



Best Beginnings Preschool

Family Newsletter

April 2025



Welcome, Spring! We're all excited to embrace the sunshine and warmer temperatures. While the days are getting brighter, mornings on the playground can still be chilly, so please remember to send your child with a hooded jacket to keep them cozy and dry.

Thank you for joining us for conferences with your child's teacher. Watching children grow and change every day is a joy, and we love sharing their progress and milestones with families. We hope you found your child's conference meaningful and insightful.

A quick reminder: we still have spots available in our PreK and TK classes! If you know any families with 4-5 year-old children looking for a preschool, we'd love to welcome them to our community. Most of our families join us through your kind referrals, and we're so grateful for your support.

To help even more families discover our wonderful school, we've joined Winnie.com—a platform that lists preschools, daycares, and school-age care in the Redmond area. We'd greatly appreciate it if you could visit our page at Winnie.com and leave a review to share your experience. Your feedback helps us reach new families and grow our community!

Finally, please note that the school office will be closed for spring break from April 14–18. We hope everyone enjoys this time to relax and recharge. *Enjoy the sunshine! ~ Kerry Lodge, Director*



Mark Your Calendar

The Very Hungry Caterpillar Family Literacy and Math Night

Families are invited to join us for some fun literacy and math activities in our preschool classrooms. At the end of the evening join us in the Parish Hall to hear the story "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". We will have craft projects, math activities, sensory bins, Yoga, books to read, and story time.

This is an evening to come and learn some fun ways you can incorporate literacy and math learning at home. Please review the "School Event Code of Conduct" on page 20 of the Parent Handbook prior to attending.

Tuesday, April 22

All 3's Classes

Sarah/Shadi

Tomoko/Shadi

Wednesday, April 23

MWF PreK– Siobhan/Monika

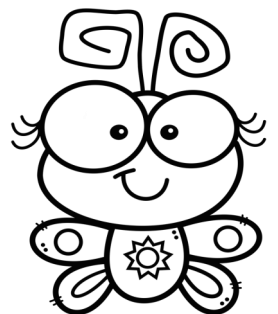
TK– Erika/Andrea

Thursday, April 24

TThF PreK– Stephanie/Sarah

TWTHF PreK– Karen/Magda

6:30-7:30pm





Upcoming Dates

April

- 4/14-4/18 **Spring Break (no school/office closed)**

- 4/22-24 **Family Literacy Nights**

May

- 5/6 **3's Tomoko's Class Farm Field Trip**
More information to come later in April
- 5/7 **3's Sarah's Class Farm Field Trip**
More information to come later in April
- 5/26 **Memorial Day (no school)**
- 5/27 **PreK Karen's Class & Stephanie's Class Beach Field Trip**
More information to come later in May
- 5/28 **PreK Siobhan's Class & TK Erika's Class Beach Field Trip**
More information to come later in May

June

- 6/2 **Make Up Snow Day**
PreK Karen's Class
- 6/2 **Last Class Day For**
MW 3's
MWF PreK
- 6/3 **Last Class Day For**
TThF 3's
TThF PreK
TWThF PreK
- 6/4 **Last Class Day For**
TK 9-12:00
- 6/4 **Graduation Day (PreK & TK classes)**
9am MWF *Siobhan & Monika*
10am TThF *Stephanie & Sarah*
11am TWThF *Karen & Magda*
12pm TK *Erika & Andrea*
All School Picnic
12:30-2pm
Best Beginnings Preschool outdoor areas

Substitute/Teaching Possibilities

Do you have a background in education or a degree in a related field? Are you looking to reenter the work force on a part-time basis? Do you enjoy spending time with preschool aged children? We are looking to add to our sub list and potentially hire new teachers. If you are interested in subbing or teaching, please contact Kerry for more information.

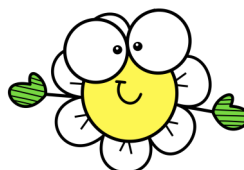
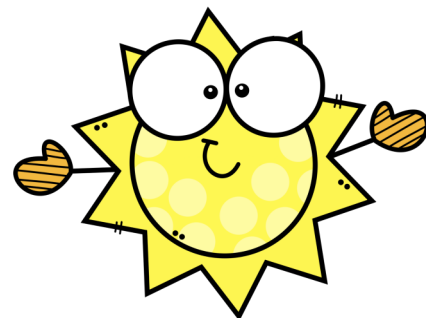
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PRINT IN OUR WORLD

Do your kids recognize the signs at the stores where you shop? Did you know that this "environmental print" can help your child become a reader?

ENVIRONMENTAL PRINT

Environmental print is the print that is found in the world around us and is usually the first print a young child recognizes. The print they see in their everyday lives holds great meaning for them, such as:

- ✓ Labels on food boxes, cans, and bags
- ✓ Signs for familiar restaurants or stores
- ✓ Traffic signs
- ✓ Logos



WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Recognizing print we see everyday is one of the beginning stages of literacy. Children get excited when they feel like they can "read" the print they see around them. When they begin to understand that letters have meaning they feel confident and successful as "readers."

When children are confident and excited about reading, they will be more likely to become good readers.



LOOKING FOR PRINT

One way you can help your child develop strong literacy skills is to point out print when you are running errands.

For example, you might point to a stop sign while you're in the car and say, "I know I have to stop because that big red sign tells me so. Can you find more stop signs?"

Or when you're at the grocery store you may invite your child to help you look for certain items on your list that are their favorites.



OUR PROJECT

Please help your child collect a few examples of environmental print from their favorite foods. Some examples might be the fronts of cereal boxes or labels from cans. We will use the pieces of environmental print collected for classroom projects.

