



**NEW HORIZONS COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL
PRE KINDERGARTEN HALF DAY
AUGUST/ SEPTEMBER MONTHLY CALENDAR**



WHAT A GREAT TWO WEEKS WE HAD! ALL THE STUDENTS SEEM TO BE SETTLING IN NICELY. WE ARE STILL BUSY REINFORCING CLASSROOM ROUTINES SUCH AS CLEANING UP OUR CLASSROOM AND FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS.

FINE MOTOR: During the month of September your child will be working on their fine motor skills by stringing beads, cutting play dough, tearing paper, scooping, pouring, gluing, and easel painting and creating a self portrait.





LANGUAGE: Language development will include story time and intro to concepts of print. The children will also be concentrating on learning their friends names. The students will be reviewing the days of the week, months of the year and the year. The second week of school we will begin introducing letter concepts.

MATHEMATICS: Our math skills will involve counting 1-20 as well as one to one correspondence using up to ten objects and sorting objects. Our “All About Me Unit” will allow us to integrate our language and math skills as we weigh and measure ourselves. The students will be reviewing the shapes: circle, oval, triangle, rectangle, square & rhombus. As part of our integrated curriculum we will be working on positional words such as up/down, over/under, etc.

SOCIAL/SCIENCE: The students will continue to work on Life Skills – hand washing, cleaning up our classroom, and reviewing classroom rules. Emotions are an important part of our Pre K’s social development this year so we will begin helping them recognize different feelings and how to act on them appropriately. This year we will be presenting globes and maps. The Pre K students will begin learning about Maps. During the month of September we will also be studying the Arctic Regions and the animals who live there.



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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Classroom Rules Getting Acquainted	18 1st Day of School	19	20	21	22
Intro to Letters/Numbers, Concept of Print	25	26	27	28	29 All about Me poster paper sent home
Letter M: Self Portrait – All About Me Emotions 	1 LABOR DAY SCHOOL CLOSED	2	3	4	5
LETTER G – Growing bodies, body parts, hygiene, life skills, growth chart, counting 1-20.	8	9	10	11 Patriot Day  Wear your red, white and blue	12
LETTER Z – Zoo Animals 	15	16	17	18	19
LETTER A – Arctic Animals and the Arctic Region.	22	23	24	25	26
Fairy Tales / Nursery Rhymes 	29	30			



PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE

www.newhorizonsprivateschool.com or follow us on facebook and click on the link to go to see upcoming events or view our monthly newsletter.



PLAYGROUND REMINDERS:

All children must wear closed toed, rubber soled shoes with socks to school. NO BOOTS, CLOGS, CROCS, OR SANDALS.

PLAYGROUND HOURS: Please be aware that our playground is not open for use by children unless it is their designated outside playtime and a staff member is present to supervise.

When picking up your child at the end of the day, please do not allow your child to play on the playground.

THIS IS NOT THEIR OUTSIDE PLAY TIME

NEW HORIZONS WILL NOT AND CAN NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INJURIES WHICH OCCUR ON THE PLAYGROUND IF YOU ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO USE THE PLAYGROUND WHEN IT IS NOT THEIR DESIGNATED OUTSIDE PLAYTIME.



COT SHEET REMINDERS

Pinellas County Licensing Board requires that all children have a clean sheet on their cot. We send home all cot sheets on Friday and request that they be returned the following Monday.

If a child continues not to have a cot sheet on Monday your child will be given a new cot sheet and your account will be billed \$13.00.



PATRIOT DAY:

On September 11th, our school will be celebrating Patriot Day along with our nation. This day has been declared as a day to honor all those who lost their lives on 9/11 as well as honor all the brave firemen, policemen, medical and military personnel who helped to keep our country safe. Show your support by wearing your red, white and blue.

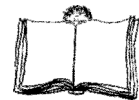


LUNCHES:

All parents have signed our Nutritional Agreement. Your child's lunch should consist of one or more of the food groups such as protein, bread, cereal, vegetables and fruit.

NO CANDY, SODA OR FAST FOOD PLEASE.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PUT AN ICE COOLER PACK IN YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH BOX. WE DO NOT REFRIGERATE LUNCH BOXES OR HEAT UP LUNCHES.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Our participation in the Scholastic Book Club provides parents with an opportunity to purchase excellent children's books at a nominal fee to promote good reading habits at an early age.

Now it is easier than ever to find the perfect books for your child – shop our NEW online Book Club web site. Best of all, we earn a FREE book for our library every time a parent places an order online.

It's so simple: **Sign up at www.scholastic.com/bookclubs. On the parent page, register by clicking "Don't have a user name or password" link. When prompted, enter the one-time Class Activation Code: GNJT6**

We hope this will be more convenient and easier for our parents. If you do not have access to a computer we will still do orders at school.



**MANDATORY VOLUNTARY PRE KINDERGARTEN
PARENT WORKSHOP/OPEN HOUSE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26TH**

At least one parent must attend this meeting in order for your child to continue in our VPK program.

**This is a mandatory Pre K Parent Workshop !!
*ONE PARENT MUST ATTEND AND SIGN IN***

Meeting Time: 6:30-7:30 PM-Mandatory Parent Meeting

PLEASE DROP YOUR CHILD OFF AT THEIR CLASSROOM WHILE YOU ATTEND THE MANDATORY MEETING PORTION OF THE EVENING.

No children will be allowed in this meeting.

AFTER OUR SHORT MEETING YOU CAN VISIT WITH YOUR CHILD AND THEIR TEACHERS IN THE CLASSROOM.



**OCTOBER 7th OPEN HOUSE
FOR
VPK STUDENTS**

From 6:30pm –7:30pm

Please bring your child and join us for an informative evening at your child's school.

We encourage all parents to attend this Open House and find out more about our curriculum goals and objectives for the upcoming school year.

This is a perfect opportunity for your child to share with you what they do during their day at school.

DOES EVERYONE FEEL AS GUILTY AS I DO WHEN I LEAVE IN THE MORNING??

At one time or another every parent feels guilt about leaving a child in a child care center. It makes no difference whether it's a pre-school program, a Mother's Day Out, or full day care. Somehow working parents and single parents seem to suffer the most. They often ask themselves the hard questions: "Am I doing the right thing?" "Can I stop working?" "Should I stay home?" You are not alone, all parents feel this way. How you handle your feelings and emotions will help your child have a successful school year.

Tips for a Successful School Year:

1. Good feelings are contagious.

If you are genuinely enthusiastic about the first day, your child will look forward to it also.

2. Count on our staff members to help your family during this important times.

We know that every parent and every child adjusts differently. Therefore, dealing with separation will in essence be the curriculum for the first few day or even weeks, that your child is in our care.

3. Saying goodbye.

Reassure your child that you will be back to pick him/her up. Do not make promises you can't keep. If you tell your child "I will pick you up early", make sure you are there early to pick her/him up. Your word is taken as an unbreakable truth by your child. If your child cries or does not want you to leave, don't hang around even though it may break your heart to go. It will be easier for your child if you make the break quickly. Establish some arrival routines, put belongings in your child's cubby, or wave goodbye. **Always say goodbye with a kiss, hug or wave.** Be firm, but friendly and loving about leaving.

There is nothing in this world like seeing your child successfully take their first steps, grow and develop into their own special person. One of the ultimate measures of your success in life will be how good of a job you do in raising your child. This is not a burden or some cross to bear. It is one of life's greatest blessings. Enjoy this new journey with your child.

AND REMEMBER WE ARE HERE TO HELP. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ASK?