

Our First Weeks of School

As we begin a new school year together, we will be getting to know each other, learning our classroom routines, procedures, and expectations, and exploring our space. As teachers, we will be playing with and observing the children to plan our curriculum and future explorations. In the first months of school we will also be learning and modeling our roles as students and teachers.

The children's job as students is to

- play, play, play;
- share their ideas and observations and ask questions;
- express their learning process through painting, singing, sculpting, dramatization, drawing, building, and creating; and
- practice the skills they need to be kind and engaged social problem solvers and thinkers.

Our job as teachers is to

- observe, listen, document, reflect, and plan;
- set the environment for play and exploration;
- connect, listen, and be present for children's play;
- take charge when the children need it; and
- provide boundaries for safe, joyful, and challenging exploration.

