop off or pick up, through email, or a phone call. Please be sure to read daily emails and stop by the Wisdom of Woods display in the hallway. This publication has also been reimagined with engaging articles and pictures of the cutest children you have met.

I am always happy to speak with parents; please bring your concerns and compliments to my attention. My email is rbartone@woodscdc.org or better yet, stop by my office to say hello.

Blessings,
Roxann





OVERHEARD IN PRESCHOOL

Henry: I am going to the parade

Ms. Roxann: How nice, I think the parade is tomorrow

Henry: Oh Ms. Roxann today IS tomorrow, and you didn't know about it!

Hello Woods Families

My name is Kat Green, and I am the Director of Children's Ministry for Woods Church.

This year, I am delighted to be your child's chapel storyteller! Together, the children and I will explore stories about God's love and the joy that comes from following Jesus.

You will receive "At Home" notes to help continue the conversation at home. I look forward to a year of praying, playing, and celebrating what it means to be a child in God's family.

Blessings,
Kathryn "Kat" Green, CCE



Hello Everyone,

The best thing to focus on at the beginning of the school year from a health perspective is handwashing. As we come back together, share our germs, and enter respiratory season, it's a good idea to review proper handwashing techniques with your kids and practice them daily.

Here's a great video to watch with your children: Kids WHO Technique – How to Wash Your Hands.

I hope to be in regular communication this year with all parents and caregivers to help keep our kids safe, happy, and healthy.

Warmly,
Allie Barden
RN, Health Consultant

The Wisdom of Woods

Helpful Hints for A Successful Drop Off by Roxan Bartone

We recognize that morning drop-offs can sometimes be emotional for both children and families. Transition, especially from home to classroom, can feel overwhelming and it's completely natural for young children to express hesitation during this time. To help ease the start of each day, teachers create a welcoming and engaging atmosphere right from the moment children arrive. Your child will be greeted with smiles and exciting table and carpet activities. Ones they don't typically do during the rest of the day. These spark curiosity and help children focus on an activity rather than a parent departure.

In addition, teachers will be actively present during these activities, offering comfort, and support to each of them as they find their confidence in the classroom. Shortly after, between 8:30 and 8:45 a.m., children will joyfully transition into circle time to begin their investigation project.

Below are some suggestions that may help us all have a happier morning:

1. Create positive expectation: Be positive about coming to school. For instance, while getting ready in the morning, perhaps ask what your child hopes to play with at Woods.
2. Choose encouraging language: Be aware of language. Perhaps say to your child as you leave, "Have an amazing day!" rather than "Don't worry, mommy will be back soon." Keep your conversation with the teachers positive as well. Rather than saying, "She won't let me leave." Try saying, "Wow Ms. Kim has out some awesome puzzles today."
3. Model confidence: If you show confidence in Woods, the children will mirror your confidence. Having a routine is very important. The drop off process should be quick and loving. Wish your child a good day, smile, and leave. Be assured that tears rarely last beyond the time you have made it back to your car. If a child is so upset that they are unable to get involved with activities, Woods will call you.
4. Talk about school: Discuss the school day with your child using open ended questions during the evening. Use our class email as a reference for conversation. You can begin by telling your child about your day and draw some parallels.
5. Trust the power of routine: Once children realize the routine of their mornings, drop-offs become smoother for everyone.

Thank you for trusting Woods to care for your child.



Do you have a question, ask the experts:

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