



**Otters
Handbook
2022 - 2023**

Classroom Set-up:

I invite all parents to look around the classroom, familiarize yourself with the different centers, and areas of our classroom. Since we are sharing this space with the morning Sea Turtle class, I will make it clear what art displays were created by each class.

Parent Board:

Our parent board is Labeled "Otters". This is where I post our daily activity sheet, parent information, class schedule, sign-ups, and field trip notices. Please be sure to check daily to stay up to date on what's going on.

Parent Mailboxes:

I will put field trip notices, and important parent information in your mailbox. Please check daily, as well.

Art files:

Your child's art that is ready to go home will be in the hanging folders labeled "Otter Art". Please try to check these regularly. They get full quickly! :)

Cubbies:

Your child has a cubby to store at least one set of extra clothes, and larger projects that are ready to go home. There is space for an extra pair of shoes at the bottom of the cubbies, which will be helpful as we move into fall, and winter weather, when boots are needed. Please check, restock, and clear out cubbies weekly.

Our Focus:

We will have lots of fun learning, and exploring this year in the Otter class. Your child will learn through play, self-exploration, teacher guided exploration, stories, provocations, circle times, group projects, activities, and games. We aim to continue your child's learning for their afternoons, as they transition from the more structured classroom environment of their elementary school, to the more play based, self-directed environment at Unity School.

Homework

There is a designated area for your child to do their homework that is equipped with supplies needed for them to complete their assignments. I will check with each child after PM snack to see who has work they need to do. A teacher will be available to help with questions.

If you have specific needs for your child's homework, or would prefer they complete their work at home, please let me know. We also have a couple designated areas for quiet reading, and will encourage children who have daily reading to do that during their time with us (unless otherwise directed). A form confirming the time, and book they read will be sent home when reading is done while your child is at Unity school.

Outside:

We go outside in all weather! To help keep your child

warm and comfortable please have a sweatshirt or light jacket, heavy winter coat with a hood, socks, hat, rain boots, and mittens at school each day, as weather dictates.

Attire:

Your child will get messy, and dirty at Unity School. Please send your child in play clothes, and have at least one set of extra clothes in their cubby for them to change into.

Toys:

Please keep toys from home, at home. If toys from home are in your child's back pack we will ask they keep them in their bags until pick-up (Exception is on show and tell day). This includes Pokémon cards. We will ask they not be brought out at Unity, and will not allow the children to trade them while at Unity.

Show and Tell:

We will have show and tell every Wednesday. Each child will have a tr as we work our way through the class roster alphabetically. I will post a reminder that day before.

Otter 'No School' Day Schedule

- 7:00 All Classrooms Combined
- 8:00 Breakfast
- 8:30 Outside Time
- 9:00 Morning Circle/Planning
- 9:15 Choice Time
- 10:15 Outside Time
- 10:30 AM Snack/Review/Planning
- 11:00 Choice Time
- 12:00 Outside Time
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:00 Quiet Choices: art, puzzles, reading
- 2:00 Outside Time
- 3:00 PM Snack/Planning
- 3:30 Choice Time
- 4:25 Clean-Up/Review Circle
- 4:30 Outside Time
- 5:30 Classes Combine For End Of The Day

Afterschool Otter Schedule

Holt students arrive at 2:30 p.m.

2:30 p.m. – Outside/group activity

3:00 p.m. – Holt students eat snack

3:15 p.m. – Students from Gilham, Buena Vista, Guy Lee, Centennial, and St. Paul arrive, and eat snack

3:30 p.m. – outside time

3:45 p.m. – Circle/Planning

4:00 p.m. – Choice time/homework/reading

4:25 p.m. – Clean-up/review Circle

4:30 p.m. – Outside time

5:30 p.m. – Classes combine for end of day