

## ROCHESTER PROJECT GROW 2019 - 2020

Hello, I hope everyone is having an enjoyable, restful summer. Hard to believe we are already into August! I will be sending out welcome letters to your child soon but wanted to give parents the heads-up for the start of pre-school. I am excited to have your child in our room and am looking forward to a fun year of learning.

### Dates to know:

*We begin with an abbreviated day 9am-11am*

**Tues/Thurs class** will begin on Tuesday Sept. 3, 2019.

**Mon/Wed/Fri class** will begin on Wednesday Sept. 4, 2019.

Both days will be an **abbreviated session** for kids 9am-11am. Any **new student** may have a parent join them at school for this day. New students and their parents will sign in at the office and a teacher will escort them to the room. **Returning students** will be dropped off at the project grow (PG) door at 9am.

Snack and drink **will be provided** for the abbreviated session.

**First Full day** for **Tues/Thurs** will be on Thursday, Sept. 5th

**First Full day** for **Mon/Wed/Fri** will be on Friday Sept. 6th

Both days will be a regular **full day 9am- 1pm**. All children will arrive at the Project GROW door at 9am. Teachers will be there to greet your child and enter them into the building. It is helpful with separation if parents say a quick goodbye and then head on their way. Occasionally, a few children will shed some tears...not to worry...we will comfort them :) Please have your child bring their backpack and lunch box to school. In their lunch box, they will need lunch (food and drink) and a healthy snack for snack time. Water will be provided every day at snack.

### **NEW STUDENTS**

We do schedule home visits for new students. Home visits will be on Tuesday 8/27, Wednesday 8/28, and Thursday 8/29. Visits are roughly 30 minutes and can be scheduled between 9 am - 2 pm. If your child is a new student please email me at [cindybaronas@oldrochester.org](mailto:cindybaronas@oldrochester.org) to arrange a convenient time for a home visit.

*Other information:*

Project GROW follows the Old Rochester Regional School Calendar, which can be found on the website for the town <http://www.oldrochester.org> . Our class has a Weebly page I **try** to update it monthly. As of right now, it contains some basic information and several activities from last year.

Feel free to check it out at... <http://rochesterprojectgrow.weebly.com>

My contact info is [cindybaronas@oldrochester.org](mailto:cindybaronas@oldrochester.org). I check my email frequently so feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns anytime. I will be back at school in a few weeks the telephone number is 508 763- 2049 x 1027, there is a voicemail to leave messages.

Other Important Dates:

**Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup> is a  $\frac{1}{2}$  day for the district. On  $\frac{1}{2}$  days Project Grow is dismissed at 11:30 am.**

Every month we have a color of the month...September is **RED**

We will have **Red Day** near the end of the month. Usually it is the last day of the month, however this may conflict with school picture day so **Red Day** is TBA for now. On **Red Day** we wear red clothing to school and bring in a red item (e.g. a red ball, toy, souvenir). Size must fit in backpack for sharing time. Your child will tell us about their item and peers will have an opportunity to ask "WH" questions (e.g. Where did you get it? Who gave it to you? What is it?).

See you all soon,

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