

Welcome to the Navigator Room! We believe in meeting each child where they are and building upon their individual strengths. The children will develop social, language, physical and cognitive skills in a play based learning environment. We will provide the children with open ended materials that will enhance their social skills, promote creativity, and innovation.

Conferences/Assessments: We will be utilizing the TS Gold assessment system. The first conference (held in November) will be based on individual teacher observations and the information provided in the ASQ (parent to complete). It is important that we receive the Child ASQ as soon as possible, as this will give us a quick snap shot of the children's strengths and as well as areas that we should focus on. The second conference will be held during spring break. School will be closed for two days for conferences. We will let you know these dates well in advance.

Drop off/Pick up: Until further notice a teacher will meet parents at the west door and walk the child to the classroom. Parents will not be allowed in the classroom. Weather permitting, pickup will take place on the playground at 3:00pm, Your child's lunch box and personal items will be located outside the west door for pickup. If the weather does not permit us to go outside, please step inside and quickly pick up your child. We will be waiting by the West door.

Communication: You will be able to send us messages through the pro-care app as well as our classroom email navigators@northbroadwaycc.org Please use this for non-emergency communication. If you need an immediate response call the main office at (614) 262-6222. We will send an email weekly with classroom updates, reminders, and general center information.

ProCare App: We will use this app to take attendance, send you a quick pic of your child's day, send reminders/ quick messages.

Potty Learning skills: We realize that children develop new skills at different rates. If your child is still working on these skills, please email or call us so that we can make a plan together prior to your child starting.

Birthdays: Due to possible allergies and personal food preferences, we ask that no baked goods or sweets be brought in. Instead you might bring in a small gift for the class or a small trinket for each child.

Mask Policy: All children and teachers will be required to wear masks indoors. Meal times, playground time, and rest period are excluded from this. If your child needs to take a mask break we will provide a space where he/she can have a few minutes without it.

Clothing/Spare Clothing: Please send your child in “play clothes” that you do not mind getting messy. We will offer outdoor activities, art, and messy sensory experiences that could potentially get on clothing. A spare change of clothing will be required in case of an accident (including underwear). Please label all items with your child’s name. We will store the spare clothes and request that you bring another replacement set as needed.

Field Trips: Typically we go on several field trips throughout the year. However, with Covid restrictions we may be limited to what we can do. In this case, we can look at special visitors or outdoor events. This is ever changing. We will let you know well in advance if we are able to take a trip. Parents are welcome and encouraged to join us for any trip!

Meals: Please send your child having already eaten breakfast. For the children who are with us in the afternoon. We will eat lunch around 11:40. You will need to provide a packed lunch that meets CACFP guidelines, including a protein, vegetable, fruit, and a grain. We are a **Nut Free** center. Please do not send your child with any food item made with nuts. We will provide milk for lunch. If your child has a milk allergy or needs an alternative drink we will provide the appropriate alternative. Sugary treats and fruit juices will not be allowed. We will provide a light snack in the afternoon.

Rest time: If your child is with us for the whole day, we will provide a short rest time. A rest mat will be provided for each child. If your child still naps, he or she may do so during this time. If your child does not nap, she or he will be provided with quiet activities to work on during this time. Nap blankets are optional. Please feel free to bring one if you think this would help your child. We just request that nap items are limited to a small blanket/small travel sized pillow.

Family photo and All About Me book: Your child will be missing you more so during the first few weeks of school. We will add family photos to a wall in our classroom. Your child may find it comforting to look at it if they are sad. It is also a great way to promote conversation with peers and the teachers. We will provide you with a blank **ALL ABOUT ME** book. The book can be filled with printed pictures, words, and drawings. Please fill this out anyway you would like. We will put the pages in a book for your child to read and share throughout their time in The Navigator room.

Literacy Projects: In early October, we will begin our Literacy project. Each class will have a different stuffed animal. The children will name the animal through a voting process. Each week one child will take the animal home and keep it until the following week. They can play with the animal at home and take it on adventures for a whole week. We will provide a page or two in a blank book for you to help your child add photos, write, draw, or tell about their adventures. We will share your child's experience with the whole group before sending it home with the next child. This is an exciting project for the children! We thank you in advance for your participation.

Note: We will wash the animal prior to sending it home with the next child.

Book Club: Also in October we will have a sign up sheet available to the children if they would like to join our classroom book club. Your child will be able to bring in one of their favorite books and share it with the class during the morning meeting. This is totally optional and we will let you know well in advance which day your child has signed up for.

Donations/Supply list: Here is a list of basic supplies that are always useful for the classroom. We would really appreciate any items that you are able to contribute.

- * washable markers
- * crayons
- * felt tip black pens
- * glue sticks
- * scissors
- * tissues
- * Painters tape ziplock bags
- * Hand Wipes or Baby Wipes
- * Aluminum Foil

Thank you for trusting us with your child. We can't wait to get started and look forward to working with you and having a wonderful year.

Amy & Christy

Navigator Schedule

9:00-9:15 Morning meeting and song

9:15-10:30 Planned activities and Small Groups

10:30-10:45 Clean up

10:45 Group Time/Bathroom Turns

11:00-11:30 Playground Time

11:40 Wash Hands and Lunch Time

12:15 Bathroom Turns and Getting ready for Restime

12:30-1:15 Rest time or Quiet Activities

1:15-2:15 Activities in the room

2:15-2:30 Clean up and Wash Hands

2:30 Snack Time

2:45 Afternoon Meeting

3:00-3:30 Playground