

Welcome
to
Preschool B!!!



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I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to our classroom. This year will look a little different than in the past. We are committed to social distancing and cleanliness. All toys will be sanitized after each use and frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned numerous times a day.

Here at Trinity we utilize the Brightwheel app. It is a fantastic tool that allows us to stay in contact with our families. We send photos, record naptimes, keep track of attendance and send and receive messages.

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

Here in Preschool B, we strive to teach independence. We allow and encourage the children to try things on their own. Examples of this are: art activities are done completely by the child, cleaning up after all activities including meals, art time and toy clean up, washing hands and bathroom trips. We are there to supervise and to intervene, when needed. We gently show the children how to do the task and guide them through the process. This helps them to become confident in their own abilities. We ask that this practice also take place at home.

Circle time is one of my favorite times of the day. During this time do who's here, calendar, weather, jobs and talk about our day. There is also the question of the day. This is where we ask each child a question pertaining to our lesson that week. The answers are written down and shared on Brightwheel. Circle time will be different this year due to social distancing. We will have a few circle times during the morning to make sure the children can practice social distancing.

We learn one letter a week and all of our activities 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 work in our alphabet notebook (see supply list). Friday we review and trace the letter. Each child also has a pencil box in their work cubby. In the box will be crayons, a glue stick, a pencil and scissors (cutting will be done with supervision). These will be used only by your child during table time.

Each week we will focus on a bible story. We use Gospel Light for our curriculum and there are Bible worksheets to work on throughout the week.

Things that we also work on are patterns, number recognition and counting, correct pencil grip, tracing 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 happening within the class, we will stop what we are doing. The issue will be addressed; we will talk about what happened and how it was handled.

If you EVER have ANY questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. The best way is by emailing me directly at cgross@tisonline.org. You can also use Brightwheel. We ask that calls to our classroom are for emergencies only. Our days are so busy it can be tough to answer the phone. Also please be aware that typically emails and Brightwheel messages will be returned during naptime.

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

Mrs. Gross and Mrs. Adrian



All about Mrs. Gross

My name is Christina Gross. I am the lead teacher in PSB 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 path).



I attend New Life Baptist Church with my husband, Tim. We have been married for 11 years, but have known each other all of our lives. We attended the same church 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 husband and kitties, cleaning/ organizing, reading, doing crafts, watching t.v. and cooking. 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 (kind of didn't have a choice with my husband 😊) my number one 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 several races and have visited many 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 look forward to working with your child this school year and helping them be successful in Preschool B.

All about Ms. Adrian

Hello, my name is Adrian Ross, co-teacher for PSB. I just want to give you a little insight about myself. I am from a small town called Covington, VA. Born and raised. My father moved our family to a city about an hour away, my senior year of high school called Roanoke, VA. I went to Bible College in Columbus, Ohio that's where I studied music and pastoral leadership. After college I moved back to Roanoke, VA to try and find work in my field and realized I really enjoy working with children.

My child care career started with me working for my local YMCA and working in the school systems in my city. I was able to learn from different educators throughout my time in childcare. I find interest in learning about other cultures and traveling. I am currently learning different languages. French is at the top of my list. I am married and my husband is from West Africa, a French country named Togo. I have enjoyed learning about his culture. I also enjoy dancing and singing. My new hobby is cooking and baking. I love seeing the development in children watching them learn and seeing their little personalities bloom. I am excited about the new school year and pray for a safe and healthy school year for us all.



Supplies needed for 2020-2021 school year

- A full set of extra clothes, including shoes
- Bedding for the week brought in on Monday. Please bring 5 fitted crib sheets and 5 small blankets. These will go home as used. The bedding can be put in a backpack or plastic bag. All bags brought into the center will be sanitized.
- 2-3 family pictures (they will be laminated for durability)
- 2 plastic tablecloths
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 8-10 purple glue sticks
- 1- 80 page spiral notebook
- 2 reams of computer paper
- 1- 70 ct. container of disinfecting wipes
- 1 box of kitchen trash bags
- Plastic grocery bags (we will need these throughout the year for soiled clothing and bedding daily)

Other helpful items

- Pump hand soap
- Rolls of Paper towels

Preschool B Daily schedule

Arrival

Handwashing upon arrival, free play (social distanced)

Breakfast

Handwashing before and after breakfast

Circle Time

Question of the day, weather, calendar and who's here? (To be done in small groups to ensure social distancing)

Center time and curriculum roll out

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

Clean up/Handwashing

Lunch

Handwashing will be done before and after lunch.

Gross motor/ Outdoor play

Social distancing will be observed outside and cleaning will be done. Hands will be washed upon return to the classroom.

Bathroom/ Handwashing and Storytime

Nap time

Wake up and bathroom

Snack

Handwashing before and after snack

Storytime/ individual play

Gross motor/outdoor play

Handwashing upon return to classroom

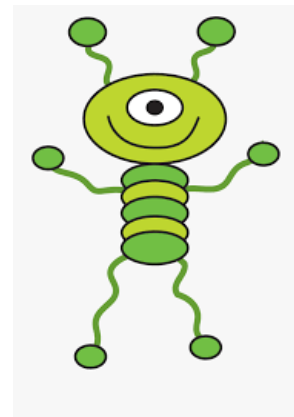
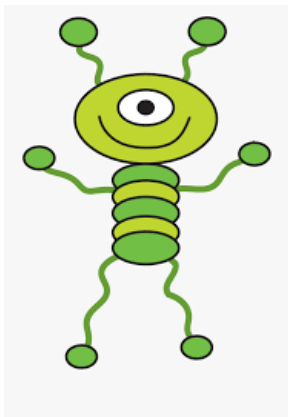
Social distanced free play

Classroom Behavior System

In our classroom we focus on positive behavior reinforcement. We utilize a class wide color chart. Each day the class will begin on the color purple and we will choose what our “prize” will be for the day. Our prizes will be things like extra outside time, a dance party, a special story, extra play time, etc. As the class makes good choices our little star friend will climb the chart from purple to blue, green, yellow, orange and ultimately up to red. Once the class gets to red we will celebrate.

On an individual level, we have a “Super Kid” board in the room. When a child is caught making good choices, being kind or using good manners they will get a star on the board. Each child that gets 3 stars on the board by Friday will be able to pick a prize from the prize box. In January the number of stars will be raised to 5.

We will keep all families updated on our progress via Brightwheel.



Getting to know your child

Dear Parents,

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

My child prefers to be called:

I'd describe my child as:

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

What motivates your child (stickers, praise, prize, etc...)

What are your child's strengths? _____

Does your child have any fears?

What are your goals for your child this year?

Any additional comments or information you'd like to share?

Parent Information

Please leave numbers and email that can easily be reached during the day. Please make sure that this information is updated in Brightwheel. Thank you!!

Parent 1 name: _____

Parent 1 phone number: _____

Parent 1 email: _____

Parent 2 name: _____

Parent 2 phone number: _____

Parent 2 email: _____

We are looking forward to a FABULOUS year!!!!

