

Daffodils Newsletter

September 2022

From the Director:

Dear Parents.

It is school time again! We are very excited to have your child at Daffodils and want to personally thank you for sharing your child with us. We believe that by working together we can make this a very successful year.

The last couple of weeks we have spent a lot of time getting to know each other and making new friends. Some of the children & parents will experience separation anxiety as they start school. To help make your child's and your transition smooth. I would like to share one of my philosophies with you. You do not have to agree with it, but if it makes you think and form your own opinion, it has done its job.

Bonding, is a term that refers to forming relationship of trust. Parents usually bond with their children at birth. It is an intensely powerful bond and the major one for a child in his/her early years. Slowly the child forms other bondswith grandparents, babysitters, and close friends. Soon your child will be forming his/her first bond with a teacher at a preschool. This bond is very important. Until a child feels safe and secure in the rooms and insists the adults in charge of his/her care, he/she cannot be free to learn and grow. Our major goal in the first months is t make sure your child and we have bonded.

For some children it is easy. You may have seen some of the children on the first day hug and kiss their teacher as if they have known her all their lives. That is their personality. Others keep a sharp eye on them and hope she will not come to near them They want to watch and see. Some bond with their teacher verbally. Please watch and listen for signs that indicate how your child and the teacher are doing in this area. Practice looking for non-verbal signs and spontaneous comments. A direct question- Do you like your teacher? – Will confuse him/her.

Over the years I have realized that the bonds the teacher forms with parents relate to the bonds she forms with the children. The more we work developing friendship of trust, the easier it is for your child to trust us and be free to learn and grow This trust does not mean that you accept us unconditionally, but you feel that you can question us and that we will listen. Bonding for us starts with communication and not allegation. I don't think a child will bond with a teacher if the child feels the parents do not like the teacher. The child knows how the parents feel.

It is also important to close a bond when a relationship is over. We do this the last month of the school year when children are graduating to from their classes. They are excited about growing up and so are we. But sometimes a relationship ends sooner. If you know you are leaving before the end of the year, please let us know so your child and we can close our bond. I once had a child whose mother picked him up one day and said it was his last day, I went home and felt so angry. I did not understand why I was so angry: I could easily replace the child in the classroom. Then I realized I had spent several months bonding with him and minutes he was gone. No goodbyes!

We are glad to have the opportunity to work with your child and you, and look forward to a wonderful year together. Anytime you have a question or would like to meet any of the staff or me, please do not hesitate to contact us or drop by. Your feedback and suggestions are very valuable to us and always welcomed.

Sincerely, Ms. Vibha

Upcoming Events & Reminders

- <u>September 5th:</u> Labor Day (closed)
- •<u>September 17th</u>: Open House
- *Subject to change due to rain

Parents if you haven't sign up for "Tuition Express" we highly recommend you to enroll.

This Month's Theme:

Transportation



and

Community Helpers



Happy Birthday!

Rachit Gupta 9/11 Nicholas DeSevo 9/19

