# C.L.E.W.S. Back-to-School Newsletter 4'S

August 2021 Dear Parents,

Sunny days, (and rainy days!!!), hot days, even cooler days, poolside, lakes shore, t-Ball games, sandals.... summer!!! I hope that you've had an opportunity to enjoy some of these because August is here!

As a veteran teacher for 40 + years, August means beginning to plan and prepare for the new school year.

I've always welcomed the new school year and anxiously awaited the arrival of the children.

(Although I am the first to admit that summer does provide a welcome and needed break to spend time with my husband, two daughters, their husbands, four grandsons, to catch up on my life, to renew friendships and family ties, and to garden.)

Autumn has always meant "Back-to-school" and remained one of my favorite seasons, as I begin my thirtieth year at C.L.E.W.S.

Welcome to our new students and their families! Many of them had heard about CLEWS from YOU! We have our network of highly supportive parents to thank for your numerous referrals and very positive comments about our program. This is due to excellent communication, and our dedicated, extremely qualified, and caring teachers and aides who have committed themselves to maintaining CLEWS' high standards of excellence. I applaud their efforts and am grateful to be working along side of them.

We welcome working with your child, "taking their hands as you let go," to gently guide them, to instill a sense of confidence and self-worth in them, to teach them about God's world and His love, and to help them develop and grow as they are ready.

Thank you for your trust and confidence as we begin to work with your child this coming year.

#### **NEW THIS YEAR**

We are eagerly planning yet another GREAT year! On our website, clewspreschool.com, under the CLEWS NEWS tab you will find information regarding class assignments, supplies, dates for OPEN HOUSE and our first full day of school. Please read over the information and don't hesitate to call with any questions. A C.L.E.W.S. calendar and folder will be given to you by your child's teacher at the OPEN HOUSE at which time you will also learn about the C.L.E.W.S. program.

These school activities will be upon us all too soon, so right now......read this information, hang these on your refrigerator or bulletin board, and make a final list of ALL those things you still WANT to do this summer.... .....and DO THEM!!!

Sincerely,

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### "MEET AND GREET" YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER AT CLEWS!!!

One of the ways we help to orient the children who are new to CLEWS is to have your child meet his/her teacher prior to the beginning of school.

The purpose of this is to allow your child to become better acquainted with his/her teacher, see the classroom, with YOU at their side!

YOU and your child should plan to stay for about 20 minutes.

If your child is shy, ask them to have something familiar and special that they might like to bring and can easily talk about.

Your child's teacher will concentrate on making your child feel at ease and comfortable with them.

### This is optional.

It is especially recommended for the three year olds, any child new to the program, or those children who are shy or reluctant in new situations.

Your child's teacher will be calling you to arrange a time to visit.

These will be scheduled for the last weeks in August or the first week in September.

You can be expecting a call in a few weeks.

## PERSONALIZED YEAR BOOK & DAILY JOURNAL

At the close of the year, each CLEWS' student has received a very personalized, and detailed yearbook, titled, MY YEAR AT CLEWS., which chronicles your child's numerous classroom moments captured in phots which follow the weekly themes and activities.

And your child's <u>DAILY JOURNAL</u> features your child's daily entries chronicling their daily learning, drawings, writing and work which coincides with the weekly themes and activities. This showcases their learning and daily work.

There has always been a great positive response as this becomes a treasured heirloom of your child's year at C.L.E.W.S. As with most CLEWS' projects, the book has continued to grow each year in size and quality. Its uniqueness and personalized touch that characteristically sets CLEWS apart from other preschools.

To help defray a portion of the cost of each child's personalized yearbook, we will be asking for \$60.00 from each child.

This will only help to fund this project.

So it will also remain a partial "gift from CLEWS".

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