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<p>Absence</p> 	<p>If a student must leave early for a doctor's appointment, please let the teachers know by jotting a note on the sign-in list. Never send another person to pick up your child without informing the teachers. Please provide a written note authorizing permission.</p>
<p>Attendance</p> 	<p>A successful school experience is the responsibility of the child, the parent and the school. Your child's progress, both academically and socially, is influenced to a great extent by daily participation. Regular attendance without tardiness is a key. Please sign your child in at the beginning of the day and sign him/her out at the end in the attendance binder.</p>
<p>Arrival</p> 	<p>The EAST entrance door is unlocked 10 minutes prior to the start of class and locked 10 minutes after. School begins at 8:45AM and 12:30PM. The entrance door will be unlocked 10 minutes prior to the end of class for pickups.</p>

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<p>Birthdays</p> 	<p>Birthdays are very special to us so we want them to be as meaningful as they can possibly be in our classroom. When it is time to celebrate your child's special day, we invite you to send a treat for the class. Treats that can be easily served on a napkin: examples would be cookies, doughnuts, cake (pre-cut), or brownies, are best.</p> <p>Please do not send in any extra things like balloons, blowers, hats, candy, etc.</p>



<p>Calendar</p> 	<p>A calendar of school wide events can be found online at www.caminitosplayschool.com at the beginning of each month.</p>
<p>Cubbies</p>	<p>Please store your child's extra clothes and indoor shoes in their cubbies. Check the cubbies regularly for finished crafts and school mail.</p>



<p>Dismissal</p> 	<p>Dismissal is at 11:45am and 3:30 pm. Playschool children should always be picked up outside the classroom. If you are running late for your normal pick up, please call the classroom. When you arrive, your child will be waiting for you in the classroom.</p>
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<p>E-mail</p> 	<p>Should you have any concerns with classroom activities or your child's progress, please contact Señora Isabel at: teacher@caminitosplayschool.com All other email inquiries: such as volunteer duties should be directed to the Caminitos Board via the link on the website. info@caminitosplayschool.com We do check email on a daily basis. If something is urgent, please call the classroom at 587-882-9074.</p>
<p>Ears and Eyes Check up</p>	<p>The beginning of any school year is a great time to have your child's hearing and eyesight tested. Please consider taking your child for a checkup.</p>



<p>Fire Drills</p>	<p>Fire drills are held throughout the year. All students will participate and are expected to walk quickly and quietly to their designated exit. We will practice and become familiar with procedures before our first scheduled drill.</p>
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Goodbyes	For the first days or months of school, please make your goodbyes short! Do not overextend the goodbye. Give your child one hug and one kiss. Tell them you love them, tell them to have fun and that you'll see them in 3 hours. We ask that Parents/Guardians leave after the goodbyes.



Hands on Learning 	In pre-k we believe that the best way to help children learn is to make learning fun. Important concepts can be learned by doing meaningful hands-on activities. Our classroom will be an active and "messy" learning environment.
Health 	Please let us know of special circumstances which may affect your child. These could include medication that may make him sleepy, a death in the family, etc. Also, please let us know of any allergies your child may have, especially food allergies. We sometimes cook or do food activities to complement lessons and it would be helpful to know when we plan our recipes.



Illness 	The question of when to keep your child home from school is often a difficult one, especially when decisions must be made first thing in the morning. It is important, however, to keep your child home if he/she is ill. This helps to make them more comfortable and prevents others from becoming ill. Children function more effectively in the classroom when they are healthy.



<p>Juice & Drinks</p> 	<p>Many preschoolers don't or can't finish a 250ml juice box. If you are going to provide juice for snack, please send smaller boxes or use reusable drink bottles. We prefer to send the leftovers home. Or better yet, send your child with water in a reusable bottle.</p>
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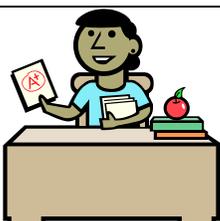


<p>Kindness</p> 	<p>Students in our classroom are encouraged and expected to treat all members of our class as well as others with kindness and respect.</p>
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<p>Late Arrivals</p>	<p>If you are arriving late to preschool, please come when you can and try to not disrupt the other children already in class.</p>
<p>Licensing</p>	<p>Our license requires that ALL preschoolers that attend Caminitos be at least 3 years of age and potty trained. The children need to be self-sufficient when they use the bathroom. Please continue to encourage your child, if they are not at this stage yet.</p>



	<p>Meet the Teacher is held prior to the beginning of classes. This is good opportunity to help new preschooler with the transition from home to school. Returning and new students are encouraged to attend. The date for meet the teacher is TBD. Stay tuned.</p>
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<p>Newsletter</p> 	<p>Monthly newsletters will be sent to your email explaining the target language, monthly songs, cleaning dates, classroom reminders and upcoming events. They are generally sent at the beginning of the month. They will keep you informed about what is happening in your child's class.</p>
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Open House	Caminitos' Open House is usually held the first week in April. Tell your friends and neighbors. Spots have been filling up quickly.
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Parent Helpers and Volunteers 	<p>The parent helpers' job is to be available for any number of things: to help in class during learning centers and activities; and to help clean up. Being a parent helper is a great way to be involved in your child's school life. Please arrive at least <u>10-15 minutes prior to the start of class</u> so that the teachers may explain how you will be helping out.</p>
Parent Involvement 	<p>Your support of school activities makes your child feel important and sends the message that you value school! We are always happy to have your help for special activities in the classroom. We will try to let you know at least a week ahead of time if extra help is needed. Requests for help will be published in our monthly newsletter.</p> <p><u>Note:</u> We ask that Parents, grandparents and guardians join us in class 1 month AFTER your child has been in the program.</p>
Parties & Celebrations 	<p>There are two main parties each year---Christmas and End-of-Year. All are welcome to participate in the festivities!</p> <p>Other classroom celebrations that we will organize are: Halloween, Pajama party, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's, Easter, Teddy Bear Picnic, etc.</p>
Playground Procedures 	<p>The children will play outside when the children have learned to follow directions from the teachers and the weather is nice.</p> <p>Please review these playground safety procedures with your child:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No rough play. Keep your hands and feet to yourself. 2. Stay in the playground with the teachers and classmates.



<p>Questions</p> 	<p>Since some of you are new to Caminitos Spanish Playschool this year, you may still have some unanswered questions. Please feel free to call your child's teachers, Playschool Director or send an e-mail. We are here to help!</p>
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<p>Restrooms</p> 	<p>The children are escorted to the bathroom by the Teachers throughout the day. Please make your child's teachers aware of any medical problem that might require more frequent restroom trips.</p>
<p>Rules</p>	<p>There are 7 classroom rules that we learn and go over every day They are: Rule 1- Play Safe. Rule 2- Be Kind. Rule 3 -Do your Best. Rule 4-Raise your hand to speak. Rule 5-Listen when your teacher is talking. Rule 6-Follow Directions quickly. Rule 7-Keep your dear Teacher happy.</p>



<p>Separation Anxiety</p>	<p>Some kids have a hard time the first time they separate from their parents. This is normal and expected behavior. In time, preschoolers learn that they will be all right. To help your child feel more comfortable at school, please talk to them about the fun things they'll do at school and the new friends that they'll make, the days they'll attend, what fun things the child will do after playschool, and that they will be picked up after 3 hours.</p>
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	Your happy and positive attitude and calm voice will help your child know it'll be a good place to stay.
Señora or Señorita	We encourage the children to refer to the teachers as "Señora or Señorita Isabel & Sandra".
 <p>Snack</p>	<p>Snack time is 15 minutes long. Please pack small snacks, <u>2-3 items</u> that can be eaten during this time. Examples include: crackers and cheese, yogurt, peeled and/or cut-up fruit, bagels, pudding cups, etc. Please pack items in reseal-able containers. We dislike throwing out leftovers.</p> <p>Special snacks or PRE-K Cooking is held the first Wednesday of the month. Parent volunteers are always welcomed to help out.</p>



 <p>Toys</p>	<p>Bringing toys to school is discouraged because they distract the children from learning. If a toy is accidentally lost or broken, feelings will be hurt. Please keep home toys at home.</p>
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<p>Underwear & Clothes</p>	<p>Children sometimes find it hard to break away from play to use the bathroom. When they finally decide to go to the bathroom, they can't always get there in time. We also have art and juice accidents occasionally. Please send a complete extra set of clothing for such emergencies. Dress your child in PLAY clothes. Items like overalls, belts, pantyhose, tights are a bit more difficult for kids to manage on their own. Please dress kids in clothing and shoes (preferably with Velcro) that they can do up themselves.</p> <p>Please put these items in a Ziploc bag and label all the items with your child's name.</p>
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Vacations	If you are planning a vacation that takes place during regular school sessions, please let your child's teachers know IN WRITTING .



<p>Website</p> 	<p>Our playschool has a website which can be accessed at http://www.caminitosplayschool.com</p> <p>Check in regularly to find information about updates, special events and playschool newsletters.</p>



<p>Xtras</p> 	<p>We have sixteen children in most of our classes. Please keep this in mind when sending in things to be distributed to the whole class.</p>
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<p>Younger Siblings</p>  <p><i>A sister is a friend forever</i></p>	<p>It is in your child's and the program's best interest to have our parent volunteers available WITHOUT younger siblings. This not only allows your full attention to be focused on the class, but also allows for some special time between you and your preschooler. Thank you for making childcare arrangements for younger siblings.</p>
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<p>Zzzzs</p> 	<p>Make sure that your child gets plenty of rest. Setting and keeping a bedtime is a wonderful gift you can give to your child. It will help them to be alert and ready to learn each day!</p>
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