

SEPTEMBER

Welcome to the 2019–2020 school year! We are happy to have you as part of the Children’s Garden family. This is the 15th school year for Children’s Garden Preschool! Our monthly newsletters are an important communication tool for us. We use the newsletter to update you about what is happening in our classrooms and alert you to any upcoming events or special activities. We will send out a paper copy of the newsletter each month, put it on our website, and send one out on the Remind app, so please sign up for Remind if you haven’t already. In addition to the monthly newsletter, we will also use the Remind app to “remind” you about other upcoming class happenings such as field trips, dress up days, school pictures days, etc.

Get to know the teachers: You are welcome to call us “Shaun” and “Sara” – we aren’t very fancy. :) We have been married for 14 years. We met while working in a preschool classroom at Head Start while we were in college. We have 5 children, 2 boys and 3 girls... Caleb (13), Chance (11), Brielle (9), Lucy (7) and Jayde (5). Our family loves to travel during the summer. We have fun exploring new places together! We also like listening to music, going to concerts, taking hikes, watching movies, and going out to eat together. Most importantly, we love teaching preschool!

Book Orders: Three times each year we send home Scholastic Book Orders. Ordering books is always optional. We simply provide you the opportunity to purchase books (and other items) from the fliers. We send one home during September, one for Christmas and one for Easter. The fliers will come home in your child’s backpack in the next week or so. Book orders are due back to school on or before Friday, September 27th. You may order from the fliers sent home or place an order online. When parents make purchases, our school earns free books and supplies!

School Pictures: Children will have their school picture taken at the end of this month. Our photographer friend, Erica McCauley Photography, donates her time and talent to us every year to take our pictures. This is the only fundraiser we do for our preschool. Funds raised go to purchase new developmentally appropriate activities and equipment. Through our past picture sales, we have been able to purchase light tables, puppets, balance beams, virtual art galleries, green houses, STEM activities, new tablets, etc. for our classrooms. Pictures will be taken during your child’s class time on Thursday, September 26th and Friday, September 27th — please check the calendar on the back of this newsletter. If your child will be gone, we will be scheduling a make-up/retake day. You will receive a free 4X6 proof of your child’s class picture and will then be given the opportunity to purchase additional prints and photo packages. You do not need to send any money until you get the free proof and order form. Thanks!

Kindergarten Readiness Classes (Classes C, D, E, F): We will start the month off talking about school and easing the children into the routines and procedures. We will then dive into our alphabet curriculum. Throughout the week, we will learn about the letter through the song, stories, character, sign language, writing, science topic, cooking project, art term, music genre and art/craft projects that go with each letter. This month we will be covering the letters A and B as well as learning about the Scandinavian countries. A description of our curriculum and classes can be found on our website. Specific daily activities are listed on our monthly calendar (back of this newsletter). At the end of the month, we will take our annual field trip to the Norsk Høstfest and have our school pictures taken. More info to come regarding both events. Thanks!

Junior Preschool Classes (Classes A and B): We will spend the whole month learning about going to school! Our goal is to make this a smooth transition for the children because this is their first exposure to a school setting. We will also be practicing proper use for various art tools (crayons, markers, watercolor, tempera paint, glue bottles, glue sticks, scissors, etc). We will be reading books about starting school, going over our classroom boundaries, getting to know our class friends, and learning the classroom routine. Our school pictures will be taken on Thursday, September 26th.

Times: Morning Class drop off time is 8:20 — 8:35 a.m. Pick up time is 11:0–11:20
Afternoon Class drop off time is 11:45–12:00 Pick up time is 2:35–2:45

We wish you all a great September! Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you!
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