

Dear ECC Families,

In preparation for our return to school, we have put together some suggestions to help ease the transition and prevent the spread of germs.

1. If your child is new to wearing a mask, practice wearing a mask. Set a timer each day and slowly increase the amount of time your child wears their mask each day.
2. Practice proper hand washing. Children should wash their hands for at least 20 seconds. Sing the Alphabet Song as they wash their hands. We use paper towels at school so you can even practice turning the water off with a paper towel!
3. Be thoughtful in choice of shoe for your child. We are always working towards independence as it gives the child a sense of accomplishment and confidence when they can complete tasks with minimal assistance. Please have your child wear non-tie shoes and preferably ones they can put on all by themselves. This limits the amount of people touching their laces (and their untied laces picking up germs!).
4. If you are packing your child's lunch, choose containers and packages that they can open on their own. Have your child practice opening different packages and containers you may send in their lunch. Please use a cold pack in your child's lunch box if needed and pack items you wish to keep warm in a thermos as teachers will not be able to leave the classroom to warm items in a microwave.
5. **Please leave all home toys at home.** We want to limit the amount of home items brought into the building.
7. **Please send your child to school with their own labeled water bottle every day.**
8. We are excited to start the school year! Children take cues from the adults in their lives. Share your excitement and enthusiasm with your child and let them know how fun and exciting this school year will be.

The ECC Team anticipates a wonderfully safe, fun, creative and productive school year with your child. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 513-728-2360.

Sincerely,

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