



# Preschool at Antelope Trails Newsletter

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### Fall is just around the corner...

September is already here! We have many fun activities planned for preschool this month, including an IB and We Can unit about our families. We will be doing many things this month to target social/emotional development with children and support their interactions in the classroom. Things you see come home will be a practice “solution kit” to try at home with siblings or peers from conflict resolution and a sample mood meter. We have been learning the daily routine, exploring the classroom, and getting to know each other. We made our snack placemats, explored new art mediums (crayons, markers, glue, watercolors, and beads), and we are introducing the daily weather chart, calendar, schedule, and letter/sound of the week. We will be working on learning letter “C” this week. In the following weeks for September our letter learning includes: C, D, and F



### A Few Reminders:

- **ALL paperwork should be turned in by now, unless you are waiting on a doctors visit within the next week. IF it is any further out than that, your child will be asked not to return to preschool until this is complete!**
- **Check your child’s cubby EVERYDAY for paperwork or personal items**

- **Children need signed in and out each day, with the full signature of the person dropping off or picking up**
- **Children should have a small bag/backpack each day with their snack in it**
- **As the weather will start changing, please send coats/sweatshirts that your children may need, and appropriate shoes for the playground**
- **Preschool class pictures and individual pictures are coming up on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. AM and PM pictures will be at the START of each session, please try to get here at the start of the preschool session!**



### During the school year:

Our preschool curriculum is a play-based, center-based, learning style with academic supports and interest areas from the IB PYP program. The morning and afternoon classes will be exploring IB Inquiry based units of study that are based on our International Baccalaureate principles here at Antelope Trails. If you are unaware of what IB is, we want you to know that we will be sending home a lot of information in the weeks to come that will help explain the Primary Years Programme to you. We also are doing a unit through the WE CAN curriculum about self-awareness.



## All about My Family and Me:

Our first unit of study of the year that needs your support is, “Families are for ME!” We started this unit by learning a lot about ourselves and the things we can do. The unit will continue through the month of September as we delve into our roles and responsibilities in the classroom and within our family. One of the great aspects of IB is the focus on things that are alike and different and celebrating those, so that will be a focus in this unit. Please note that there will be some home projects during this unit, so we can get to know your child better.



## What can I do at home?

Parents are the first “teachers” of their children. Preschoolers learn so much through play and from modeling from peers, parents, and teachers. This means, at home there is so much you can do when playing with your child, and here are some fun suggestions:

1. READ. All. The. Time. 😊 (however, really 20 minutes a day or 2-3 picture books is great!)
2. When walking through a store (I know you love Target, Walmart, and Kohl’s 😊), talk about the things you see and what they are for... Label new item or objects that are unfamiliar. Describe things using color, texture, and other descriptors.
3. In the grocery store, talk about the color and shapes of foods. See what your children can “read” just by identification of the labels of familiar things, and then point out the text on packaging.
4. Play “I spy” in the car or around the house, look for objects that begin with the letter of the week. So far this is B and C.



### Paperwork Reminder:

All preschool paperwork should be turned in by now. You will be notified if your child is missing something. Thanks!

### IMPORTANT!!! BILLING information from District 20 for tuition paying families:

Please note the following instructions that we were asked to give you, as no preschool teachers are in charge of billing or monies: Please access the parent portal to pay your bill. Go to the fees or “pay for it” link. If there is no amount shown, to be able to pay, you will need to email or call the help desk. Their email is [help@asd20.org](mailto:help@asd20.org). The phone number is 234-1777. A second option is to mail a check addressed to the preschool office at 1110 Chapel Hills Dr. 80920. They can only process checks, and no cash can be sent through mail.



### Contact Info:

Phone Numbers:

- Main Attendance line ATE: 234-4100
- Preschool Classroom: 234-4155
- Mrs. Meghan’s Voicemail: 234-6516
- Preschool Secretary (at EAC): 234-1750
- Email: [meghan.novak@asd20.org](mailto:meghan.novak@asd20.org)



**Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> - Labor Day-NO PRESCHOOL**

**Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> - NO PRESCHOOL, staff professional development day**

**Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>- Book Orders due**

**Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>- Class and individual picture day**

**Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>- POPs Zoo Day Field trip (District-wide preschool event) more info to come...**

Reminder: Newsletters are on the ATE Preschool Website at:

[https://antelopetrails.asd20.org/Teachers/Meghan\\_Novak/Pages/default.aspx](https://antelopetrails.asd20.org/Teachers/Meghan_Novak/Pages/default.aspx)