



## Creative Beginnings Parents,

We hope everyone had a great holiday and we are excited to see you all again soon! As we head into month of January, we will feature our “Amazing Animals” theme. The first week we will learn about zoo animals. The second week will have a pet theme. The third week is all about forest animals, and the last week will learn about water animals.



### Classroom Reminders:

#### Winter Gear

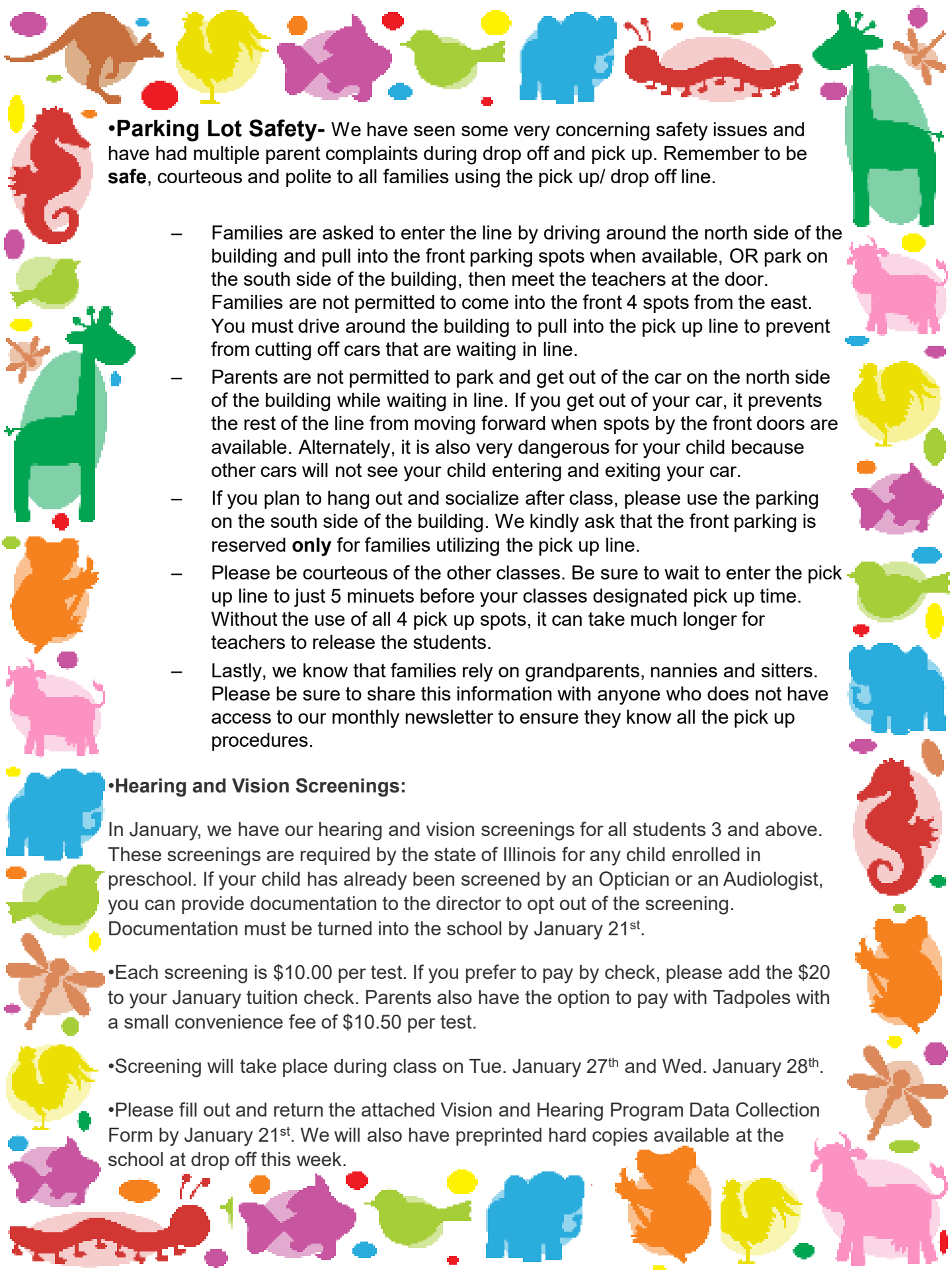
Don't forget to practice independence at home with your child's winter clothing. Whenever possible, we ask students to please wear gym shoes to school. But in case of snow, a space will be available in the lobby to keep wet boots, if your child brings dry shoes. Don't forget to update your child's spare clothing in their backpack for winter.

#### Pet Week:

Our pet themed week is January 12<sup>th</sup>. Please bring in a 3x5 picture of your family pets. Don't forget to add your child's name and the pets names to the back!

#### Tax Receipts:

Did you know you can write of your tuition on your 2025 taxes? Log into your tadpoles account on your computer. Click the payments/invoice tab to print out receipts for your accountant. Email the school if you need additional documentation. We will be happy to provide you our Tax ID # and a tuition receipt and for the year.



**•Parking Lot Safety-** We have seen some very concerning safety issues and have had multiple parent complaints during drop off and pick up. Remember to be **safe**, courteous and polite to all families using the pick up/ drop off line.

- Families are asked to enter the line by driving around the north side of the building and pull into the front parking spots when available, OR park on the south side of the building, then meet the teachers at the door. Families are not permitted to come into the front 4 spots from the east. You must drive around the building to pull into the pick up line to prevent from cutting off cars that are waiting in line.
- Parents are not permitted to park and get out of the car on the north side of the building while waiting in line. If you get out of your car, it prevents the rest of the line from moving forward when spots by the front doors are available. Alternately, it is also very dangerous for your child because other cars will not see your child entering and exiting your car.
- If you plan to hang out and socialize after class, please use the parking on the south side of the building. We kindly ask that the front parking is reserved **only** for families utilizing the pick up line.
- Please be courteous of the other classes. Be sure to wait to enter the pick up line to just 5 minutes before your classes designated pick up time. Without the use of all 4 pick up spots, it can take much longer for teachers to release the students.
- Lastly, we know that families rely on grandparents, nannies and sitters. Please be sure to share this information with anyone who does not have access to our monthly newsletter to ensure they know all the pick up procedures.

### **•Hearing and Vision Screenings:**

In January, we have our hearing and vision screenings for all students 3 and above. These screenings are required by the state of Illinois for any child enrolled in preschool. If your child has already been screened by an Optician or an Audiologist, you can provide documentation to the director to opt out of the screening. Documentation must be turned into the school by January 21<sup>st</sup>.

•Each screening is \$10.00 per test. If you prefer to pay by check, please add the \$20 to your January tuition check. Parents also have the option to pay with Tadpoles with a small convenience fee of \$10.50 per test.

•Screening will take place during class on Tue. January 27<sup>th</sup> and Wed. January 28<sup>th</sup>.

•Please fill out and return the attached Vision and Hearing Program Data Collection Form by January 21<sup>st</sup>. We will also have preprinted hard copies available at the school at drop off this week.



## Extra Curriculars:

### Mini Mozart's

Our January music class will be country music themed on Friday January 15<sup>th</sup>. This class is for mini musicians ages 3-6 and tuition is \$15.

### Fitness For Fun

Our next yoga class will be animal themed on Wednesday January 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:05 – 4:00pm. This class is for Ages 3-6 years old and is \$20 per mini yogi.

### Parent's Night Out

January's Parent's Night Out is on Friday January 30<sup>th</sup>, 5-8pm for children 3-8 years old. Our movie is Secret Life Of Pets! Tuition is \$35 for the first child and \$30 for siblings.

## Enrollment For Fall 2026

We will be starting our enrollment for fall 2026 for current students looking to re-enroll, along with any younger siblings, beginning Wednesday January 14<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the enrollment and re-enrollment forms are attached to this email. Paper copies will be available at the school as well. General enrollment for all other families will begin January 28<sup>th</sup>. To ensure you get into your preferred class, turn in your student's paperwork and enrollment fee ASAP. We will be hosting an **Open House** for prospective families on January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:30-6:30pm. Please be sure to tell your friends!

### Class Schedule 2026-27

	Jr's 2 Day	Preschool 2 Day	Preschool 3 Day	Preschool 5 Day	Multi-Age 3 Day	Pre-K 4 Day	Pre-K 4 Day	Literacy Club
Class Time	Wed/Fr 9:00- 11:15am	Wed/Fr 9:15- 11:45am	Mon/Tu/Th 9:00- 11:30am	Mon-Fr 9:15- 11:45am	Mon/Tu/Th 9:15- 11:45am	Mon/Tu/Wed/Th 12:15- 2:45pm	Mon/Tu/Wed/Th 12:30- 3:00pm	Friday 12:30- 3:00pm
Ages	2-3	3	3	3-5	3-5	4-5	4-5	4-5
Tuition	<b>\$181</b>	<b>\$186</b>	<b>\$227</b>	<b>\$395</b>	<b>\$222</b>	<b>\$283</b>	<b>\$283</b>	<b>\$85</b>
Sibling	\$163	\$167	\$204	\$371	\$200	\$254	\$254	\$75



# 2026 Class Descriptions

**Preschool Jr.-** Preschool Jr. is the perfect class for our youngest students! This class is designed to be a jump start into our preschool programs, with children working hard through play on basic socialization skills and early literacy and math skills. All children must be actively working on potty training before their first day and provide pull ups in their back packs so teachers can change them. Preschool Jr. students must be 2 by September 1st.

**Preschool Program-** The three-year-old class will focus on the building blocks of early education. In class, we will work on important social skills that will help each child to make and keep friends. This class will also include activities designed to promote basic letter recognition, number recognition and other age-appropriate academics. Students are encouraged, but not required to potty trained before entering this class.

**Multi-Age Program-** The multi-age class is geared for children ages three to five. The class curriculum will have projects that challenge students academically as well as socially. Children will be encouraged to grow their cognitive, language, and motor skills in the most creative and educational ways. Three year old students must be entering their second year of school or have permission by the director to enroll in the Multi-Age program.

**Pre-K Program-** The Pre-K class is designed to encourage individual growth in each curriculum domain. Adding an extra focus on letter recognition, cognitive skills and writing skills as well as working to further advance the children's social skills, we help each child to be prepared for kindergarten and beyond. Pre-K children must be four years of age by September 1st.

**Literacy Club-** Literacy Club is an extension of our Pre-K program. The additional class time will focus on the literacy and cognitive skills needed for kindergarten readiness. Each day will have a letter based theme and will follow jolly phonics lessons.



## Important Dates in January

**January 1<sup>st</sup>** – Tuition Due

**January 12<sup>th</sup>**- Pet Week: Please bring in your family pet pics

**January 14<sup>th</sup>**- Enrollment begins for current families

**January 15<sup>th</sup>**- Mini Mozart Music Class

**January 19<sup>th</sup> - No School: Martin Luther King Day**

**January 21<sup>st</sup>** - “Fitness For Fun” yoga class

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Open House for new families

**January 27<sup>th</sup>** – Hearing and Vision Screenings

**January 28<sup>th</sup>** – Hearing and Vision Screenings (Wed/Fr only)

**January 28<sup>th</sup>** – Enrollment begins for new families

**January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>** – Animal print/camouflage day

**January 30<sup>th</sup>** - Parent’s Night Out

## January

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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Ms. Kristy