



Best Beginnings Preschool

Family Newsletter

January 2026



Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

We hope you had a wonderful break and enjoyed some quality time with your loved ones. We are excited to see you all again and resume our learning journey together.

As we start the new year, please remember to take good care of your health and your child's health. If your child is feeling unwell or showing any signs of illness, please keep them at home and inform the school.

We also remind you to fill out the **Daily Attendance form** every day before bringing your student to school. This helps us keep track of our attendance and ensure everyone's safety.

In January, we have some exciting things planned for our classes. Students will be exploring various topics related to winter, such as snow, ice, polar animals, and more. We will also read some amazing books and stories that will spark our imagination and curiosity.

Here in the office we are busy enrolling new students for the 2026-2027 school year. If you have any friends or relatives who are looking for a preschool program, please spread the word about our school. We appreciate your support and referrals.

We look forward to a great month of learning and fun with your children. Thank you for being part of our school community.

Happy New Year! - Jill and Stephanie, Co-Directors

Current Student Registration

Attention 3's Families: PreK Registration is Now Open!

Our PreK classes are now open for registration for our current 3's students. This is a great opportunity for your child to continue their preschool education with us and prepare for kindergarten.

The registration period starts on **January 12**. To secure your spot, please follow these steps by **January 20**.

- Fill out the **registration form** attached to this newsletter and choose your preferred class option (1st and 2nd choice).
- Submit the form along with the **\$150 registration fee** (non-refundable) to the office.
- If you have a PreK student who will be moving on to TK next year, please contact the office for a separate registration form.

For new families who are interested in joining our preschool, registration forms will be available on our website beginning January 13. New families can turn the form and fee in at anytime but we won't begin processing them until February 2. If you know of a family looking for a preschool please share our information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. You can email us at office@bestbeginningspreschool.com or call us at 425-881-3468. We look forward to hearing from you soon and welcoming you to our PreK classes. Thank you for choosing our preschool for your child's education.

Incoming 3's Registration



Do you have a little one who will turn 3 by August 31, 2026?

If so, be sure to check out our website for 2026-2027 registration information. The registration form and preschool readiness form are available for download from our website front page. Anyone who has had a child attend our school is considered an alum.

A note regarding tuition fee increase for the 2026-2027 school year

As a non-profit preschool, we work hard to keep tuition as affordable as possible so we can continue serving families in our community. We were grateful to be able to hold tuition steady for the 2025-26 school year. However, with the rising costs of supplies and utilities, we made a necessary adjustment to tuition for the 2026-27 school year to support our budget needs.

Our goal moving forward is to make only small, predictable adjustments each year when needed.

If you are in need of tuition assistance, please reach out to Jill or Stephanie. Our school does have a small scholarship fund available, and we are always happy to help.

Online Reviews

At Best Beginnings, we value the feedback of our families and the referrals they give us. We are proud to offer a high-quality preschool education that prepares students for success. To help us reach more families who are looking for a preschool, we would appreciate it if you could leave us a review on Facebook, Google or Yelp. You can easily access these platforms by clicking on the icons at the bottom of our website bestbeginningspreschool.com.

Thank you for your support and your kind words.

Tuition Tax Receipts

For those of you needing receipts for your FSA Account or end of year tax receipts please complete the Tuition Receipt Form found on our website and turn in to the school office.

Please allow up to a week to process your request as Patty only works two days a week. If you have any questions regarding tax receipts, please contact Patty by email at financebestbeginnings@outlook.com.



Snow Policy

A few reminders about our inclement weather policy as stated in the parent handbook and the flyer that went home in December.

- The safety of our students and staff is our primary concern.
- We don't make a final decision until 7:30am.
- Monitor our website, www.bestbeginningspreschool.com, and Facebook page. We will update those sites as soon as we make a decision.
- We monitor Northshore and Lake Washington school districts closure schedule, but don't always follow their closures or delays. If they are operating differently, be sure to check our website and Facebook page.
- We will offer make-up days for any closures beyond two missed class days.
- If at any time you don't feel comfortable driving, please stay home.

Reminders



A few reminders as we start back to school.

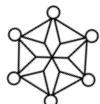
- Attendance check in needs to be completed each day prior to arrival.
- Classes go out to recess everyday, even in the rain. Please send your child to school with appropriate clothing for being outside.
- Please remember to contact the office, your teacher, or complete the attendance check in if your child is going to be absent for any reason. You can email @ office@bestbeginningspreschool.com or call 425-881-3468.
- Tuition is due by the 9th of each month. Automatic withdrawal payments will be deducted on the 5th or the closest business day.

Kindergarten Readiness

For those students moving on to kindergarten for the 2026/2027 school year there is information about Kindergarten Readiness attached to this newsletter. Kindergarten registration usually begins in February. Be sure to check with your home school to see when registration begins. You can also check your districts website for registration events.

Childfind

Both Lake Washington and Northshore School Districts offer developmental screenings for children ages 3 to 5. This service is free of charge for families living in any school district in Washington State. If you have any concerns about your child's development, we encourage you to take advantage of this resource. Please reach out to your child's teacher, Jill, or Stephanie if you have any questions. See the attached information from LWSD for more details.



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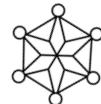


Late Pick Up Policy

Parents are expected to pick up their students on time each day. We understand that real life circumstances sometimes interfere and picking up on time is delayed. If you are running late we appreciate a phone call to the school at 425-881-3468 letting us know that you are on your way and running late. Young children become upset when they do not see their grown-up at pick up.

It is important to remember that we are a part time preschool and teachers are only contracted for a short time after school. Out of respect for our teacher's time, families with repeated instances of late pick up will be assessed a late fee of \$2 per minute (after a 5-minute grace period). The late fee must be paid at pick-up.

To alleviate any stress about running late for pick-up it is a good idea to have someone in your child's class or another class that you feel comfortable keeping an eye on your child until you arrive.



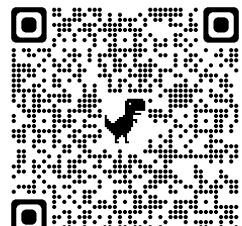
Upcoming Dates

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| 1/12 - 30 | Alumni registration form and fee accepted |
| 1/19 | Martin Luther King Day - No School |
| 2/2 | Registration opens to new families |
| 2/3 - 2/6 | Class placements notification for alumni families |
| 2/16 - 2/20 | Mid-Winter Break - No School |

Note Mid-Winter Break follows the Northshore calendar and not the Lake Washington Calendar



Parent Handbook



Attendance Form