

## August    A letter to the parents of Classroom #6

August is going to be a very hot month and it also represents the end and the beginning. Many will go away to visit new places or visit family if situations permits. But, like most of us we are stuck here where it is safe. Many know that it is a time of the year to do what was not done earlier. If you did not get to go to the beach earlier do it now. Shop for summer clothes on sale for the next year, do some repairs around the house or finally get to do that project that's been in your mind for too long.

This year is so different because of Covid-19, we have a bit more time to think about what to do with the kids. We must think of September and how they will cope with new friends, new teachers, and a new school environment.

### Some things to try to help your child:

1. Take a walk to the new school and show them the place they will be in the future. Take some hand sanitizer or gloves. They can probably touch the door or the gate. Reassure them they will have a great time and learning new and fun things.
2. Sit with your child and write a few things you both would like the teacher to know about your child. What he likes. What he does not like. Favorite food and toys. How many people in his family! Places he has visited. Favorite book. Color of his bike or scooter. Who his best friend is and the things he liked doing in

Pre-k. Maybe they can draw some of the things and you can write them down. Title it, "A Note to My New Teacher."

3. Talk with your child about their feelings and always reassure them that they will be safe and loved in any environment they go to.

*Have fun this month before school starts:*

1. Go to the park and use the sprinkler. Ride your bike and scooter.
2. Get some water balloons and have fun.
3. Take some chalk and draw on the park ground.
4. Get a bucket and a brush and do water paint on the park grounds.
5. The zoos, aquarium and theaters are planning to open this month, so plan to go.
6. Parents can take the kids to the beach and make sand castles.  
Don't forget the sunscreen.
7. Make a picnic plan with your closest family members.
8. With masking tape make a hopscotch shape on the floor of your home.
9. Make different color play dough, and have fun.
10. Make a teepee or a cave with sheets and furniture; add toys and other playful materials to create a fun place to play and hide.