

Dear Parents\Guardians,

August 2019



I hope you all had an EXCELLENT summer! My name is Miss Samantha and I will be your child's teacher for the 2019-2020 school year! I'm so excited to welcome you to our class\' herd"; **The Excellent Elephants**. I look forward to getting to know both you and your children.



This very important year promises to be one filled with exploration, discovery, and excitement as your child learns in an environment that is safe, warm, and welcoming. I am looking forward to working together to make this year EXCELLENT!

In our class this year, we will be working on self-help skills, letter\number\color recognition, writing skills, and several other cognitive, sensory and social skills. The students will also be learning how to share, play well with others, be a good friend to others, and have "good listening ears." Each student will get a chance to express themselves through arts and crafts, music, as well as many other fun activities. This is going to be a great year filled with lots of fun and learning.

Our school\classroom is themed based. This means that every week your child will have the opportunity to explore each theme through play, art, sensory activities, music, and a variety of other activities. All of this fun will for sure work up your child's appetite! Please send your child with 1 healthy snack in a brown bag or lunch box (your preference) as well as a water bottle, both labeled with their first and last name on it daily.

All children should be potty trained prior to starting the school year. Since the occasional accident might occur, especially in the beginning of the school year, we ask you to please send in a complete change of clothing in a bag with your child's full name on it (socks, underwear, pants, shirt) to keep in the classroom.

Attached you will find our class supply list! Please try your best to bring all items to "Meet the Teacher" this August. These supplies will remain in the classroom for the entire year.

I believe that students learn and develop the most when there is a strong connection between both school and home. You know your child the BEST! Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns, or suggestions at [sraecaruso@gmail.com](mailto:sraecaruso@gmail.com) or through the Remind app. I look forward to working together as a team to make this an enjoyable and meaningful experience for your child. I can't wait to meet you all and for this upcoming school year!

Love,  
Miss Samantha ☺



# Excellent Elephant's Supply List:

Please label with child's first and last name:

- 1 set of Crayola watercolor paint set
- 1 plastic folder
- 1 one-inch binder
- 24 pack of Crayola crayons
- 1 package of Crayola washable markers
- 1 pair of Fiskars scissors (blunt tip)
- 1 smock (old\oversized t-shirt)
- Backpack (large enough to hold folder and lunch)
- Complete change of clothes labeled, sent in a Ziploc bag
- 1 family picture
- 1 picture of just your child- just head and shoulders please
- Pencil box

Not labeled (items used for whole class):

- 8 large glue sticks
- 2 bottles of Elmer's glue (4 oz)
- 1 pack of sharpened pencils
- 4 pack of Play Doh
- 2 packages of baby wipes
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 container of cleaning wipes
- 4 pack of dry erase markers OR 2 pack of black sharpies

\*\*\* Please send in an additional \$15 in a labeled envelope to cover the cost of workbooks, yearbooks, and other group materials.

Thank you! 😊