



# Preschool Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2020

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

Dear families and friends,

The first months of school seemed to fly by and now we're off and running!

By now, we already know the routines, our classrooms, and each other. We've made new friends and we are still learning how to get along in our classrooms. We've been focusing on the children's interests and have some great themes planned for the future months.

I can honestly say that we are delighted with how well the children have settled. However, I understand that there may be things you would like to communicate with us, and knowing that we can only see each other 2 minutes at the door, please be reminded that you can always use Class dojo and our emails to contact your teacher or me. Any feedback will be gratefully received.

On another note, November marks the start of festivities, so please make sure to read our newsletters carefully and mark the dates in your calendar!

We have started the month of caring and sharing. We will discuss how we can be kind and caring to all and the teachers will be sure to encourage children to use kind words and be good friends.

Please, do the same at home, talk to your children and you will see how much they are growing, becoming every day more grateful, loving, respectful, and responsible children.



## Dates to remember

### November:

- **9th:**  
No school (*La Almudena*)
- **11th, 12th, 13th:**  
*Picture days K1, K2, K3*
- **23rd to 26th:** Thanksgiving  
Food Drive
- **27th:**  
No School (*Thanksgiving*)

### December:

- **7th and 8th:**  
No School (*Inmaculada*)
- **22nd:**  
Early dismissal
- **23rd to January 10th:**  
Christmas Holidays

Lots of love.

Ms. Sherry



## Report Cards and Parent-Teacher conferences



We are about to finish our first Quarter, therefore, you are about to receive your first Progress Report Card of the year.

In Preschool, Progress reports card and report cards are just a way of learning about your child's performance and progress in school.

You might have older kids or know other children their age. Please do not compare your child's reports with others. I understand how comparison is a common approach to ascertain the performance of your child, however, it does not help you or them at all.

In school, we truly believe that every child is unique and will develop at their own pace and in their own way. They have different levels of interests, different strengths, and weaknesses. We will help you and your child if they need a little support to achieve their goals and standards. Conferences with the teacher, along with samples of your child's work, can add to your understanding of their performance. If you haven't had the chance to talk to our teachers yet, please try to organize an online conference before December to talk about your kid's progress.



## Thanksgiving Food Drive:

November is the month when we focus on being thankful and giving back to the community. Every year, the Lower School team organizes Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit Asunción de Nuestra Señora Parish of Pozuelo.

If you wish to participate as in previous years, the school will be collecting non-perishable food from the 23rd to the 26th of November.

### **Here are some examples of non-perishable food you could bring:**

• Dried legumes (lentils, beans) • Canned vegetables/fruit • Rice, pasta • Cooking Oil • Canned Tomato Sauce • Milk (UHT) • Baby food...

Please send the items in a PAPER BAG, I will be collecting them at the door in the mornings and afternoons.

Thank you in advance for all the support. Even a small act of kindness make a big difference in someone's world.



'Mom, Dad,  
I don't feel well'

## Please, be responsible

If you or your children have any of COVID19 possible symptoms, stay at home and arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19 . If you are unsure, please keep your child at home and monitor them.



Picture Day, November 11th. (K1) 12th. (K2)  
and 13th. (K3)



Picture Day is our chance to capture and preserve memories for that school year. These photos will be part of our Yearbook. For this day, help your child pick out a hairstyle that will look good on them. After all, your child is the star of the photo! Simple hair ties, bows, or small jewelry are fine but nothing too big or distracting. We will try our best to keep kids relaxed and ready to be themselves, but don't worry about "perfect"! That hair that always sticks up or a missing tooth shows your child just as they are right now—and you'll enjoy looking back on that for years to come.

**SMILE!!**

*Farewell. See you soon!*

Our dearest Miranda and Aitana Fedor,  
you will be sorely missed!  
Good luck with this new adventure and keep  
in mind you will always have a place here with us.



*To our Online Students:*

Maranda, Rafa, Nico, Valentina and Viviana,  
We truly miss you.  
Let's pray so we can be together soon!



**HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS!**

It was so much fun seeing all of our preschoolers with their Halloween costumes. The children had a great time trick or treating and showing off their costumes, as well as participating in all of the fun activities the teachers had planned for them. It was a great day!

Please visit our website to watch our Halloween video!

**[click here!](#)**





# Friendly reminders



## **LOST AND FOUND:**

This year we don't have a Lost and found corner. Please remember to tag your child's belongings.

## - **SMOCKS AND UNIFORM:**

As many of you still ask this question, please be reminded that your child's smock is part of the uniform and must be worn from home. Your child must take it home every day. Bringing your child to school fully uniformed it is also a must. Long pants and navy blue coats are what your child should come in as the weather is getting colder.

## - **TOYS FROM HOME:**

No toys from home are allowed in school. I know it makes the "leaving-the-house-time" much easier... however, you will soon find out that Ms. Sherry can be a bit of a witch sometimes, and will send the toy back home with the parents. To avoid upset children, please talk to them about leaving the toy home (or in the car) for them to play with after school.

## - **LATE ARRIVALS:**

I must admit that I am very happy with how the mornings are going so far, as drop-off time is being smooth and the children are arriving on time every day.

Let's keep it up!!

I would like to remind you that for the integrity of our learning, we believe that children need to be at school on time. The beginning of the day is the time when children are introduced to plans for their learning for the day and builds throughout the morning. A child who arrives late misses out on introductions, information, and plans for the day ahead. This can lead to a less productive and engaged learner. Additionally, a child arriving late inadvertently disrupts the class, impacting the learning of the other students. When we ensure that a child arrives consistently on time each day, we encourage and develop an important habit that will carry through the child's years at school. School begins at 8:40 a.m., however, we will be receiving kids at the door from 8:00 until 8:50.

A child who arrives after 8:50 a.m. is considered late and will be marked accordingly on the class roll. ***Children who arrive late must be dropped off at Reception and we will take them to their class.***

## - **GATHERINGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS AFTER DISMISSAL:**

When students are dismissed, I often see families staying a little bit longer and even entering the Preschool playground. We love to see that families often want to stay and play with their sons/daughters at the end of the day, but you must understand how difficult it is for us to keep your children in their class bubble, as safe as possible.

We take really good care of our playground facilities, these being washed twice a day. Therefore, please be reminded that playing on school grounds after school it is NOT allowed.

This policy is for everyone's safety.