

## Frog Room News

September 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Pre-Kindergarten in the Frog Room! We are very excited about the new school year and are looking forward to meeting all of you. The Frog teachers this year are Mrs. Holly Martinez and Miss Bri Arneach.

Holly Martinez is very excited to start her fourteenth school year at Espree! She graduated from Metro with a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts and is also a certified Early Childhood Education Teacher. She is highly artistic and loves to bring her creativity to the classroom through her lessons and activities. Outside of teaching, she enjoys spending time with her family, going on hikes, and drawing.

Bri Arneach is super excited to start her third year of teaching in the Frog classroom. She graduated from Colorado Christian University with a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education. She is very bubbly and looking forward to continuing her teaching career here at Espree. She can't wait to get to know all the students and families. Outside of teaching, she enjoys coaching fastpitch softball, spending time with her family, and spoiling her dogs Nala and Chief.

We will begin the school year with an introductory unit called "Getting Acquainted". During the month, the children will learn and share information about themselves, their families, and the world around them. We will also learn about our community and friendship. We will talk weekly about what it means to be part of a family, how to create and develop new friendships, and what makes up our community. We have many fun and exciting lessons and activities planned for your kids. To begin the school year, our classroom theme will have the children starring as superheroes who wear masks. Lesson plans detailing the specific objectives and activities your child will be participating in will be posted weekly next to the door of the Frog Room. Please follow the schools Facebook page so you can see the lessons and activities that we will be doing in the classroom.

We recognize that many children might experience some separation anxiety during the first few weeks of school. This is quite common when children experience transitions such as new teachers, a new classroom, and a new schedule. We would like to offer assistance to you and your child in any way that we can. We do suggest short, reassuring good-byes. We promise to take good care of your child and most often they will feel better after a short time.

We would like to ask that your children do not bring toys or food from home including: candy, dolls, animals, silly bands, naptime companions, blankets, or pillows. The school will provide mats and blankets for naptime. In the past we have had numerous problems with things getting broken, disappearing, or just creating friction among the children and we would like to avoid it this year if possible. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

We would also like to remind you to please send your children to school with a mask and a water bottle every day. We recognize that sometimes accidents happen, so we ask that each child always keeps a full change of clothes in their cubby. Please send their change of clothes in a bag labelled with their name. The weather is still nice and warm but can change quickly. Please send your child in the appropriate clothing and shoes to play outside each day.

**Classroom Schedule:**

Opening: 8:30-9:00

Small Group (Language Arts): 9:00-9:30

Snack: 9:30-9:50

Small Group (Math/Science): 9:50-10:15

Art/Centers/Gross Motor: 10:15-11:20

Recess: 11:20-11:45

Lunch: 11:50-12:15

Storytime: 12:15-12:30

Nap: 12:30-2:15

Snack: 2:15-2:45

Child-Directed Play/Recess/ Dismissal: 2:45- 5:00

We are looking forward to a fun filled year with your children in the Frog classroom where they will learn and play! Feel free to reach out to any of us with any questions or concerns throughout the school year!

**Special Dates to Mark on Your Calendar:**

**Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>- Broncos' Day:** Wear your Broncos' gear or orange and blue to cheer on the team!

**Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 P.M. - Parent's Night:** Come join us in your child's classroom to meet the teachers and get a peek into what your child's day looks like at Espree! This night is for parents only.

Sincerely,

Miss. Arneach and Mrs. Martinez