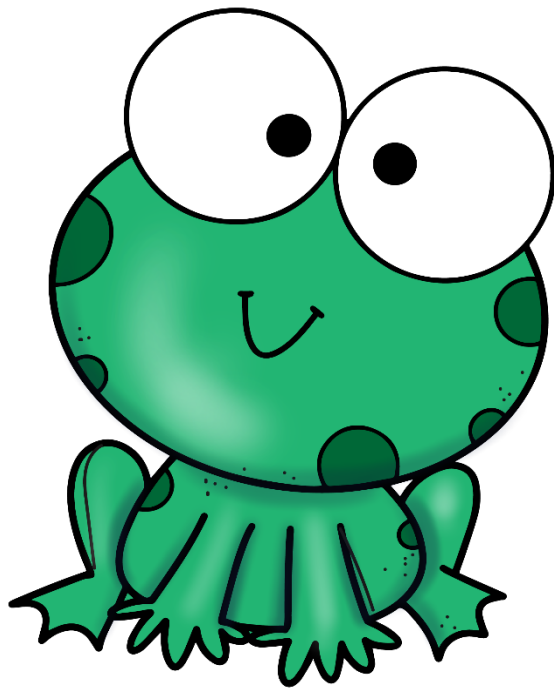


# Welcome to 3-A



## **Welcome to Our Classroom**

**I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to our classroom. This year we will continue to adhere to all safety and cleanliness practices. We will continue to sanitize toys and practice social distancing throughout the day.**

**In our room we work hard to create a structured environment. Routine and structure is very important to a young child. It allows them to learn about expectations and what comes next in their day. Since our day is routine oriented, we ask that all children arrive to school no later than 9:00.**

**Here in our classroom, we strive to teach independence. We allow and encourage the children to try tasks and activities on their own. Examples of this are: art activities are completely done by the child, cleaning up after all activities: including meals, art time and center clean up. We also teach proper handwashing procedures, teach the children how to make their cots and help guide through bathroom trips. We are there to gently show the children how to do the task and guide them through the process. This helps them become confident in their own abilities. We also ask that this practice also take place at home.**

**Circle time is one of my favorite times of the day. It is when we come together to meet as our class family. During circle time we do: Who's here, calendar, weather, jobs, and talk about the upcoming day. There is also the question of the day. This is where we ask a question to the class pertaining to the weekly lesson. We will write them down and share them with you.**

**We will learn one letter a week and all of our activities will focus on that letter. Monday we introduce the letter. Tuesday the class will learn some words that start with that letter. Wednesday and Thursday we will complete letter activities. Friday we will review and trace the letter. Each child will have a pencil box in their work cubby. The box**

contains a glue stick, crayons, a pencil and a pair of scissors (cutting will be done with supervision). These will be used during table activities.

Each week we will focus on a Bible Story. There will be activities and a Bible Verse to go along with the story.

Other things that we will work on this year are: number recognition, patterns, counting, tracing, correct pencil grip and so much more.

I am all about the “teachable moments” that happen throughout the day. If the children can learn an important lesson from something in the classroom, we will stop what we are doing. It can be anything as small as a bug or as big as a disagreement in the room.

If you ever have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out. You can send messages through Brightwheel or my direct email [cgross@tlsonline.org](mailto:cgross@tlsonline.org). Please do understand that all emails and Brightwheel updates will be sent during naptime. We do ask that any calls to the classroom be for emergencies only. Our days are so busy it can be difficult to answer the phone. We will be changing over to a new platform eventually during the school year, we will keep you updated with that!

I look forward to partnering with you to help your child become a Preschool B ROCK STAR!!

Mrs. Gross



## **All about Mrs. Gross**

**My name is Christina Gross. I am the lead teacher in Preschool B and I have been here at Trinity since 2014. I have my 90 hour teaching certificate and I am also CPR and First Aid certified.**

**I love helping children reach their developmental milestones. I live for those “AH-HA” moments during the day. I enjoy teaching the children about God and his love for them. My favorite Bible verse is Proverbs 3:5-6. (Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he will direct thy paths).**

**I attend New Life Baptist Church with my husband, Tim. We have been married for 13 years, but have known each other all of our lives. We attended the same church and youth group as children and teenagers. We have two spoiled rotten cats named Raven and J.J. When not at school I enjoy spending time with my hubby and cats, traveling, reading, cleaning, cooking and watching tv. My husband**

and I are also avid sports fans and enjoy going to minor league baseball stadiums. I am also getting better at understanding Football. My favorite sport is NASCAR. I LOVE it!! I love the crowds, the smells and the sounds of a race, but most of all I love the SPEED!! We have attended many races and have visited several of the NASCAR race tracks. Our goal is to visit every one!! My favorite color is blue and I love the Jurassic Park movies.

I am looking forward to working with your child this school year and helping them be successful in Preschool B.



Hi Parents! I am Erin Wassenius and I will be working with Mrs. Gross. This will be my second year teaching here at Trinity ELC. I am a mom of three. Emily (23), Kevin (22) and Molly (17).

I have my degree in Child Development from Radford University in Virginia. I have been working with children for over 25 years. I have been a lead preschool teacher and infant teacher and a paraeducator through BCPS. I have years of experience with children with special needs and my own son is on the autism spectrum.

I am so excited for the new school year! I look forward to watching your little ones grow, develop and learn. Communication is key to a successful year. Please always feel free to reach out with any questions and concerns.

Hope you had a safe and blessed summer!

## **Classroom Behavior System**

**In our classroom we focus on positive behaviors. We utilize a class wide color chart. Each day the class starts on purple and we choose what our “prize” will be for the day. It could be things like: extra outside time, dance party, special story time, extra play time etc. As the class makes good choices throughout the day, our little owl friend will move up our chart from purple, to blue, green, yellow, orange and ultimately to red. Once he reaches the top the class will earn their prize.**



### Getting to know your child

Dear Parents,

In order for us to get to know your child better, please fill out this questionnaire and bring it back on the first day of school. Thank You!!

My child prefers to be called:

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I'd describe my child as:

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One important thing for you to know about my child is:

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**What are your child's fears?**

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**What are your child's strengths?**

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**What goals do you have for your child this year?**

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**Any additional comments or information you would like to share??**

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## **Parent Information**

**Please leave numbers and email that can be easily reached during the day. Please also make sure to update this information in Brightwheel.**

**Thank You!**

**Parent 1 name:**

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**Parent 1 phone number:**

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**Parent 1 email:**

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Parent 2 name:

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Parent 2 phone number:

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Parent 2 email:

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## Preschool B Daily Schedule

### Arrival

Handwashing upon arrival, free play

### Breakfast

Handwashing before and after breakfast

### Circle time

Question of the day, weather calendar, and who's here

### Center time and curriculum roll out

Center play and implementation of curriculum. All center play and curriculum activities will be done in small groups and individual play.

### Clean Up/ Bathroom/ Handwashing

### Gross Motor Play

**Lunch**

Handwashing and Bathroom time will be done before and after lunch

**Bathroom/ Handwashing and Storytime**

**Nap time**

**Wake up and Bathroom**

**Snack**

Handwashing before and after snack

**Story time/ individual play**

**Gross Motor Play**

Handwashing and Bathroom upon returning from playground

**Group and Table activities**

**School Supply List for 2022-2023 School year**

- **2 Boxes of tissues**
- **2 plastic table cloths (any color)**
- **1 80 page spiral notebook (any color)**
- **1 package of Jumbo Crayola Crayons**
- **1 container of disinfecting wipes**
- **10 purple Elmers disappearing glue sticks**
- **1 full set of extra clothes, complete with shoes**
- **2 rolls of paper towels**

