



# The Jones Journal

September 17, 2021



Madeline and Adaline make letters in Play-doh center.

## FYI

Recently the children started checking out a book from the school library and can take it home to enjoy. It is a very exciting time!! In order for your child to check out a new book, they have to return the one from the previous visit. As of right now, they are only checking out a book once a week during our library time; however, I am hopeful they will be able to check out books more often later on in the year.

Please help your child be successful in PE and recess by sending them to school in tennis shoes. This gives them the opportunity to safely play and be as active as possible! ☺

Please send all messages via email or text. Although *ClassDojo* is a text messaging app that helps teachers and parents communicate, my preferred communication tools are email, text, and/or phone calls. I do not check *ClassDojo* messages regularly and would hate to miss critical information from you.

In last week's Friday Folder, there was a packet of worksheets from a program ACS adopted called Handwriting Without Tears. These pages are for you to use at home to help your child with writing specific letters and numbers. I will send home a small packet of these worksheets in your child's Friday Folder every other week (opposite weeks of our classroom newsletter) so that you can work on handwriting skills and letter/number identification. You do not have to send these back to school...they are meant for you and your child's enjoyment at home.

## NEEDED

I usually have something for children that forget snack or prefer 'school' snack. I usually buy the cheap bag cereal or animal crackers and they seem to like it just as well as the more expensive stuff. If you are at the grocery store sometime, we would appreciate anything 'scoop-able'. Thank you so much!

## PARENT READING

I've got a great collection of education/parent-related articles (and always finding new ones) that I think you may enjoy. I figured it would be too overwhelming for you to receive one each week in Friday Folders, so I'm going to include one every other week (to coincide with our classroom newsletter). I'll try to keep the articles light and straightforward in hopes you find them beneficial (and not like you're back in school). If you think future parents would enjoy these or find them annoying, please let me know. Also, I would love to hear any opinions you might have about the featured article. This week I have included a wonderful article titled "How Many Days 'til My Birthday?" Although the author and I have different ways of implementing a calendar during group time, this article describes the benefits of using a wall calendar and children's concept of time in a detailed, precise way. The article is attached to the same email as the newsletter. It can also be found on our classroom's blog

(<http://mrssjonesclass.blogspot.com>) on the right side under *Suggested Parent Readings*. However, not every section of the blog is completely up-to-date due to the emphasis placed on using other programs for communication.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

September 21 – TCBY Night (Kindergarten)

24 – Vision Screening (your child's results will be sent home when I receive them)

## ONE LAST THING

If your child is eating breakfast at school in the morning, **please** try to have them here early enough to finish eating before the tardy bell rings at 7:50. Classroom instruction starts immediately after the tardy bell. Any items they don't finish eating (that doesn't need refrigeration) I always encourage them to put in their backpacks to take home and/or save for snack.