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October 2021

NEW! Tuition Payment Process

In order to ensure safe delivery of your tuition payments during this Pandemic, we are requesting 8 post dated checks from each family. See the attached form and return envelope for more information. Another option is to set up auto check with your bank or financial institution. Make sure to include the Preschool name in the address line and have it sent to us by the 1st of the month. Please contact Carlene in the office should you have any questions or need to make other arrangements. ♥

Volunteers Committees Can Start Soon—We LOVE our VOLUNTEERS!

October marks the start of a few volunteer committees that can be run from your home. We have a long history of serving both our Preschool and local community. We would like to start with Parking Lot Guardians (PLGs)—outside only; Scholastic Book Club; and Christmas Magic Gift Drive. In order to participate, the office must have your Washington State Patrol Background Check; Proof of both the MMR and COVID-19 vaccines. These requirement are in place to ensure the health of our community to the best of our abilities and meet State standards.

The week of October 4 the office will email invites to volunteer for our Parking Lot Guardians (PLGs) and Scholastic Book Club.

The week of October 25 the office will email invites to help support our local community give families in need a magical Christmas. ♥

Some Important House Keeping

Parking Lot & Safety —Meetings and programming have resumed for Faith Church in the Talbert building, **please continue to park in the main parking** lot and follow the arrows in order to park conveniently and drive safely. Last, make sure you have your child next to you as you walk to and from the parking lot. No running or playing! Your Preschoolers are hard to spot from other drivers. ♥

Dress for Success—Remember to dress your child for our ever-changing PNW weather. Closed-toed shoes are the best choice for all activities. Also a light-weight jacket, sweatshirt or sweater kept in their backpack would help when their coat is forgotten. It's a good idea to label your child's clothing. ♥

Parent Phone Extension —Please keep using this phone number to bypass the switchboard **425-305-4753 for absences**, to report a contagious illness, or change in plans for drop-off or pick-up. ♥

Keep me home if... Please remember that if you child is ill, they must be symptom and fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. If you have been exposed or have COVID-19, we require a negative test at the end of your child's quarantine (no more than 72 hours old). ♥

Start Time—Now that we have had a few weeks of experiencing new school routines, it is extremely important to have your child start each school day at 9:25 am for the Bunnies & Tigers. And 9:40 am for the Bears, Hippos & Lions. Don't forget to have your child eat a good breakfast and go to the bathroom before you arrive at Preschool. Also remember to review our 3 health questions before you get in the car. Our teachers strive to provide the best possible learning environment each day for their class to enjoy and grow. ♥

Check Your Student File Folder AND Backpacks

Every day your wonderful student comes home with art masterpieces, special projects, or important information from your teacher or the office. Please take the time to check your student's file folders and backpacks! ♥

Preschool Directory ~ coming soon

Carlene has been working diligently to get our annual Preschool directory published for your convenience. Not only do we have school wide contact info, there is Babysitter info and much more. Please hang on to it as you never know when it will come in handy. Typically, we up date it in February and email out the update for you. ♥

Class Emails

We have added a few new students since the group emails went out in August for our 'pop-up playdates'. Your individual class emails are for you to organize playdates or outside school get togethers to help start building community within our Preschool and regain some of our social/emotional well-being. The office will continue to Bcc school wide emails to honor our families and staff confidentiality.

Class usage for both class emails and the directory:

- The class group email is shared for parents to set up social gatherings and the like.
- This is not mandatory and no one forced to participate if you receive an email from a parent.
- The group email will still be used by your class teachers to conduct class/Preschool business only.
- Legally, we cannot sanction what you all do privately.
- Please, please **use proper PPE** if you get together to keep your own families healthy but also the entire class from quarantine.
- The class email and directory is not to be used for any commercial or financial gain – please no solicitations.
- Please take your teachers' email off as you start to build your community.

Covid Procedures Update:

Should our preschool experience a student that has been exposed or has tested positive for Covid, please know you will be notified immediately with any news or further instructions we can offer. We will partner with you and the family involved to make sure we maintain a safe learning environment. Please refer to our Covid Flowchart for actions to take if this scenario should occur.

Safety for you, your child and our staff is our number of priority! Remember our 3 daily Health Questions:

1. Has your child or family member been exposed and/or tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
2. Has your child or family exhibited any of the COVID-19 or any other highly contagious disease symptoms in the past 14 days?
3. My child has had a fever in the past 24 hours?

*If you answer **YES** to any of these questions, please stay home and contact your doctor and Preschool. ♥*

With Gratitude...

We have been so fortunate to have a wonderful start to preschool. It is incredible to watch how the children learn and develop at their own unique pace. October is going to be filled with many new adventures for your child and for you with Committee Kick-offs!

Over the last several weeks, we have been busy compiling the information from the Welcome packets. In addition to being the Office Diva, Carlene handles all of our students accounts, You can find her in the office on Mondays and Thursdays. Amy, the Preschool Treasurer and our other Office Diva, works in the office on Tuesdays and Fridays. Both ladies can be reached at Inthebeginning@faithunited.org. Any of us in the office can answer your questions. Typically, Kathryn works from home on Wednesdays. The best way to reach us any time is via our email.

Enrollment Incentives from you referrals: Don't forget to refer your friends and neighbors to our program. We have openings in our Bunnies, Bears, Hippos & Lions classes. Huge thank you goes out to one of our Bunnies families who referred and ended in registering a Bunny in our program! They earned \$115 worth of gift cards as a thank you!

We are consistently updating our website. Information on field trips, class and Preschool yearly calendars, teachers, specialists, office newsletters, links and various forms to print are located there for your convenience. If you need to find a date or form, check the website first to help save time! Visit us at: www.inthebeginningpreschool.org.

Many Blessings, Kathryn and your devoted ITBP Staff ♥

October Calendar

10/1	Tuition due
10/4	Invite emails: Substitute Teachers, PLGs & Scholastic Book Club
11/4	Preschool Directory & Teacher Spotlights
10/8	Tuition checks due (or preferred payment method)
10/15	Hippo Field Trip
10/18—29	Class Fall/Halloween Celebrations
10/25	Invite email: Christmas Magic Gift Program
10/31	Happy Halloween



November Calendar

11/1	All Souls Day
11/1	Tuition Due
11/1-19	Parent/Teacher Conferences
11/7	Day Light Savings Time—Fall Back
11/11	No School - Veterans Day
11/25-26	No School - Happy Thanksgiving
11/28	Advent Begins

