

September



Dear Parents,

Welcome to First Steps for the 2020-2021 school year! We look forward to a wonderful and exciting year with all our students. Below are a few monthly updates:

Monday, September 21st, 2020

Campus will be **closed** in observance of the Re-Establishment of Armenian Independence Day.

The teachers and groups for this year are as follows:

Office– Mrs. Kathy (Director), Mrs. Marya (Assistant Director of Operations), Mrs. Celine (Assistant Director of Program & Site Supervisor), Miss Ani (Toddler Program Coordinator & Office Manager), Mrs. Anoush (Office Manager), Miss Nairi (Photographer), Miss. Armine K. (Office Manager),

Toddler - Head Teachers: Mrs. Adrineh, Mrs. Melo
Assitant: Mrs. Armineh Go.

Green – Head Teachers: Mrs. Nazik, Mrs. Ani, Mrs. Talina, and Mrs. Zoya
Assistants: Mrs. Joullet, Mrs. Edna., Mrs. Carmen and Mrs. Aznif
Music Teacher: Mrs. Talita

Red – Head Teachers: Mrs. Rita A., Mrs. Tsagik, Mrs. Karmen, Mrs. Aida V., Mrs. Anita, and Mrs. Hrachik
Assistant: Mrs. Karolin., Mrs. Armine A., Mrs. Ano, Mrs. Talin, Mrs. Violet, Mrs. Armineh T.
Music Teacher: Mrs. Talita

Blue – Head Teachers: Mrs. Armineh B., Mrs. Alenoush, Mrs. Varsik, Mrs. Anahid,
Assistant: Mrs. Rita N., Mrs. Armineh N., Mrs. Armineh Ag., and Mrs. Adrine
Music Teacher: Mrs. Armine G.

Kindergarten – Head Teacher: Mrs. Karineh and Mrs. Dzia
Assistant: Mrs. Maggie, Ms. Melanie and Miss Sarah K.
Music Teacher: Mrs. Armine G.



Chefs – Mrs. Armineh V., Mrs. Tigranouhi, Mrs. Knarik, and Mrs. Armineh M

REMINDERS



The classrooms and cameras for this year are as follows:

Toddler Center:

Camera 1 Camera 2 Camera 3 Playground

Building 1:

Classroom 1 = Room 1 L & R

Classroom 2 = Room 2

Classroom 3 = Room 3

Playground

Building 2:

Classroom 1 = Room 1

Classroom 2 = Room 2

Classroom 3 = Room 3 L & R

Classroom 4 = Room 4 L & R

Playground

Building 3:

Classroom 1 = Room 1

Classroom 2 = Room 2

Classroom 3 = Room 3

Classroom 4 = Room 4

- The cameras can be accessed by visiting www.firststepspec.com, clicking on the login tab, and entering your chosen username and password. If you've forgotten your login information, please feel free to contact the office for assistance.
- **As a school, we strive to safeguard the privacy of our students. We kindly ask that you please refrain from sharing login information with anyone, friends and relatives included. We also ask that no parent share group pictures of our students on any social media platform. This respects the privacy of those parents who do not wish their children to appear on the web. We will be forced to take action with camera privileges if we come across such photos. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.**
- Please remember to **sign in** and **sign out** your child during drop-off and pick-up. By law, parents are required to sign their first and last name on the sign-in sheet
- Please keep the office updated of any address, phone number, or email address changes. It is very important for the school to have current information for every student.
- To help with your child's transition and prevent traffic during drop off time, please make sure to separate from your child in a timely manner in the mornings. This will aid in adjusting to the daily routine, making the separation process easier. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.
- Uniforms will stay in school all week, and will be sent home every Friday to be washed.

ITEMS EACH STUDENT NEEDS FOR SCHOOL:

- Children should bring a lunch box to school with them to school that contains a bottle of water and healthy snacks. Examples of healthy snacks include crackers, yogurt, fresh/dry fruits, vegetables, juices, etc. Chocolate, candy, and chips are not allowed at school. We appreciate parents' support and cooperation in this matter.
- Uniforms (If you opt out for no name on the uniform, please make sure your child's name and last name is written on the inside)
- Extra clothing (2 sets – please label everything)
- For those students who are not potty trained; diapers (2 weeks supply), wipes and ointment

- The school communicates mainly through email, where you will receive memos, newsletters, and concepts on a regular basis. Please remember to **read your emails regularly and answer promptly to emails that require your responses.**
- Staff members are only responsible for opening the gates for non-routine visitors. In order for our school to operate safely, we need your cooperation in this matter. For the safety of the students, please remember to close the gate behind you. Please remember to swipe your key fob, even if you enter with another parent. **Do not allow someone you are unfamiliar with into the school.** If you have any questions, please contact the office.
- In order to avoid a flu cycle or any other contagious illness, please do not send your child to school when he/she is ill or has a temperature of 99.4 degrees or higher. Under COVID-19 guidelines kids with 99.4 degree and adults with 100.4 degree temperature will be sent home before drop off. During our morning health checks, children will be sent home if they show any flu like symptoms or look contagious. After 4 consecutive days of being absent, a doctor's note is required in order for the student to return to school. For COVID-19 related symptoms, negative test results is required for clearance.

We look forward to a safe and fulfilling school year!

