

Hello Moms/Dads!

Welcome to Great Books 2 at Classical Cottage School. I'm excited to start our second year with Great Books! I'm looking forward to our class. Many fun books and projects are planned this year with your little ones. The preschool age classroom is really my love and it brings me so much joy. I have been researching some of the best literature for our children and think I have a great list! My goal is to start with shorter books, progressing to longer stories.

Our first day will be mild, playing some games and getting to know each other, go over classroom rules, and a short story. I have some familiar faces from last year! 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, we will go through the alphabet; A=Apple Tree B=bear C=Cat etc, using The Peaceful Preschool with Caldecott Award books supplemented from Five in a Row. 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.

If you are comfortable, I would 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 Covid, being extra cautious, I'd like each student to have their own pencil box with their own things. It may help cut down transmission of viruses and colds. I'll attach a list.

Thank you,  
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Here is the link to our main program, Peaceful Preschool.

<https://www.thepeacefulpreschool.com/the-peaceful-preschool>

## GREAT BOOKS SUPPLY LIST

Please send students each day with:

- a backpack or tote
- standard size pencil box
- box of 8-16 crayons
- 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)

Please label each item with student's name.