

We are excited about our Pre-K parent to school connection center. Sessions will be once a month and a variety of topics will be discussed. Sessions will be 1hr in length 11:00am-12:00pm. They will be held in the Pre-K foyer area as you enter the Pre-K wing from the gym. Parents are encouraged to attend a session that peaks their interest, attend several or attend them all. We are here for parents to gain knowledge and learn some new ideas and activities to connect school with home. When parents arrive they will check in at the office to get a visitor tag and then come on down to the connection center. Our session dates, titles and a brief description are listed below. Remember they are from 11:00am-12:00pm. Reminders of sessions will be posted to classroom website pages as well as the district and elementary pages and reminder notes will be sent home in Tiger Talk folders.

Thursday September 1. Session title “This Way to Pre-K” Session will be run by Bridgett Holder covering all aspects of our Pre-K day and curriculum. Mrs. Holder will demonstrate some of our routines, songs, and show some Pre-K materials. Mrs. Holder will emphasize expectations as well as demonstrate how we use glue, scissors, and how to write names. Beginning of year take home backpacks will be available for checkout.

Thursday October 6. Session title “Fall Fun At Home” Session will be run by Kasey Reedy. This session will show how our Pre-K guidelines can be integrated into fun activities at home. Cooking, crafts, and other activities will be demonstrated by Mrs. Reedy. Parents will be encouraged to complete activities with their child at home to facilitate spending time together and promote vocabulary and academic growth. Parents will be encouraged to post pictures of the family engaging in these activities on classroom Facebook pages to create shared experiences for all. Parents will take-home instructions and supply list.

Thursday November 3. Session title “Positive Discipline, Positive Behavior” Session will be run by Amy Stewart. Mrs. Stewart will lead a discussion on creating and promoting positive behaviors to assist with the transition to the school environment. Strategies will be provided to help students acclimate to school rules and discipline.

Thursday January 12. Session title “Read, Read, Read!” Session will be run by Rocio Escalera. Mrs. Escalera will demonstrate the appropriate way to do a read aloud with students. She will then explain to parents the importance of prediction, questioning, and showing print directionality while reading. Read aloud take home backpacks will be available to check out.

Thursday, February 2. Session title “Get Techy With It” Session will be run by Patty Flanary. Mrs. Flanary will show parents mini iPads and highlight some of our uses in the classroom. She will highlight some great free apps to use with children at home and also discuss some internet safety policies. Parents will go home with a list of apps and their uses.

Thursday, March 2. Session title “Backyard Science Lab” Session will be run by Miranda Funderburg. Mrs. Funderburg will demonstrate fun, quick, and easy science experiments that can be done at home for little to no expense. She will highlight the science process that is occurring with an emphasis on vocabulary and academic skills. Parents will take home 3-4 experiment sheets with list of materials, directions, and the science process.

Thursday, April 6. Session title “Expectations of Kinder” Session will be run by a kinder teacher to be determined at a later time. Kinder teacher will give parents an overview of Kindergarten and the expectations they have. Parents will be able to ask questions of the teacher. Parents will be able to check out some games and activities to take home and play with their child.

Thursday, May 4. Session title “Community Summer Activities” Community members such as Somervell County library and Chamber of Commerce will be invited to share summer activities on their schedule with parents and promote fun learning that will be happening during the summer months. Parents will leave with a calendar of events for the summer months.

Parents will leave each session with activities and ideas to take home. Take home back packs with activities and games to play with their children are available for check out.

Parents have also been given instructions on how to log in to cliengage.org. This provides information on our progress monitoring system (CIRCLE) in order for parents to track their students progress. It also provides excellent tools and activities for parents to do at home. On this website they will find information on child development.

Pre-K progress monitoring system: CIRCLE

cliengage.org

Look under parent tab, follow directions to create a log in

Children will begin assessment the week of September 12 for beginning of year. The assessment will also be given at the middle of the year and again end of year.

If parents have any questions, they should contact their child’s teacher.

Parents are provided many opportunities to visit their child at school. They are always welcome to have lunch with their child and are always welcome on party days. Pre-K will also go on field trips and parents will be invited along for these, more information will come home on field trips in Tiger Talks. Each year Pre-K parents will have two scheduled opportunities to visit with their child’s teacher through parent-teacher conferences. The first is scheduled in October and the second is in May. Aside from these scheduled times, parents are welcome to call and make an appointment with their child’s teacher at anytime. Parents are also invited to join their child’s classroom website page. Information is shared there between teacher and parents as

well as parent to parent. On the classroom website pages parents will find a Pre-K orientation video, it is there all year for parents to view.

Parents are always welcome to call their child's teacher with any questions or concerns.