

I would just like to say that we are off to a great start this year! Our classroom has started building relationships with their peers and their teachers. They have learned that they have a daily routine and are following that routine! They are learning how to problem solve. And they are becoming more self-reliant and independent!

We sent home daily routine books with all our students. When you ask your child, "What did you do today?" and they answer, "nothing" this is normal. This question is too broad for children at this age. Instead, look at the daily routine books with the children and ask:

- What did you do at large group time?
- What is planning time?
- What did you make in the art area?
- What did you do in small group?
- Who did you play with at work time?
- What area did you play at work time?

These are all more specific questions that can help guide you in getting the answers that you are looking for. Your kids definitely did something today. They just don't know how to answer the question, "What did you do today?!"

If you are trying to contact me or your child in the classroom, dial the school number 585-235-2820. Once it is answered, enter the extension 1150. This will transfer you to our room. If the call is not answered, please leave a message and we will get back to you. If it is an emergency, you can try the office or try back again. We may have not gotten to the phone quick enough!

As the weather gets cooler, please dress your children appropriately: coats, hats, gloves and boots. We do go outside everyday unless it is raining or below freezing. This does include winter! When winter does arrive, if you have a snow suit or snow pants, please pack them or leave an extra pair at school. If your children are cold, they will not be having much fun. Snow is fun!

Please remember to send in a change of clothing with your children. Preschool is a place to have fun and explore. When clothes get wet or dirtied, we do not have extra clothes. For the comfort and well-being of your little one, please send in an extra set.

Please know that we have an open door policy, you are welcome to volunteer in the classroom at any time! We love the extra help, and it gives you a chance to see what your precious ones are doing every day when you drop them off. If you ever have any concerns or questions, please call or email me. My email address is [romona.stalnaker@rcsdk12.org](mailto:romona.stalnaker@rcsdk12.org)

As a reminder, school hours for preschool at Clara Barton School #2 are 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Please pick up and drop students off promptly. When students are late, they miss valuable learning time. When students are picked up late, teachers are not able to complete their work. Thank you for your consideration in this matter!!

I want to thank all the families for bringing your children to school to share with us. They are a gift! We are thrilled to have the opportunity to work with your children!

Teacher - Romona Stalnaker

Para-professional - Denise Shinnars

Para-professional - Martha Rubio

Adult Family Educator - Sharlene Banks