

Welcome back!

I hope that this summer finishes well for everyone! My family was able to travel to the beach and just enjoy time together. It is hard to believe that we are already looking towards the start of school. With a new school year, we are looking at best practices to ensure safety, learning, and the best environment for the children in our care. Below you will find some items that will help this year run smoothly.

COVID-19

I understand there is much confusion about how to handle COVID-19 going into fall. Our center is under the guidance of the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL). This means we are required to adhere to OCDEL's requirements for health, safety, and other areas concerning early childhood education. Currently, they state that **masks are not required in the center for children or parents, but strongly recommended**. This is also the stance of ICEC. While no one will be forced to wear a mask at this time, we strongly recommend parents and students in preschool, CDC2, CDC3, and CDC4 wear a mask. If you would like your child to wear one, please make sure to send an extra one to school. **Please understand, if something changes with these policies put in place by OCDEL or the Department of Health, we will change our policy as well.** This can change in the matter of a single day. We will keep you informed on Bloomz if we learn anything more.

Schedule Change

The calendar for the school year is on the website <https://ingomarpreschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/2021-22-Parent-Calendar.pdf>. **Please note the change in October. Due to the date of the Church Rummage Sale being changed, we are closed on October 15 instead of October 22.** We will now be open on October 22.

Communication

If ICEC needs to send out information, it will be done via Bloomz in the Ingomar Child Enrichment Center Group. This way it is not in your classroom feed. The only thing that will go out in your classroom feed is if there is a delay or cancelation.

Drop Off and Pick Up

Liz will be sending out an email in regards to carpool at a later point.

Parent Steering Committee

Due to COVID-19 last school year, we were unable to bring parents in to help. At this time, we will be able to do so! During the month of September, please look for more information about our first in

person meeting! Some things that we could use help with this year are the Pictures, Screenings, Halloween Parade, Usborne Book Fair, Polar Express Night, Family Fun Night, Scholastic Book Fair, Fundraisers, End of Year Picnic, among other general everyday things!

Sick Policy

In order to keep everyone healthy, please keep your children home if they are sick.

A child should not come to school if he/she:

- Had a fever over 100.4 in the past 24 hours
- Is experiencing COVID like symptoms or is waiting for results of a COVID test
- Has had diarrhea and/or vomiting within the past 24 hours
- Has been on an antibiotic less than 24 hours
- Has a suspected or confirmed throat or sinus infections
- Has head lice, open lesions, or rash in the mouth or on the body
- Does not feel well and is in need of comfort.

Please help us stay healthy this school year.

I cannot wait to welcome you back this school year. Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions. See you in a few weeks!

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