



## August 2017

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe the summer is coming to an end! Here, at Chantilly Academy, we have been excitedly getting ready for a new school year. Our classrooms are being cleaned and spiffed up, new supplies are being ordered, and I am in the process of putting our classes together.

### Home Visits:

Please expect a telephone call from your child's teacher in early September to set up a home visit. This visit helps to bridge the gap from home to school and gives your child the experience of meeting his or her teacher in a familiar environment. These visits are short and sweet and allow the teacher and child to have a special "first meeting."

Please have the following items for the teacher at the time of the home visit:

- Two recent photos of your child (not to be returned)
- An unopened box of snacks (so that we have extra on reserve). Please make sure the snack is **nut/peanut free**.

-A change of clothes (underwear, shirt, and pants) in case of an “accident.” Please have these in a large Zip-Lock bag marked with your child’s name.

-If you have not done so already, please show your child’s birth certificate to the teacher. You can also give the teacher any forms you have not handed in yet. (medical, etc.)

## **Open House:**

You are invited to our annual Open House! You and your child will get to visit the classrooms. This is always a fun day as it helps to get your child confident and ready for the upcoming adventures of preschool!

**Open House is on Tuesday, September 5th.**

**Tuesday/Thursday students: 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.**

**Monday/Wednesday/Friday and 5-day students: 11 a.m. – 12 noon.**

**Please note: If your child attends school on different days (e.g. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays), please stop by during either session.**

## First Day(s)!

Enclosed/attached you will find the calendar for the upcoming school year. **The first day of school will be Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> for Monday/Wednesday/Friday and 5-day students and Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> for Tuesday/Thursday students.**

**Please note:** September 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> are shortened school days. They will be two hours long – 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. These shortened days help our students adjust to a new school year, as all of us are filled with excitement and perhaps a few jitters! **Lunch Bunch will not be available on these two days. Daily Lunch Bunch will begin on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**Drop-off options:** You are more than welcome to park your car and escort your child to his or her classroom. Please keep your good byes brief, as the longer you “linger,” the more your child might begin to insist you stay (We parents have things to do, even if it’s merely a trip to Starbuck’s or Target!) The other option is our carpool line. If you are new to our school, you will notice some of our “old-timers” forming a line in their cars in front of our entrance. A member of our staff will come to your vehicle to get your child and escort him or her into the building. For safety reasons, you and your child need to stay in your vehicle. Please wait patiently, as sometimes the carpool line can be long. If, at this point, you would rather walk your child in, please exit the carpool line and park in a parking space. Never exit your car with your child in the carpool line, as this disrupts the carpool line “flow” and impacts the safety of our children.

## **Enrichment Program:**

We are excited to be continuing our Enrichment program! This school year, due to popular demand, Enrichment classes will be offered daily, Monday through Friday, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. The Enrichment classes will begin on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. You will receive more information at the start of the school year at which time registration will open.

## **CAPS Handbook:**

Enclosed/attached you will find our 2017-18 Chantilly Academy Preschool handbook. The handbook explains our policies and procedures. This handbook is for you to keep as you may want to refer to it during the school year. After reading the handbook, please sign and return the final page only. Thank you!

As always, Chantilly Academy is only a telephone call (or an email) away. I encourage you to contact me at any time with questions, comments, and input. My telephone number is (703) 378-4966. My email is [chantillyacademypreschool@hrcoxmail.com](mailto:chantillyacademypreschool@hrcoxmail.com). We are a team working for the same goal: Making your child's first years of education the best they can be! What a fabulous year we are going to have! Enjoy the last few weeks of summer!

Warmly,

Laura Klaiman

("Miss Laura")

