

I know that I am loved at...Monthly News

Paperwork

Thank you for turning in your paperwork for both the office and your child's classroom. We appreciate your diligence in completion of these forms. For those that might still have paperwork outstanding, please return your packet to the lobby after dropping off your child. Please check your child's class folder for the Welcome Packet paperwork that might need a *little more attention* from you. Turn by Friday, September 23.

The office is aware of the amount of paperwork that you have been receiving this month to get started at preschool. We do our best to stagger paperwork from the office to give you time to read, ask questions and return. ♥

Volunteerism—Why is it important ?

Simply put, it builds community and the sense of belonging. After humanity's experience of COVID-19 pandemic, we need more than ever to re-build that feeling of belonging to our community and to each other. Why not start here at Preschool? Age appropriately, our classes soon will offer our parents opportunities to be involved in their child's school day. Through the Preschool, we offer various volunteer opportunities by joining a committee: Scholastic Book Club, Fundraising, Christmas Mission Project, 2 campus events: Fall Harvest Festival and Pancake Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt, and the Parking Lot Guardians. Both class and schoolwide volunteer opportunities are great to rebuild your sense of belonging. We have been waiting to nurture and experience this since March 2020—now is the time!!! Come get involved in your child's Preschool. ♥

Volunteer Opportunities



Thank you to those who have already signed up to volunteer on our committees and in your child's classroom. We still have lots of committee positions open. If you are interested, please stop by the Volunteer counter in the lobby or office. *All volunteers for the classroom and/or committees are **required** to turn in 'Proof of Immunity to MMR' and COVID-19 vaccines in order to volunteer - by September 30. In order for these programs to continue, we need your help!* ♥

9:30 am Start Time

We plan a fun-filled and busy day of learning every day at preschool. In order for your child to fully benefit from these activities, we would appreciate

you arriving at preschool by 9:30 am. Drop-off and Pick up is at your child's classroom. Don't forget to check your child's file and/or file folder each day. ♥

Classroom Allergies

We respectfully request that if your child's class has a student with a food allergy, please avoid bringing snacks or lunches with that type of food. Even though we are a multi-use facility, we do not want the class to witness an Epi-pen procedure. Your child's teacher will give you further details should your class have any allergies of concern. ♥

Sign-in/Sign-out:

Please remember all parents and guardians must sign-in/sign-out their children **each day**. Signing in also includes leaving a contact number where we can reach you in case of an emergency or illness. **Whatever number you choose to leave, it is imperative that you answer if we attempt to call you.** This is in the best interest of your child.

Note: If the office calls you, it will be our desk numbers and reads a call from Kirkland. ♥

Substitute Teachers & Meeting

Our program is looking for parents and family members who want to be one of our Super Substitute Teachers. The great part of this program is you get to pick the days of the month you want to sub! If you are interested, please pick up an employment folder in the lobby or contact Kathryn. ♥



Parent Phone Line

Please call 425.305.4753 when you need to leave a message for your child's teacher, absences or urgent pick-up instructions. This phone is listened to before Preschool and prior to 12:40 pm. ♥

Keep Me Home If...

Please remember that if your child is ill, they need to be **symptom and fever free for 24 hours before returning to school**. Likewise, if we call you to come pick up your child, even if there is no fever but other symptoms have surfaced, we do need you to take your child home. Thank you for your partnership in having a healthy school year for all! ♥

Family Parking & Safety

This campus is a very busy place during the week which means all the parking lot areas need to be

shared. ITBP's designated parking is the main lot in front of the Sanctuary building. If you carpool, please make sure you let your carpool or care givers know where to park for drop-off and pick-up.

Safety Notice: Please make sure you have your child next to you as you walk to and from the parking lot. No running or playing—Safety First! ♥

Tuition

Please note that your next tuition payment will be due October 1. Please turn it into the white mailbox by the office door. Do not leave it in your child's backpack or expect your teachers to turn it in for you. You will have until the 8th of each month to drop your payment to us. Payments received **after** the 8th of each month will incur a \$25 late fee. Thank to all those who have turned in their checks for the year or advised us of your payment plan. ♥

Coming in October

- ◆ **Friendship Hour** —starting October 4. We will email out the registration form with our monthly newsletter for your convenience starting in October for November. Turn in registration form with payment and sign up on the **FH** clipboard in the office. Hurry—spots go fast—only 12 students per day! Check out the website for more details. This year's classes will be updated soon! Details about the program out soon!
- ◆ **Parking Lot Guardians (PLGs)** *start on October 3. This continues to be an indispensable service for our families with babies and older siblings to use at drop-off & pick-up. If you want to be part of this awesome committee, please join us for the start up meeting on Thursday & Friday, September 29 & 30 @ 9:40 am. In the lobby. (Typically, the PLGs do not host service on big event days or field trips. Check the website for their most current monthly Calendar.)
- ◆ **Parking Lot Princess spots** start on October 3. These parking spots have been reserved and paid for from October—May. These spots are designated with a special *Royalty Sign*. Please make sure you **do not park** in these designated spots.
- ◆ **2022-2023 School Directory** will also include Carpool information. Please do not hesitate to make contact with families close to you to help each other with carpools.
- ◆ **Teacher Spotlights** will be available in October.

- ◆ **Field Trips: Bunnies** TBA; **Tigers** on 10/6 and **Hippos & Lions** on 10/14. You teachers will give you full details.
- ◆ **Fall Harvest Festival:** 10/22 @ 4—6 pm
- ◆ **PPE:** Most current information can be found on our website.



**We will only be able to host PLGs if we have enough volunteers to cover shifts. We will confirm these programs the week of September 26 if not before.*

School Pictures

School pictures will be taken in spring 2023. ♥

Dear ITBP Families:

Happy 2nd week of Preschool!



Separation anxiety at the beginning of the school year is one of our most important issues we address each year. With our many years of experience in teaching, we want to share with you a few strategies that we find work best to help your child transition smoothly into the program, whether they are having a hard time or not.

- Make sure your student has a good nights rest, breakfast, and goes potty before coming to school.
- Be on time at drop-off at 9:30 am and at pick-up at 1:00 pm.
- Before you come into the preschool, please explain to your child that you will say goodbye at their classroom door and be back after lunch to pick them up.
- Please have them standing when telling them goodbye (kiss and/or hug) and turn them towards their teacher for handoff. This allows your teacher to lead them into their room.
- Leave—knowing your child is in good hands, but you are welcome to wait in the lobby out of sight.

The staff and I are grateful that you are sharing your children with us and how blessed we are to be given the opportunity to teach them about God, friendship, the 3 R's, and more! Thank you.

Grace & Peace,

Kathryn & your
Devoted Staff ♥

P.S.

If you have not guessed, our accent color this year is PURPLE. Got to have a little fun with our paperwork!