



**Happy September!** I'm so excited to welcome you to school! Each month you will receive a newsletter with updates and announcements. Please read through the information monthly. We will also send a digital copy through Remind. Thank you! – Sara

**Get to know me:** Hello! I am your teacher, Sara. My husband Shaun and I opened Children's Garden Preschool in 2005. Shaun now teaches 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Washington School. In addition to teaching preschool, I love to travel with my family. Our family also likes going to concerts & hockey games and camping. We have five children aged 11, 13, 15, 17, & 19. They are involved in various sports and activities, so we spend most of our free time enjoying their events.

**Notes from home:** If you are sending a note from home, please have your child carry it into the classroom as we don't have time daily to check everyone's backpack. Thanks!

**Payments:** ACH monthly payments will be taken out on the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month Sept–May. Credit card invoices will be sent out soon. If you have any questions regarding payments or an individualized plan, please let me know.

**Jr Preschool Curriculum (Class A – 2 days/week):** We are spending the first few months easing the children into the school setting. We will work on independence and social skills, as well as learning the routines and procedures of school. Throughout this time, we'll have various themes and rotate in activities based in science, math, movement, literacy, music, art, etc to keep everyone interested and excited about learning. Later this fall, we'll start our Jr. Preschool alphabet curriculum. This curriculum will carry us through the end of the year. I look forward to watching the children grow and learn through the school year!

**Kindergarten Readiness Curriculum (Classes B & C – 3 days/week):** After our initial opening weeks, we'll begin exploring the alphabet. Our literacy-based alphabet curriculum includes hands-on cooking, unique art techniques, science & nature topics, math games, movement, and music activities that relate to our letter of the week. It is a fun curriculum, and we are excited to get started! The last week of the month we'll switch gears a little and add some Scandinavian culture into our curriculum. On Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, we'll be taking our annual field trip to the Norsk Høstfest. More details will be sent home.

**Theme Area:** This month our dramatic play rotation center is a Grocery Store filled with store items, play money, cash registers, shopping baskets, grocery bags, and more! The theme area as well as the sensory table are updated monthly. This keeps the classroom fresh and exciting! This month, the sensory table will have kinetic sand.

**Birthdays:** We will celebrate everyone's birthday (half birthday for those who have birthdays when we are not in session). You are welcome to bring a birthday snack to share. We will send you a note prior to the day we will celebrate. Please watch for this note as it will provide a list of ingredients to avoid due to class allergies. If your child's birthday is approaching and you haven't received a note, just check in. Thank you!

**Book Orders:** Soon, we will be sending home Scholastic Book Club flyers for those interested in ordering books for home. This order will be due by Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Ordering books is always optional. We will send out 3 book orders this year. One now, one before holiday break and one in the spring. To order, visit <https://clubs.scholastic.com/>. Our class code for online ordering is: GZH3F.

**Questions:** If you have any questions, you can always catch me briefly at pick up or drop off or send a text/Remind/email.

**Thank you and have a great month! \*\* minotpreschool@outlook.com \*\* [www.minotpreschool.com](http://www.minotpreschool.com)**