

Andover Elementary School
Early Learning Center
Parent Orientation
August 26, 2021

Your Child's Day

- ★ Unpack and Breakfast
- ★ Table time (small group activity)
- ★ Group time
- ★ Center time
- ★ Snack
- ★ Outdoor play & learning
- ★ Specials
- ★ Lunch
- ★ Rest
- ★ Recess/Center time
- ★ Pack up

Group Time

Group time may be a whole group or small group activity. Some examples include

- Reading stories
- Playing games
- Working on theme/skill based activities
- Movement and fingerplays
- Songs



Centers

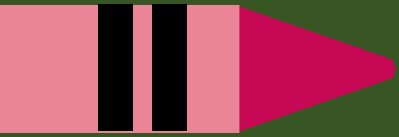
- ★ Main part of your child's day
- ★ Centers are based on the *Connecticut Early Learning & Development Standards (CTELDS)*.
- ★ Centers are created using:
 - Child interests
 - Themes
 - Specific content areas (reading, writing, math, science, social studies, creative expression)



Outside Learning

- ★ Children will go outside EVERY DAY unless weather conditions are not safe for outdoor learning.
- ★ Please send in appropriate clothing.
 - Hats, mittens, jackets, snow pants, footwear, etc.
 - Please make sure your child is able to identify his/her own clothing.
- ★ Outside time will include mask breaks.





Music



Art



P.E.



Tech Time

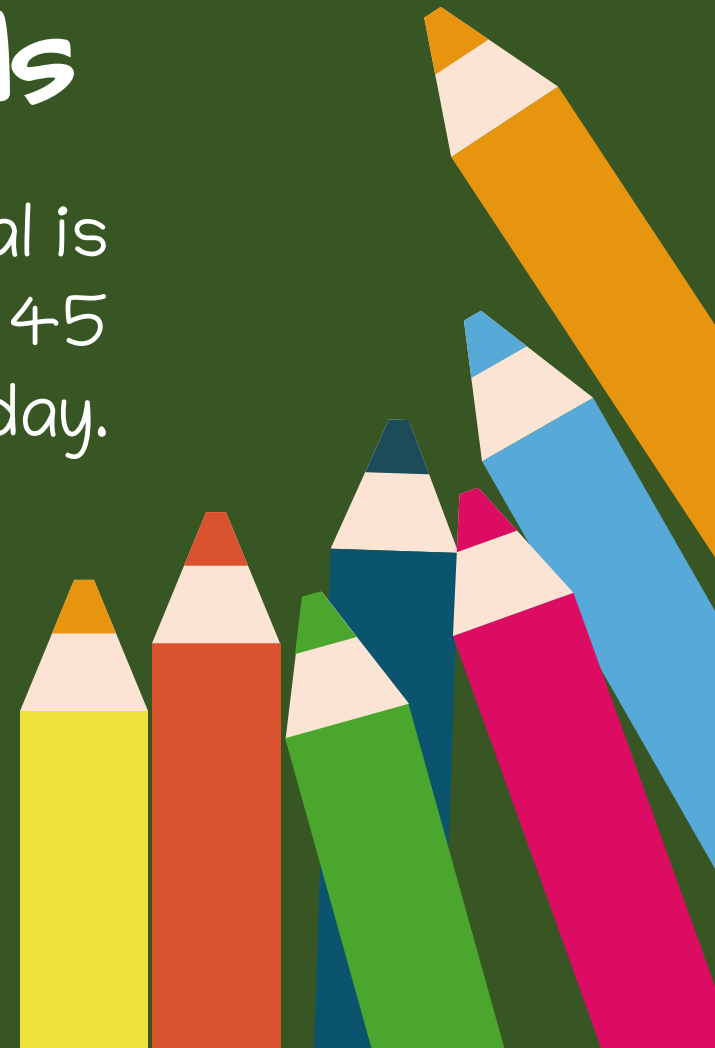


Library



Specials

Each special is
approximately 45
minutes a day.



Breakfast

- ★ This free option is offered to all AES students.
- ★ Breakfast will be delivered to and eaten in the classroom.
- ★ We will have cereal and fruit available for each child who wishes to have breakfast in the morning.



Snack

- ★ The preschool program will provide daily snacks for all students.
- ★ Snack options are listed on the monthly lunch menus.
- ★ Please inform your child's teacher regarding any food allergies.
- ★ Please send a reusable water bottle to school for drinks during snack and lunch. Be sure to label it with your child's name.
- ★ All snacks will adhere to the NAEYC food guidelines.



Lunch

- ★ Free school lunches will continue this year if you are interested.
- ★ Two copies of the lunch menu will be sent home monthly. One should be used for monthly pre-ordering and sent back to school. One is for you to keep. Lunch accounts are available.
- ★ Parents may pre-order their child's cafeteria lunches on a monthly basis.
- ★ Last-minute lunches may be ordered on a daily basis.
- ★ Lunches sent from home must follow the NAEYC health food guidelines.
 - The following foods are not allowed: hot dogs, whole grapes, popcorn, raw peas, hard pretzels, peanut butter & nut products, large raw carrots.
- ★ Include a water bottle with lunches sent from home.
- ★ Children will eat in the classroom.



Rest Time

- ★ Preschoolers will have a rest time each afternoon for approximately one hour.
- ★ Mats will be provided and will be sanitized on a regular schedule.
- ★ Rest blankets will be sent home weekly to be washed.
- ★ Children who need to sleep will be allowed to sleep.
- ★ Children who wake up early or do not sleep will be provided quiet activities to do at their mats until rest time is over.



Arrival

- ★ Please keep your child home if he/she has a temperature of 99.5 or higher or displays any symptoms of COVID-19.
- ★ Parent drop off is from 8:15-8:25 at Zone 4 between the library and the gym doors. Mrs. Barone's students will enter through the gym doors. Mrs. Strimple's students will enter through the PreK/K door.
- ★ Bus drop off is from 8:25-8:30.
- ★ If you arrive after 8:25, please enter through the main office, sign in and a staff member will escort your child to the classroom.
- ★ Your child will be escorted to their classroom by AES staff members. Teachers will be waiting in the classroom for your child.



Dismissal

- ★ Bus dismissal will begin at 3:00.
- ★ Parent pick up will follow bus dismissal from 3:05-3:15.
 - Preschool will dismiss to Zone 4. Mrs. Strimple's students will exit the PreK/K door (to the left of the Library as you face the building), and Mrs. Barone's students will exit through the gym doors.
- ★ Teaching staff will sign out children as they are picked up by their designated pick-up person.
- ★ Identification will be required until staff gets to know pick-up individuals. Please note that substitutes are likely to ask for identification, so be prepared to have it ready.



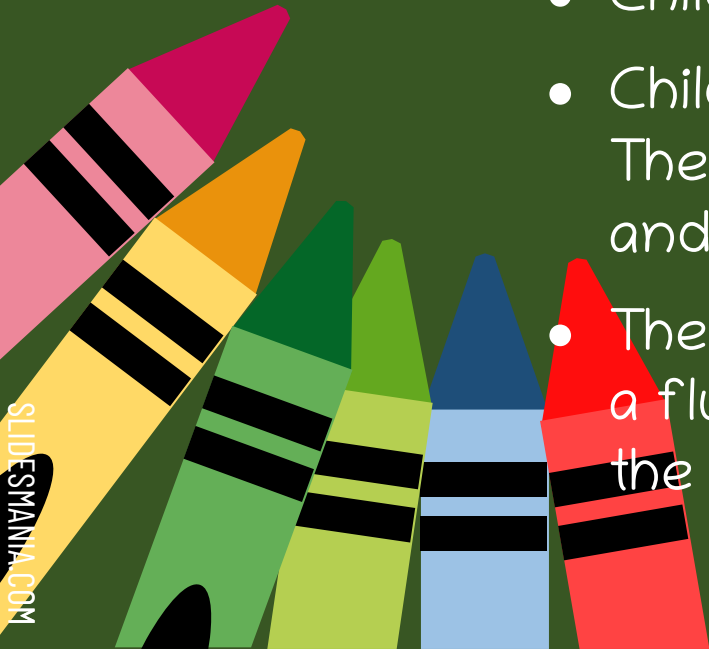
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- ★ ALL CHANGES IN PICKUP must be written in a note and sent to school. For example, if your child is going home with a friend, a note must be provided stating who the child is going with and your signature.
- ★ Please make sure your child knows who will be picking him/her up.
- ★ If you are running late or know that you will be late to pick up your child, please call the office to let them know.
- ★ If you arrive after 3:15 you will need to go to the main office to pick up your child.



Absences, Tardiness and Health Forms

- If your child will be absent, please call the office in the morning.
- If you are planning an extended absence and know in advance, please inform your child's teacher and the main office.
- Children are considered tardy after 8:45.
- Children are required to have flu shots and updated health forms. The school nurse will send home notices when immunizations and/or health records are out of date.
- The State of Connecticut requires that all preschool children have a flu shot each year between August 1 and December 31. If this is the first flu shot, a second must be administered after 28 days.

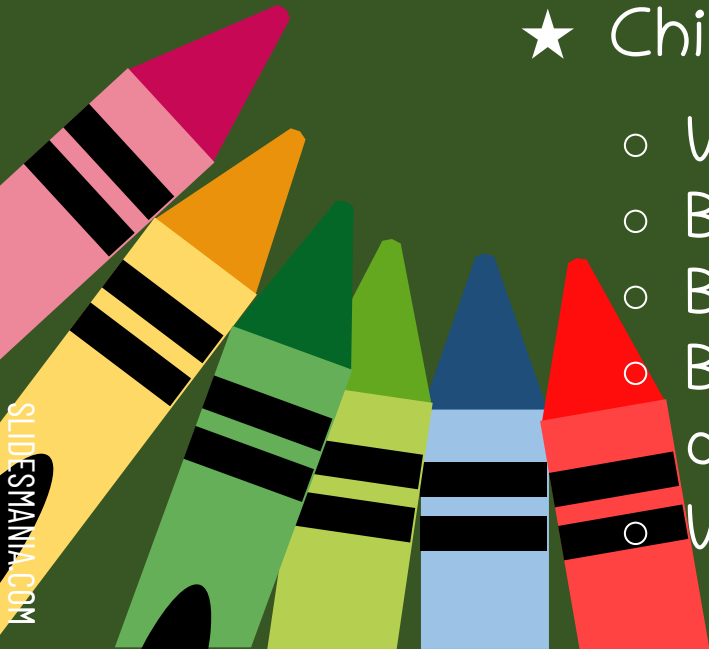


What to Send to School

- ★ A backpack large enough to hold a folder, lunchbox, blanket and extra clothing.
- ★ A full set of extra clothing in a gallon ziplock bag with your child's name clearly written on the bag. Spare clothing and masks will be stored in your child's cubby.
- ★ Your child's home/school folder. This folder will be provided for correspondence. Please be sure to send this folder with your child daily.
- ★ A lunchbox labeled with your child's name if bringing lunch from home.
- ★ A small blanket or towel to use for rest time. Please no full sized blankets.
- ★ Assistance is available if you need help acquiring these back to school materials.

Covid Protocols

- ★ Materials that children use will be cleaned and sanitized on a regular schedule.
- ★ Physical distancing will be encouraged where possible.
- ★ Children and adults will wash hands frequently including
 - When entering the classroom
 - Before and after outdoor play
 - Before and after snack/lunch
 - Before and after use of any sensory items (such as play dough)
 - When visibly dirty



Masks

- ★ All children will enter the building wearing masks.
- ★ All children will be encouraged to wear masks throughout the day. Per the Office of Early Childhood guidelines, mask wearing will not be strictly enforced.
- ★ Please send in an extra mask for your child in a clear ziplock bag with your child's name written on the bag.
- ★ All dirty masks will be sent home in a bag marked "Dirty." Be sure to restock with a clean mask the following day.



Birthdays

- ★ Due to NAEYC regulations, we are not allowed to celebrate birthdays with food. Please do not send in a birthday snack.
- ★ Children will receive a birthday crown and the class will sing “Happy Birthday” if the child wishes.

Working Together as a Team




Email




School/home
folder




Phone calls




Parent
conferences held
in November and
March



★ Additional parent
conferences may be
arranged on request.



Working together is
highly encouraged in our
program! We encourage
you to communicate
frequently with your
child's teacher.



THANK YOU!

