



2009

Welcome back to school! This year we have a staggered start to our school year. Please read below for your start dates:

Wednesday, September 9th

Miss Lori and Miss Leslie's class – entire class attends from 9:00-10:30

Miss Gina and Miss Margaret's class – entire class attends from 11:00-12:30

Fives and Kindergarten attends from 8:45 -1:30 or 2:00

(If your class is not listed on this day, they do not attend)

Thursday, September 10th

Miss Nikki and Miss Marilyn's class – entire class attends from 9:00-10:30

PM class – entire class attends from 12:30-2:00

Two's Program – 1:00-3:00

Fives and Kindergarten attend s from 8:45-1:30 or 2:00

(If your class is not listed on this day they do not attend)

Regular School hours begin on Friday, September 11th. Our AM program is from 9-12, Lunch Bunch is from 12:00-1:30, 5's are from 8:45-1:30, Kindergarten is from 8:45-2:00 and the PM program is from 12:30-3:30. The Two's Program will be held on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 1:00-3:00.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new families to Three Four Open the Door and welcome back our returning families.

We have so many new and exciting projects and field trips planned! One project is our weekly sock puppet(s) that will correspond to our letter of the week. Each week children will be creating these puppets by cutting out the pieces and gluing them together as part of our Work Time. At the end of each week the puppets along with other projects made that week and cutting and tracing will be sent home in our Friday Folders.

Friday Folders will be sent home the last day of the week that your child attends school. We ask that you empty the folders over the weekend and return them to your teachers the first day of the week that you are back at school. If these folders should become lost we ask that you please replace them as they make sending home your child's precious work so much easier.

NEW THIS YEAR!! We will be sending home white 3,4 Information Binders during the first week of school. In these binders you will find very important information such as – Annual calendar, School Directory, your child's class list, September Newsletter and Calendar, NEW SICK POLICY, information on the H1N1 flu, information about after school activities, extra medical forms, and playdate permission slips. Each month we will be sending home the Newsletter and Calendar 3 hole punched as well as the monthly songs, reminders and any new information we think you should have. We encourage you to add all these things to your binders and keep them in a safe and convenient place where you can refer to them quickly. Because of cost we cannot replace lost binders.

Pizza Wednesdays start on Wednesday, September 16th. AM Lunch bunchers and afternoon Threes and Fours are able to purchase one or two slices of pizza for an annual, onetime fee of \$60 per slice. If you are interested please let Cyndi or Jenn know.

Look in your Friday Folders once a month for Scholastic Book flyers. You can also order online. A letter will be sent with online login details.

We will be having fundraisers and charitable events throughout the year for both Three Four Open the Door and our affiliate school Three Four Academy. Our first Three Four Open the Door fundraiser is Yankee Candle. Packets will be sent home in early September and are due back by September 25th. Other fundraisers this year include Scholastic Book Fairs in November and May, Greenraising Eco Products in April and bi-monthly Pizza Fundraisers through Four Brothers Pizza starting in October on the second or third Tuesday nights of the month. Details to follow each month. All proceeds go towards scholarships and financial aid for students.

Our first **field trip will be to Bishops Orchard for apple picking and a hayride!** The field trip will be on Thursday, September 24th. Please meet at the parking lot of the Tiburon restaurant (across the street from school) at 9:00am to board the busses. We will travel by coach to Bishop Orchards in Guilford, CT. At the orchard we will take a Hayride, have a lesson all about apples and have time to pick a bag of apples! We will return to the parking lot by 1:00pm. The cost for this field trip is \$25.00 per person attending. This covers the cost of transportation, apple picking and the hour long hayride and apple lesson.

The first three weeks of school we will be easing into our routine by talking about what makes each of us unique and special and what it means to be a friend. Our songs for these weeks will be “I am Special”, “Friends, Friends”, “Los Polittos”, “Apples”, “Ready for School” and “I’m A Little Fishy”. The lyrics to these songs can be found in your Friday Folders.

Some of our beginning of the year projects include a classroom quilt, Look at Me frames, I am Special Book, Lick and Stick collages, Pizza Faces, Friendship playdough and School Bus Placemats.

We will begin our alphabet journey the last week in September with the letter “**F**”. This year we will be making Fish puppets, graphing Fish, cooking yummy fruit pops and creating special Fall pumpkins for our mural.

Pick up/Drop off – If you choose to participate in our drop off program it begins at 9:00am (AM 3’s and 4’s program) and 12:30pm (PM Program). We ask that you please pull in the entrance and bear to the left so that you are in the lane closest to the school. If you are dropping off threes and fours please pull up to the drop off sign, and a teacher will meet you. Please note that a teacher will start to unload the children at 9:00am and 12:30pm. Any time before this is reserved for Fives and Kindergarten drop off, daily teacher prep and teacher lunch break. We ask that if you arrive before 9:00am or 12:30pm you pull into the parking lot and park as we do not want the drop off line to become congested. If you are bringing your children into school please park in a designated parking spot in the back parking lot. It is important that you remain in your car at pick up time. We will have enough teachers available to load your children into your car and strap them in safely. If you need to speak to a teacher or parent at pick up we ask that you pull through to the parking lot and park or call the school at 454-1924.

We are still young and accidents do happen. Please bring an **extra change of clothes** (tops, bottoms, multiple pairs of underwear and socks) with you on your first day of school that can be left in our classrooms for future use. Please label all articles of clothing and put them in a plastic bag with your child’s name on the outside. You can replace them throughout the year with seasonably appropriate clothes.

SAVE THE DATE – Three Four Academy October Fundraiser- October 8th from 6-8pm at Aitoro Appliance on the Westport/Norwalk line.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year with you and your children!

**Miss Cyndi, Miss Jenn, Miss Gina, Miss Lori, Miss Linda, Miss Leslie, Miss Nikki,
Miss Marilyn and Miss Margaret**