

# Welcome Busy Bees!

Hi! **My name is Ms. Desirée and I am so excited to be your child's teacher for the 2023/2024 school year.** I grew up in Orlando and moved to Ocala three and a half years ago with my family. I have three children, ages 7, 6 and 4. The two older kids loved attending St Paul's for VPK and my youngest is eager to begin his St Paul's VPK journey this fall. The wonderful Ms. Jenny will be our assistant this year. We are thrilled to meet you and your little one and look forward to our upcoming time together.

We have many fun activities planned including painting, playdough, sensory bins, coloring, water and sand tables, playground and many more adventures. We will be reaching milestones together as a class and individually. We will sing songs, read books, and play every day. We will learn to be kind and share, take turns, use the potty, wash our hands, wait our turn, and make friends. My desire is for your child to have fun, while learning and growing in countless ways.

I realize that for most of the children this will be their first experience at school or away from family members. We will have tears, but they will pass. Some will take longer than others and that's okay. We will work together to make the transition as smooth as possible. One way to help is to plan on saying goodbye at the door, give them a big hug goodbye and let them come in alone to class at 8:30am. Reassure them that you'll be back at 11:45am to pick them up.

We have a **mid-morning** snack each day. Please pack a lunch/snack bag with a healthy snack and drink. Some easy ideas include fruit, pretzels, crackers and cheese.

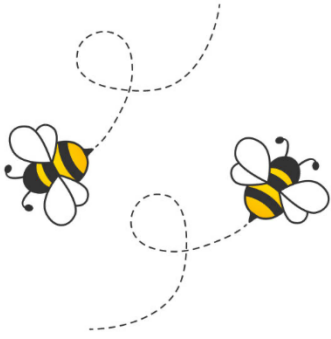
I have enclosed an **information sheet** for you to fill out about your child so that I can get to know them better and you can share the things that make your child special! I've also included a **supply list**. Please bring the information sheet and supplies to Meet the Teacher day. (Mrs. Sheila and I will share information so only one set of supplies and info sheet needed per child.)

**Meet the Teacher** will be held on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 9:00am to 10:00am. The **first day of school** is Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30am.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out via phone or email at **407-580-4061** or **desvclark@gmail.com**.

Sincerely,  
**Desirée Clark**





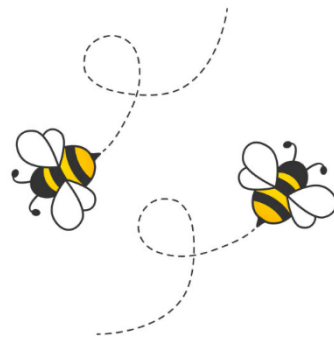
Hello! My name is Livia Sommer "Ms. Liv." I am so excited to be a part of the St. Paul's family and the Busy Bee classroom. I look forward to getting to know all the children and their sweet families. My family and I moved to Ocala from Long Island, NY two years ago. My daughter Beatriz is 3 years old and is in the Fireflies Class at St. Paul's this year. I have a bachelor's degree and am a certified Montessori Teacher; I worked as a lead teacher in South Hampton, NY from 2018-2020. I left my teaching position when my daughter was born, so I could stay home with her. Before that I worked as a nanny/governance for 8 years, (two of the families with toddler triplets). I always enjoyed seeing how much young children can learn and grow in such a short time. Everything is a learning experience. My goal is to be a mindful and joyful teacher who respects each child's individual needs. I am happy and grateful for the opportunity to be your child's Busy Bee teacher.

See You Soon!

Ms. Liv

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# Getting to Know Your Child

Child's Name - \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name - \_\_\_\_\_

Sibling's Name and Age - \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Caregiver - \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Concerns or Allergies - \_\_\_\_\_

What 3 words would you use to describe your child? – \_\_\_\_\_

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What is your child's favorite activity? – \_\_\_\_\_

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What is your child's least favorite activity? – \_\_\_\_\_

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How can I help comfort your child when they are upset? – \_\_\_\_\_

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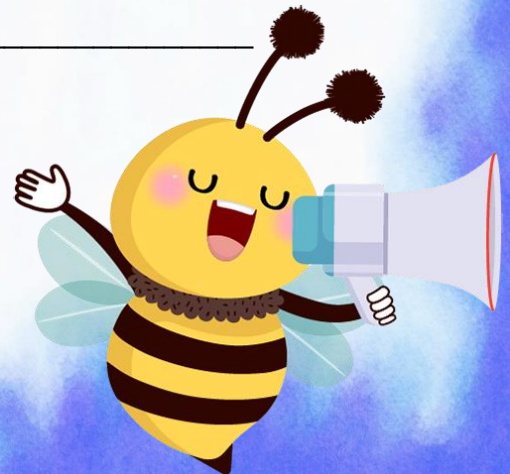
What would you like to see your child learn this year? – \_\_\_\_\_

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Any specific concerns or comments? – \_\_\_\_\_

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## Busy Bee Supply List

- Kleenex
- 2 rolls of Paper towels (select-a-size work best for little hands)
- Diaper wipes (We use diaper wipes daily for bottoms, hands (sometimes feet) and of course sweet faces)
- 1 box of fruit snacks
- 1 bag Goldfish crackers, pretzels or Ritz Bits Cheese type crackers

BOYS please provide the following items ~

- 1 box of zip lock style sandwich bags
- 1 package of LARGE uncoated paper plates
- Febreze Air Freshener
- Lysol Disinfectant Spray
- 1 ream of white paper

GIRLS please provide the following items ~

- 1 box of zip lock style gallon bags
- 1 package of SMALL uncoated paper plates
- 1 bottle of Clorox Free & Clear spray (or any disinfectant)
- Lysol/Clorox wipes
- 1 package of colored cardstock

\*\*\*Please bring in an extra set of clothes in a zip-lock bag labeled for your child.  
(These will be kept at school and returned at the end of the year.)

\*\*\*If your Busy Bee is in diaper/pull-ups, I ask that you send a few in your child's bag  
EACH DAY.



Please bring these items on Meet the Teacher Day. This will make our first day of school a bit easier if all of the supplies are already in place. ☺