



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 will have snack on the first day even though it's a shortened day.

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 7 & 8. **Please write your child's name on all their belongings including shoes (we will have 64 pairs of shoes housed in the lockers!)** As stated in our handbook, children in diapers and/or Pull Ups are not eligible to attend Preschool.

We are calling the Monday/Wednesday/Friday morning class Preschool 1 (PS1) and their colour is Red. The Monday/Wednesday/Friday afternoon class will be Preschool 2 (PS2) and their colour is Blue. The Tuesday/Thursday morning class is Preschool 3 (PS3) and their colour is Yellow. The Tuesday/Thursday afternoon class will be Preschool 4 (PS4) 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.

Teachers for each class are as follows

PS1 and PS2: Mrs. Bronwen McRae and Mrs. Shanna Friesen

PS3: Mrs Bronwen McRae and Mrs. Debbie Andrie

PS4: Mrs. Debbie Andrie and Mrs. Shanna Friesen

Unfortunately Mrs. McRae is unable to be here for the Staggered Start week. She will be back September 9<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Friesen and Mrs. Andrie will both be here for all classes during Staggered Start week.

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 9:00 and 12:45.
- 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 18th and 19th.

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. When you arrive for class, please have your child put their Show & Tell item **labelled with their name** in the special Show & Tell bin just outside the classroom door. Thank you ☺

Field Trips will happen approximately 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. 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.

Please see the calendar below for September details! Like us on Facebook too...where you'll find lots of great pictures and information about our daily activities.

In addition, you and your family are invited to join our Stonebridge and Eastview neighbours for our annual **Fall Kick-Off Carnival on September 8<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,

Bronwen McRae

Debbie Andrie

Shanna Friesen

# September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	<b>2</b> Labour Day	<b>3</b> Staggered Starts See schedule	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	7
8	<b>9</b> Bring an item beginning with Letter A for Show & Tell*	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> No Preschool	14
15	<b>16</b> Bring an item beginning with Letter B for Show & Tell	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Wear Yellow today!	<b>19</b> Wear Yellow today!	<b>20</b>	21
22	<b>23</b> Bring an item beginning with Letter C for Show & Tell	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> No Preschool	28
29	<b>30</b> Bring an item beginning with Letter D for Show & Tell	<b>Oct 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	

**\*Show and Tell: Each child gets one turn once per week 😊**