

BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear Families,

Our first study is *Beginning the Year*. Throughout this study, the children will learn all about the school and the routines, themselves and the friends in the class. The most important part is for your child to feel comfortable enough that learning takes place.

The *Beginning the Year* study is a base foundation for the other studies during the year. This is the "learn to learn" year. Our main goals are for them to follow familiar routines (morning routines and classroom routines), use self-help skills, build language skills, transition appropriately between activities and foster social emotional competence by forming relationships with their teachers and peers. They will practice answering and formulating questions, thinking abstractly and problem solving. The children will be learning about the many materials in the classroom; where they go and how to use them appropriately.

Remember to talk to your child about what they did at school each day. Having them draw a picture and tell you about it is a great way to connect school and home. Our class talks a lot about each child's home life to utilize the home-school connection.

Attending our Meet-N-Greet later this month will help for you to implement some of our strategies at home to help create a fluid school and home environment.

We are looking forward to a great year,

Miss Kaitlyn & Miss LaHomua

Classroom #2