

Pembroke News

September 2016

Miss Andrea, Director

Welcome to Pembroke Kids and the beginning of our twelfth year! Summer at Pembroke was tons of fun! All the summer fun is now a fond memory as we are ready for an awesome 2016-2017 school year.

The first few weeks of school are always a time of adjustment for students, parents, teachers and administrators as we all settle in to new routines. We seek to improve our programs and make changes as necessary, so please do not hesitate to talk to us about any concerns, questions, or observations you have. We need to hear from you! Communication is the key.

We welcome two new faces at Pembroke this year – Miss Sarah and Miss Elissa. Miss Sarah teaches the Young 3's as well as the afternoon Pre-K class. She comes to us with years of experience in early childhood counseling and training in the Reggio-Emilia philosophy.

Miss Elissa teaches with Miss Sue. Miss Elissa has experience in early childhood working with children with special needs. Welcome to you both!

As a reminder, Pembroke has a flexible morning drop-off time between 8:45 and 9:00 AM. The teachers are preparing their rooms before 8:45 and not quite ready to greet your children for the day. Please help the teachers prepare by arriving no earlier than 8:45. If you find you need to drop off your child before that time, we can make arrangements for you to bring your child to the DDC (before care). Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Also, please be aware that our Young 3's program will dismiss at 11:50 AM. This should help alleviate some congestion in the parking lot as well as in the hallway at dismissal time.

We have many exciting events lined up for this fall, beginning with our annual all-school field trip to Burnham Orchards in October. Coach Craig will be back this year holding special sports classes for interested families. You'll be hearing more about this program soon. We hope to take part in a story hour program sponsored by the Avon Lake Library. Of course, there is our enormously popular Halloween party at the end of October. Lots of fun to come!

We want to make you aware of an organization, **Connecting for Kids**, that is an excellent resource for dealing with tough childhood concerns. There is never any cost for their offerings and they also act as a referral service.

The September speaker series topic is: Living with Food Allergies: What you Need to Know.

We encourage you to investigate Connecting for Kids. Please click the links below to view the latest programs.

Connecting for Kids – (440) 250-5563
info@connectingforkids.org
www.connectingforkids.org/register

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Teaching Strategies Gold (TSGold)

If you haven't turned in your \$20 technology fee for our online Teaching Strategies Gold program, please do so right away. You will soon receive an invitation from TSGold (Check your spam folder if you don't see it.) Please read the attached sheet regarding TSGold Login to create your new account. Once you have created an account, you will receive a handout that will help you navigate the site.

NOTE: Returning families are already set up in the TSGold system. You still have access to your parent portal and your child's portfolio. Please expect documentation from your child's teacher soon. If you have forgotten your password or have trouble logging in, please let us know.

Miss Sue and Miss Elissa - Mixed Age

Welcome students and families!

We look forward to introducing your children to new experiences and having fun while learning. We strive to create an environment that is fun, safe, and age appropriate.

With the start of school we have seen some returning students and many new students walk through our classroom door – some with a little apprehension, which is to be expected. In just a few short weeks everyone should be very comfortable with our routine. The children have had lots of time to explore the room, get to know the teachers, and start sharing stories with new friends. We continue to review our rules of the classroom and the playground to keep everyone safe and happy.

In the coming weeks the children will find their names on our magnetic board and put them in the "Job Jar." Each child will get a job everyday! Some of our jobs are Flag

Holder, Plant Helper, Line Leader, Weather Helper, etc. Make sure you ask your child which job they had when you pick them up.

If you have any questions or concerns, please drop us a note at:

sue@pembrokekids.com or elissa@pembrokekids.com

Miss Carrie and Miss Andrea- Mixed Age

Welcome to Miss Carrie and Miss Andrea's mixed-age classroom. We are delighted to have the opportunity to share in your child's first milestones and thank you for choosing Pembroke Kids. We are confident that once children transition into the classroom, they will make friends and flourish in their everyday schedule.

Our goal is to provide an environment that ensures your child feels comfortable, engaged and successful. The first two weeks we will focus on learning the rules and routines of the day. Miss Carrie and Miss Andrea will also focus on "All about Me" as well as " Our Families." This will allow us to get to know the children and encourages growth of sense of self and community. We will be sending home "All about Me" books. We encourage parents to return them quickly so they can be shared with the class.

We would also like to mention part of our daily routine includes recognition of the child's name and working on the first stages of printing their names in all capital letters. Lastly, we encourage parents to become familiar with our Teaching Strategies Gold program so you will be able to monitor the wonderful things your child is discovering and exploring throughout their week.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Miss Carrie or Miss Andrea. One of the most important aspects of your child's education is the parent-teacher partnership which will enable your child to have fun and learn.

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Miss Sarah and Miss Kathy - Young 3s

Welcome to the Young 3's class! We are excited to start out the school year with our new students and families. This year, we will be focusing on helping our children develop curiosity and independence through a play-based curriculum. We will also work on social skills and getting along in a group setting.

The first few weeks of school will be dedicated to establishing routines and getting to know each individual student so that we can tailor our curriculum to their strengths and growth areas. Please feel free to share

your insights about your child's interests and development, and feel free to ask questions. You can contact us at:

sarah@pembrokekids.com or kathy@pembrokekids.com

Miss Theresa - All-Day Pre-K

Welcome back to school and to Miss Theresa's Pre-K! I hope you have enjoyed the more relaxing pace of summer and have had some great adventures too. It was extremely nice to see the students and to meet their parents.

The first week of All-Day Pre-K was GREAT! The students have already learned the rules and routines of our day, and are very busy rekindling old friendships and making new ones!

You may have heard from your child that we have "specials." On Monday we have gym in the Wiggle Room. We do some stretching activities and then play a game or work on a large motor skill. Tuesday, we will do a hands-on science activity. Wednesday is our library day. The children will be able to check out books and keep them for one week. Please help your child remember to return their library book by the next Wednesday. If the book is not returned, we will renew it for another week, but your child will not be able to choose another one. To end our Pre-K week, we will do a cooking activity each Thursday.

The children are really enjoying their snack and lunchtime. I am enjoying seeing all the creative healthy snack and lunch ideas. Please remember that it is required by the state licensing law that your child's lunch must include the following 5 items: protein (meat, cheese, beans, etc.), whole grain, fruit, vegetable, and fluid milk.

In future newsletters, we will review the month's activities as well as highlight different learning activities and centers in our classroom. We hope this information will give you some insight as to what and why we offer particular activities throughout the year.

Thank you for all the school supplies and your hard work on putting together your child's ALL ABOUT ME book. The children are SO excited to see each other's book!

As always, please feel free to email your questions or concerns. I know your children and I are going to have a fantastic year!

theresa@pembrokekids.com

Miss Sarah - PM Pre-K

Welcome to Miss Sarah's Pre-K! I am very excited to be teaching your children this year. We will be working on developing kindergarten-readiness skills, including early reading and math skills in addition to problem-solving and social-emotional development. For instance, caring for our hermit crabs will incorporate science (habitats), math (voting on a name), and responsibility (feeding and spraying with water daily). Ask your child about meeting our new crabs!

During the first few weeks of school, the students and I will discuss what it looks like to "take care of ourselves, our friends, and our school." These guiding principles will be incorporated into our classroom routines. As the children get to know each other and the routines, I will observe their strengths, growth areas, and interests and use this information to tailor the curriculum.

Pre-K is a growth-filled year, and I look forward to working with you to foster your child's development. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I know it will be a wonderful year!

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Snack and Lunch Reminders

When packing snacks and lunches for your child, please remember that Pembroke is a peanut, tree nut, and egg-free environment. Foods that cannot be in any classroom include: hard-boiled eggs, raw eggs, peanut butter, and any form of tree nuts. Also, foods that are processed in a facility handling peanuts or tree nuts (walnuts, hazel nuts, pistachios, etc.) cannot be in any classroom. Please read the ingredient labels carefully and regularly!

Pembroke closed Monday, Sept. 5th - Labor Day

Pembroke will be closed Monday, Sept. 5th, in observance of Labor Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 6th.

School Pictures - Sept. 20th - 21st

Lil' Angels Photography will again be taking our school pictures. We will notify you well in advance of the day your child's class will be photographed so that your child can wear that special outfit and have their hair fixed just right. More information will be coming home soon. If you have more than one child attending Pembroke, you may have photos taken of your children together.

All-School Field Trip to Burnham Orchards - Tuesday, Oct. 4th

Fall is just around the corner and that means it's apple orchard time! Our all-school field trip to Burnham Orchards in Berlin Heights is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4th. This is an activity for the whole family, including parents, siblings and even grandparents!

Besides touring the packing facility and cider mill, everyone will be able to ride a tractor-driven wagon and pick apples and pumpkins as well as enjoy some delicious apple cider.

Due to the popularity of this event, we are scheduling our visit for two different arrival times this year. Reservation slips and details are coming home soon. Even if your child does not attend Pembroke on Tuesday, we encourage you to come! There will be no classes at Pembroke that day. Before and After Care will take place as usual for school-age children.

Volunteer Sheet

If you are looking for a way to get involved at Pembroke, please take a look at our attached Volunteer Form and let us know how you'd like to help.

Box Tops for Education

Once, again, we will be collecting Box Tops for Education. We are looking for a volunteer to run this program. If you would like to help, please let us know. Each classroom has a collection container. Just clip the emblems and drop them in your child's classroom container. Encourage family and friends to help us!

The Box Tops emblem can be found on hundreds of products. You can also earn eBox Tops for our school. Before you shop online, check out BTF.com/marketplace.

Pembroke Tutoring

Pembroke offers one-to-one and group tutoring for pre-kindergarten through 8th grade. Each student's program is built around his/her personal needs. If you know of a friend or neighbor that could benefit from our services, please tell them about us. We offer tutoring focused on new legislation relating to the "Third Grade Reading Guarantee."

Before and After School Care

Do you have to leave for work before the school day begins or do you need a safe place for your child after school? Consider Pembroke's Before & After Care Program. Designed for students in Preschool through 6th grade, we provide a safe, supportive environment guided by experienced teachers. Call the office for more information.

School Absences

We appreciate a phone call when your child is absent due to illness or other reasons. Please call the office as soon as you know your child will not be attending school – 440-933-3782.

Dates to Remember

- Sept. 5 Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
- Sept. 6 Classes Resume
- Sept. 20-21 School Pictures
- Oct. 4 All School Field Trip to Burnham Orchards
- Oct. 14 NEOTA Day – NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 21 All School Halloween Celebration
5 – 6:30 PM

Keep up to date with school activities by checking our school calendar in the Parent section of our website: www.pembrokekids.com.

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