

# Creative Beginnings Parents,

We are excited to start the 2026 school year and are looking forward to seeing new students and our many returning students! Our theme for the month of September is "All About Me" where we will be learning about our friends, families and our school.



## Classroom Reminders:

- Make sure to send your child in comfortable clothing and school shoes that are appropriate for the classroom. We also require all footwear to be **close toed** gym shoes for their safety while playing and highly encourage girls to wear shorts under their skirts.

**COMMUNICATION-** It is important to review your tadpoles report daily as your teachers will be using it to communicate important information.

- Did you know you can also communicate with your teachers through tadpoles? In the app, click the green tab labeled "Drop off notes" to leave a note for your teachers or mark a student absent! Please note that teachers can only see the notes on the days your student attends class. Be sure to email your teacher on the days your student is not in class.

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- There may also be times teachers need to communicate with individual grown-ups after class. We will let you know by placing a star where you initial your child out on the clipboard. If you have a star, we kindly ask that you please wait until the end of the pick up line to talk with the teacher so we are able to have a private conversation and to be courteous to other families waiting to pick up their students.

**TINY VOICES THERAPY SERVICES-** We are excited to be teaming up with Tiny Voices Therapy for speech services. For those who want to participate, we will be conducting speech screenings starting September 10<sup>th</sup>. Students who choose to be screened must turn in their form and the \$20 payment by Friday September 4<sup>th</sup>. For children who qualify, speech therapy will be available during their scheduled class time and will be billed through your insurance. More information can be found on the attached page.

**PICK UP-** Teachers want to ensure a safe and happy transition in and out of the classrooms each day. Here are some helpful tips to ensure it goes smooth:

- Be sure to sign your child in and out on the clipboard each day.
- As an extra safety measure, we will be issuing pick up tags for the students. We are asking all families to show their pick up tags when picking up from class each day. If you need additional pick up tags please email the school and we will gladly provide extra. Using pick up tags are especially helpful when:
  - Teachers are learning the parent's faces the first few weeks.
  - When somebody else from your pick up list is picking up your student.
  - When we have a substitute teacher releasing students from the classroom.

- For the first few weeks, until children are more comfortable at school, **please refrain from lining up outside by the fence where the students can see you** out the windows. It can be very hard for our younger students and is a big distraction as teachers are trying to continue routines to end the school day. We find that most students will think it is time to go home as soon as they see their loved ones and will most likely get upset and frustrated if they need to wait, even if it is just a few minutes.

#### **PICK UP LINE PROCEDURE-**

- Families are encouraged to use the pick up/drop off line that goes around the north side of the school OR park on the south side of the building and walk up.

-The front 4 spots are reserved for families that are utilizing the pick up/drop off line. If you plan to socialize, please park on the south side of the building to help ensure that we can keep the line moving.

- If you use the pick up/drop off line you **must** pull all the way around the building and be in the front 4 spots in front of the fence to get out of your car. The side of the building does not count as a parking spot as it holds up the families behind you from pulling around and can be dangerous for you and your student. Please share this info with anyone that may pick up!

- For families who prefer to socialize a bit after class, we ask you to park on the south side of the building. Please do not park by the fence if your child enjoys playing with their friends for a bit after class as it is important those spots are open for the pick up line.

- Please wait to enter the pick up line until it is your classes turn. We ask that everyone waits until 5 minutes before your class to enter the line to ensure the class before you is able to complete the pick-up drop off procedure before the second class comes in.

- Lastly, please be sure to not rush and be aware of your surroundings so we can keep all of our students and their grown ups safe!

**BACKPACKS-** Thank you for sending your student with a backpack each day. Here are some helpful tips to know about your students back pack.

- Don't forget to pack a spare set of clothing inside the front pocket.

- We do not want any items to get missed. All paperwork and tuition must be turned into the drop box and NOT left in backpacks. Teachers are very busy helping students and are not able to check individual backpacks each day.

- We prefer that students skip bringing water bottles to class because the bottles tend to spill and get lost. We always have filtered water available in the classroom for students when they get thirsty.

- It is helpful to put a small keychain on the zipper of the large pocket so your child knows which zipper to open. Be sure that the keychain is on the pocket you want them to open.

**Potty Trainers-** Any students who are still working on potty training are welcome to come to class in pull ups until successfully completing the potty training process.

- To help teachers out we require students to be in pullups. (not diapers)

- A supply of pullups should be kept in the front pocket of your students back pack.

- Please label the pull ups with your student's name and last initial.

- An additional \$5 a month fee (starting in October) will be added to tuition each month for students in pull ups.

- Students should be accident free for 2 weeks before switching to undies.

**Scholastic Book Orders-** Keep an eye out for scholastic magazines coming home this week in backpacks. We request that all orders must be placed ONLINE using our school code **PZ93V**. Ordering books is completely optional. Once ordered the books will be delivered to your home if the order is over \$25 or to the school if under \$25. September orders are due Friday September 25<sup>th</sup>. We try to do a book order every 2 months or so.

### After School Enrichment Programs

We will be offering a variety of after school enrichment programs throughout the year.

"Parents Night Out" - Date night for grownups and movie night for the kiddos!

- Friday September 4<sup>th</sup>, 5-8pm for ages 3-8 years old.  
Cost \$35 for the first student and \$30 per sibling that attends. Includes dinner!  
Older sibling are welcome to join the fun : )

"Fitness for Fun" - Movement and activity class!

- Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup>, 3:05-4:00pm for ages 3-6 years old  
Cost \$20 per student. Students who attend this day are welcome to stay straight through for a seamless transition to and from class.

"Colorful Creations" - Art class! 3:05-4:00pm for ages 3-6 years old

- Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup>, 3:05-4:00pm for ages 3-6 years old  
Cost \$20 per student. Students who attend this day are welcome to stay straight through for a seamless transition to and from class.

"Mini Mozart's" - Music class!

- Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:50-12:25pm for ages 3-6 years old.  
Cost \$15 per student. Students who attend this day are welcome to stay straight through for a seamless transition to and from class.

### Literacy Club

- There is still time to join our Friday 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. Because the class size is limited, the program offers low teacher to student ratios that allow for more personalized time to practice all the skills needed for to transition into kindergarten.

- Literacy Club starts this Friday September 4<sup>th</sup>!

\*Students need to bring a peanut free packed lunch on Fridays.

**Tuition:** Did you know that there are a few ways to pay your student's tuition:

- Check: Checks can be dropped into the drobox located by the front doors. Be sure to ALWAYS add your student's name and the month you are paying for in the memo line.

- Electronic Payment: Each month you will receive an emailed invoice where families can pay online through tadpoles. Please note that the invoice will automatically include the 3% convenience fee added in for all tuition. To pay, click on the link in your email and it will send you to a browser.

|                               | Jr's                                       | Preschool                      | Preschool                     | Preschool                                   | Multi-Age                     | Pre-K                            | Pre-K                            | Literacy Club                  |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Class Time                    | Wed/Fr<br>9:00-<br>11:15am                 | Wed/Fr<br>9:15-<br>11:45am     | Mon/Tu/Th<br>9:00-<br>11:30am | Mon/Tu/Th<br>&<br>Wed/Fr                    | Mon/Tu/Th<br>9:15-<br>11:45am | Mon/T/Wed/Th<br>12:15-<br>2:45pm | Mon/T/Wed/Th<br>12:30-<br>3:00pm | Friday<br>12:30-<br>3:00pm     |
| Ages                          | 2 & 3                                      | 3                              | 3                             | 3                                           | 3-5                           | 4-5                              | 4-5                              | 4-5                            |
| Teachers                      | Ms. Kyra<br>And<br>Ms. Erika<br>Ms. Claire | Ms. Kristy<br>And<br>Ms. Chloe | Ms. Kyra<br>And<br>Ms. Chloe  | Ms. Kyra/<br>Ms. Kristy<br>And<br>Ms. Chloe | Ms. Emily<br>And<br>Ms. Abbi  | Ms. Emily<br>And<br>Ms. Abbi     | Ms. Kristy<br>And<br>Ms. Holly   | Ms. Kristy<br>And<br>Ms. Erika |
| Tuition by check              | \$181                                      | \$186                          | \$227                         | \$395                                       | \$222                         | \$283                            | \$283                            | \$85                           |
| Tuition by electronic payment | \$187                                      | \$192                          | \$234                         | \$407                                       | \$229                         | \$292                            | \$292                            | \$88                           |

## Important upcoming dates in September

**September 4<sup>th</sup>** – Screening consent forms due for Tiny Voices Therapy Services.

**September 4<sup>th</sup>** – “Parents Night Out” date night

**September 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>** -Families are encouraged to bring in any remaining paperwork, school supplies or supply gift cards during the second week of class, after class.

**September 8<sup>th</sup>** – “Fitness for Fun”

**September 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>** – Please bring in a 3x5 or 4x6 family picture for our family theme. We will be keeping these pictures for your child’s school portfolio.

**September 16<sup>th</sup>** – “Colorful Creations” art class

**September 24<sup>th</sup>** – “Mini Mozart” music class

**September 25<sup>th</sup>**- Scholastic orders due- We do not take check orders at school. We instead ask all families to order on-line using the school code PZ93V

**September 28<sup>th</sup>** - Football Spirit Day- Go Bears!

## September

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| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |

## Important upcoming dates in the future

**October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>** – Hearing and Vision Screenings

**October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>** – Picture Day!

**October 29<sup>th</sup>** – Halloween parties for the Mon/Tue/Th, Multiage and Pre-K classes. (classes shortened to an hour this day)

**October 30<sup>th</sup>** –Halloween parties for the Wed/Fr and Jr’s classes (classes shortened to an hour this day)

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

Thank you,  
Ms. Kristy and your Creative Beginnings Team