

Hello Moms/Dads!

Welcome to Seasons: A Year of Tales at Classical Cottage School. I'm excited to start our second year with this new curriculum. Many fun books and projects planned this year with your little ones. I have been looking forward to using these stories my own little one. I truly excited to share it with a group class. Preschool books and projects are just so fun. They bring back many fond memories of my own time in grammar school.

Our first day will be mild, playing some games and getting to know each other, go over classroom rules, and a short story. We will ease into the classroom environment. For the most part our rules are— Be kind, Listen to the teacher, Raise your hand to talk, Use a quiet voice, Walk in the classroom, Stay in your seat. Because of the current climate of our country, I will add classroom hand sanitizer and encourage children to keep "hands" to themselves.

This year our books are wrapped around the 23 Beatrix Potter works with supplementing of other books in the same theme. Within each book, we will "journal" or at least do a page in our storybook each day to help emphasize our lessons and memories from the book. We will spend as many Thursdays outside reading as we can, also as weather permits. I will attach a book list for your review.

I will initiate a show and tell program starting in October. I will encourage children to bring in something to go along with our theme or book that week. If the student is really adamant about bringing something totally unrelated that is ok too. I like to believe they are learning to use their voice in a group and priming for public speaking!

Please reply to this email to let me know I have the correct email address. If you are comfortable, I'd like to have a cell number. I can text a parent quickly if we have an urgent issue. Also, as reminder, to make sure your child has used the restroom before our class.

From time to time I would like to have/give treats that may go along with our theme. Does anyone have allergies?

Also, with our current climate and being extra careful, I would like each student to have their own pencil box with their own things. It may cut down any transmission of viruses and colds. The backpack/bag is VERY important. We almost always have something going home. The school supplies will remain in their backpack. I will have extra on hand. Please do not feel like you need to have these items this week on such short notice. This Thursday will be very informal. If at all possible please have them by Oct 7. Our classes do not meet Sept 30 but rather a park fun day planned. Look for details about the park day in the ASW.

Please send students with: (labeled with name if possible)
--a backpack or tote

- standard size pencil box
- box of 8-16 crayons (please no larger boxes, 8 is ideal)
- safe scissors
- 2 pencils (either preschool or regular style)
- glue stick (prefer a one larger one)
- bottle of school glue
- one large eraser
- one large container of play doh (any color of choice is fine)

Thank you,
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