



# Edgewater News



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## WELCOME TO EDGEWATER!



### NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! The sun is still shining brightly, but fall is just around the corner. It is time to get back into your school schedule. This means getting children up, feeding them a nutritious breakfast, and getting to school by 9:00am.

The children transition from the yard to the classroom at 9:00am. Once they arrive in the classroom, children wash their hands for snack, which is served promptly after. To make the transition smoother for your child, please avoid dropping them off during the 9:00am transition time. Arriving a little earlier will help ensure that teachers can greet and settle your child in. If children arrive after snack has been cleaned up, they will miss out on this important nutritional and engaging activity.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated! **Remember preschool is a wonderful opportunity to set up good school habits.**

### EMERGENCY KITS

It is time to make a new emergency kit for your child. Please label the kit with your child's name and "September 2025." Once you bring in their new kit, you may take home your child's old emergency kit. (Please see the attached handout)

*\*It is also time to review and update your child's Emergency Information Form including contact and authorized pick-up list. Please stop by the office **no later than Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** to review and make the necessary changes.*

### 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Attached you will find an electronic version of our 2025/2026 school calendar. You can also access our school calendar on our website: [www.edgewaterpreschool.com](http://www.edgewaterpreschool.com)

### DATES TO REMEMBER National Playdough Day

On Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> is National Playdough Day. Each classroom will make playdough on that day. Children will get the opportunity to squish, mold, roll, cut, and create figures out of playdough!

### Meet & Greet

On Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, the school will be closing at 4pm for our monthly staff development, and from 5:15 to 5:45pm, there will be a parent/guardian only Meet & Greet.

This is an opportunity for parents/guardians to talk with teachers and with other parents, meet the teaching team, tour your child's classroom, and get information about your child's classroom. **Our Meet & Greet is for adults only.**

### HEALTH REMINDERS

It is important that the children in our program stay healthy. We are not licensed to care for ill children, and we depend on you to keep ill children at home. **If your child is out for any health reasons (illnesses, especially communicable diseases), please notify the school as soon as possible.**

**Reminder, authorized representatives, must conduct home self-evaluations prior to bringing children to the center.**

### PICK-UP REMINDERS

Each program includes a 15-minute grace period before the final pick-up time, by which all children, including siblings, must be signed out and physically in the parent/guardian's care: 3pm for Core Day and 6pm for Full Day. For Full Day families, this means being completely off the premises by 6pm.

The grace period is not the expected pickup time; it is the latest allowable time. All children must be fully picked up from their classrooms by the end of the grace period.

### CURRICULUM

Common topics that may emerge in September are: All About Me, Getting Acquainted, My Family, My 5 Senses, Feelings, Birthdays, We Are All the Same/What Makes Us Different, Friendship, Human Body, and How We Grow/Have Different Abilities.

### CHERRYDALE FUNDRAISER

Our Cherrydale Fundraiser is in action! Packets will be attached to your child's attendance sheet. All funds raised will help support our staff development. The school will receive up to 40% profit on all items, depending on the size of the order. **All orders are due online on or by Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.**

## LOOKING INTO OCTOBER

### Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences

Optional preschool parent/teacher in person or phone conferences will be available the following days.

**Sprites = Monday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Munchkins = Tuesday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Chipmunks = Wednesday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Muskrats = Thursday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>**

If interested, we would like to give you the opportunity to schedule a conference with your child's teacher to discuss your child's development. **Please email the school by Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> to schedule a conference time and receive the conference conversation form to complete and return a week before your conference date.**

### Irvine Regional Park Fieldtrip

The preschool children will be going to Irvine Regional Park Pumpkin Patch on **Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>!** This field trip is open to **Munchkins, Chipmunks, & Muskrats.** Each child who attends the trip will receive a pumpkin, which will stay at the school until the Fall Festival. Children in the Sprites classroom are welcome to attend the fieldtrip but must be accompanied by an adult. **All children must have fully mastered the potty learning process, unless accompanied by an adult.** While at the pumpkin patch, the children will go on a train ride, pick out their pumpkin, and go on a hayride.

**All chaperones must submit proof of their pertussis (Tdap), measles (MMR), 2025 flu vaccine (waiver available), and TB test (dated within the last year), and sign a statement of good health and chaperone agreement (forms available in the office) by Monday October 13<sup>th</sup>.** If interested, **don't wait, start collecting documents now.** Chaperone space is on a first come first go basis.

**Signups will start the week of September 29<sup>th</sup>.** Be on the lookout for an email with the subject: Irvine Park Railroad: Pumpkin Patch Fieldtrip Information.

### Other Important Dates

**\*Thursday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>** = Great CA Shake Out at 10:16 am

**\*Thursday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>** = School Closes @ 4pm for Fall Festival

**\*Thursday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>** = Fall Festival 4-5:30pm

**\*Thursday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>** = Pajama Day