



Dear Preschool Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to Preschool! Welcome back to our returning students! It's going to be a great year of learning and growing together! Your child will only attend Preschool once the first week for a shortened day. Please see the attached **Staggered Start List** for when your child will attend. We've also attached a copy of the school calendar and handbook in case you've misplaced your copy; you'll find your supply list on Page 8. Please like us on Facebook too...where you'll find lots of great pictures and information about our daily activities.

We are calling the Monday/Wednesday/Friday morning class "Preschool 1" and their colour is Red. The Monday/Wednesday/Friday afternoon class will be "Preschool 2" and their colour is Blue. The Tuesday/Thursday morning class is "Preschool 3" and their colour is Yellow. The Tuesday/Thursday afternoon class will be "Preschool 4" and their colour is Aqua. Look for these colours on the nametags over the lockers. We will use this colour system for displays on the bulletin boards as well.

Parents/Caregivers are required to sign their child In and Out daily. This is part of our Plan to Protect Security Program. There is an easel with sign in/out sheets right outside the classroom door. If your Alternate Pick Up Person (as indicated on your registration form) will be picking up your child please sign the authorization sheet also found on the easel.

These first few weeks will be an adjustment period for everyone. Don't be surprised if your child is extra tired after being at school! If your child happens to struggle at drop off time, here are some tips to help you out:

- Be calm, even if your child is emotional.
- Help your child put their things away in their locker and put on their shoes.
- Bring them to the classroom door which will open at 9:15 and 1:00.
- Be positive. Tell them that you love them/you'll be back very soon/have a great day!
- Give them a hug and leave them with the teacher.

If your child doesn't settle, we'll give you a call and suggest an earlier pick up time if needed. At pick-up time, we invite parents to wait outside the classroom until we open the classroom door. For safety reasons, we will be dismissing the boys and girls to their caregivers one by one. Remember to sign your child out before you leave!

Our first theme will be "All About Me" and will help us all to get to know each other better. We need every student to bring a family photo to leave in the classroom for the year. We will return them to you at year end.

We'll focus on one colour per month and have a day each month when we all wear that colour. We'll wear yellow on September 20th and 21st.

Show and Tell promotes confidence and builds language skills. Your child may bring one item once per week on the day of your choosing (except Field Trip days). Please see the calendar below for what we'd like the children to bring for Show & Tell each week. Please have your child bring their Show & Tell item labelled with their name into the classroom at the beginning of the day and place it in the special Show & Tell bin just inside the door. Thank you ☺

Field Trips will happen 4 times throughout the year. All parent volunteers are required to complete a criminal record check once per school year. You can get this form from the church office upstairs or online at [preschool.cdac.ca/volunteer-application.com](http://preschool.cdac.ca/volunteer-application.com). All completed forms must be handed in to the church office where you will need to provide two pieces of ID (one with photo) for photocopying. It is best to have your criminal record check completed as soon as possible so everything is in order before the outing. There is no charge for the record check if forms are processed by the church. We will post a sign-up sheet for volunteers a couple of weeks prior to a trip. Our first trip could be as early as October.

You and your family are invited to join our Stonebridge and Eastview neighbours for our annual **Fall Kick-Off Carnival on September 9<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 2:00pm**. There will be a \$2 barbeque, live music, a petting zoo, bouncy castles, and a car show...all in the church parking lot. Hope to see you there! ☺

We're looking forward to a great year! Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

Circle Drive Preschool Staff,

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# September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	<b>3</b> No Preschool Labor Day	<b>4</b> Staggered Starts _____→	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	8
<b>9</b> Kick Off Carnival 12:00-2:00	<b>10</b> Show & Tell Bring something starting with Letter A _____→		<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> No Preschool	15
16	<b>17</b> Show & Tell Bring something starting with Letter B _____→	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Wear Yellow today!	<b>21</b> Wear Yellow Today! _____→	22
23	<b>24</b> Show & Tell Bring something starting with Letter C _____→	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> No Preschool*	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	29
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\*This week only we will be closed on the Wednesday instead of the Friday to accommodate a Church concert.