



Meadow Flower Nursery School

Fair Haven, New Jersey

**News from the Meadow
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HAPPY 2020!!!

Thank you to all of the Meadow Flower families for your contributions to Holiday Express. A total of \$1,050 was collected. Holiday Express purchased 3 iPads for the Harbor School in Eatontown. Happy New Year to all!

The staff at Meadow Flower would like to wish you and yours a happy, healthy New Year. The past year will always hold many memories for all of us; and we hope the New Year will bring many joyous memories of how your children have grown.

Your homes may have a little less glitter, the nights don't glow and the days seem bleak, but we will fix that in a jiffy. We will be replacing your holiday decorations with color-color-color. There will be bright colored mittens and hats, and maybe we will be able to go out and enjoy some snow. Don't be surprised if you see a snowman or hear about the fun we had sledding in Fair Haven fields.

Enjoy this sometimes-bleak month by taking or making the time to read those new books and play one of those new games. Learning the rules and not just making them up is a great lesson. This is a great time to encourage following directions; give your children simple tasks like putting their clothes away (it doesn't have to be toys), setting the table, feeding the family pets etc. Independence will be the main focus this month as we buckle down to serious "work." We will be encouraging the older children to write their name in upper and lower case letters, and the younger children to put on their own coats. We also suggest you encourage them to do the same at home. We know that school mornings can be hectic, but on the other days you can let them match the color of their socks and shirt, as well as put on their own coats, shoes, hats and mittens. This mastery of tasks helps encourage independence and self-worth.

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Registration for September 2020 is going very well. We have one more public open house scheduled for this month. **Thursday Jan 16th from 9:00 – 11:00AM.** The openings we have are in the 2-day program for 2 ½ yr. old, 4-day PM program for 4-5 yr. old and the Enrichment program. If anyone is not able to make the scheduled open house, please call the office and make an individual appointment. **The 1st payment for September 2020 should have already been paid.** If you have decided not to send your child to Meadow Flower next year, please let Sandy know so the spot can be given to someone else.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank anyone who has spread the word about our school. A large percentage of the people visiting heard about us from attending families. Please keep up the good work; you are our best source of advertising.

Our trip to First Avenue Playhouse in Atlantic Highlands has been scheduled for Jan 28th and 29th. We will see the marionette show, Beauty and The Beast. The cost of the trip for the children is part of the activity fee. Parents are welcome; any parents that will be attending must purchase their own ticket in advance from the teacher and meet us at the playhouse. The cost of the ticket is \$9.00. Please remember that permission slips must be signed. We unfortunately can **NOT** accommodate siblings on this trip.



Not all our programs will be participating in the trip to the First Avenue Playhouse. The 2-day programs will be having a special day with fun activities. The enrichment class will also be participating in an age appropriate activity. These activities are also paid for by the activity fee.

REMINDERS

1. **Lunch Bunch and Extended Care** –Just a reminder that sign ups **must be 24 hrs in advance and paid for at that time.** Credit is not given unless a 24 hr. cancellation notice is given or you call if your child is sick. Phone reservations are not accepted.
2. If you have changed your cell phone number or any other information on your application please update it with your child's teacher.
3. Remember to send winter clothing with your child every school day. **The child's name should be on everything.** **Mittens** are always easier than gloves. Please place mittens and hats in the sleeve of their coats.
4. You will receive an email from staff if school is closed because of inclement weather. If you prefer a phone call please let the teacher know.
5. Payment # 6 is due Jan 2nd.
6. Please check with your child's teacher to see how she will be handling parent conferences.

