



Welcome to the Orange Room

Dear Parents and families:

Hello and welcome to the 2018-2019 school year. My name is Ms. Pam and I am excited to introduce myself as your child's teacher this year.

Preschool is an important part of your child's school career and I look forward to working with you and your child. I have lots of fun and exciting plans for us this year and my goal is to help your child grow socially, emotionally, academically and physically. I want your child to love learning and plan to foster that love in a positive and nurturing environment.

A little information about me: I have been married for almost 23 years. I have two children, an 18 year old daughter and a 14 year old son. My son attended BCDC during his preschool years (2007-2009) and I began teaching here seven years ago. Prior to teaching, I was a stay-at-home mom for 11 years. Before having children I worked as a legal assistant in Wilmington for 10 years.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the attached questionnaire and bring it to open house or the first day of school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at orangeroom@bethesdapreschooldelaware.com.

Here's to a wonderful year ahead. I look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

Pam Sullivan

ORANGE ROOM SUPPLY LIST

PACK OF 24 CRAYONS

SCISSORS 262

10 GLUE STICKS

2 BOTTLES OF GLUE

BABY WIPES (FOR MESSY ART PROJECTS)

CARD STOCK (DIFFERENT COLORS WOULD BE GREAT)

SPOONS

TISSUES

**** PLEASE BRING IN AN OLD SHIRT OR SMOCK FOR ART PROJECTS**

**** PLEASE BRING IN A FULL CHANGE OF CLOTHES (INCLUDING SHOES AND SOCKS) TO BE KEPT IN YOUR CHILD'S CUBBY AND PLACE IN A ZIPLOCK BAG**

Parent Questionnaire

Child's name:

Birth date:

What does he/she call you:

Siblings (ages):

Any pets (names):

Favorite color:

Favorite toy/activity:

Any cultural traditions you'd like to share:

What are your goals for your child this year:

Any concerns or requests:

THE ORANGE ROOM'S POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SYSTEM

The Orange Room will use a clip chart system to monitor behaviors in the classroom. The clip system's purpose is to reinforce positive behavior. BCDC started the PBS (Positive Behavior System) a few years ago.

Children will start everyday on green (ready to go). They can either move up to blue or purple, or move down to yellow or red. When a student presents good behavior (shares a toy, cleans up, helps a friend) their clip is moved up to reinforce positive behavior. On the opposite spectrum, if a few students are having difficulty sitting on the carpet during large group time, those students who are sitting will have their clips moved up (again to reinforce positive behavior). In my experience, this is a great incentive in that those students who are having difficulty sitting also want their clips moved up.

We also use rewards such as stamps, stickers or a combination of both. If a child ends their day on green, they will be offered a stamp. If they finish their day on blue, they will be offered two stamps, and if they finish their day on purple, they will be offered two stamps and a sticker.

Some reasons a child's clip might be moved down include: running in the classroom, pushing, not cleaning up, etc.

If a child is having difficulty following the rules after being spoken to multiple times, or if a child presents a behavior needing further discipline (throwing toys, disrespectful or unkind words), their clip will be moved down and they will be placed in a sit and watch for a few minutes. Please note, if a child's clip is moved down, he/she can have it moved up as long as they present positive behaviors after the fact.

Finally, children will be referred to the office for any extreme disciplinary issues (biting, hitting, continuous disregard of the rules). At this time, an office referral form is also filled out and a telephone call home is made.

If you have any questions about our Positive Behavior System, please do not hesitate to contact me at orangeroom@bethesdapreschooldelaware.com

