





# Best Beginnings Preschool Family Newsletter December 2022





Starting preschool brings many new experiences and opportunities to children. Unfortunately, one of those new experiences is the sharing of germs. Due to COVID and most of us staying home for 2 years, many children this year have not been in contact with others outside their home prior to coming to school. This means this is the first exposure to illnesses for many children. Now that the weather has changed, and we are all inside, there is a greater opportunity for spreading germs. As a school we continue to keep toys and surfaces clean throughout the day and run our room air purifiers. We thank you all for keeping your children home when they are not feeling well.

December is a month filled with different celebrations; some are celebrated by the families here at Best Beginnings. As a school we do our best to be respectful and inclusive of the holidays celebrated in your homes during this time. If you have a special holiday you celebrate, we invite you to share it with your child's class. It is a wonderful time to learn and share holiday traditions from around the world. During the next few weeks, our students will hear about traditions, create art projects, and hear stories about Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Diwali, and Las Posadas celebrations. Please contact your child's teacher if you are interested in sharing your special celebration. The staff and I wish you all a wonderful holiday season. Happy Holidays ~ Kerry

## 2023-2024 Registration

### **Alumni Incoming 3's**

This month we will take class requests from alumni with incoming 3 year old's (children not currently enrolled in our 3's or 4's) for Fall 2023.

If you have a child who will turn 3 by 8/31/23 and would like to be added to our class request list please contact the school office at 425-881-3468, or by email at hc.preschool@frontier.com. Alumni forms for incoming 3's will be up on our website starting December 5th. Registration forms and the non-refundable \$100 registration fee will be accepted starting January 6th.

#### **Current 3's Class Students**

Registration for students currently enrolled in our 3's classes moving on to our PreK classes will begin on January 6th. Forms will go home in students bags on January 4th and 5th.

Registration forms and the non-refundable \$100 registration fee are due by January 27th to be considered for placement. On February 1 registration opens up to new students and we can not guarantee your class selection.

### **Transitional Kindergarten**

Students who are currently enrolled in our PreK classes, do not make the district birthdate cut off, have had a year in a 4's preschool class, and will turn 5 by 12/31/23, will begin registration on January 6th. Registration forms and the non-refundable \$100 registration fee must be submitted by January 27th to be considered for placement. On February 1 we open up registration to new students. Talk with your child's teacher if you are unsure about registering for TK or sending your child to kindergarten.

#### **Amazon Wish List**

We have had many families ask us how they can support Best Beginnings. In years past our preschool has held random fundraisers for items we would like for our school. We have no plans to bring back fundraisers or ask our Best Beginnings Preschool families for funds beyond monthly tuition.

We have created an Amazon Wish List for those that are interested in purchasing items that will be used to enrich our play-based classrooms. These are items that we do not necessarily need but would be great replacements for some of our toys that are getting a little tired. We hope to add to the list periodically so check be sure to check back from time to time.

If you decide to purchase an item from our wish list we are happy to provide you with a 501c receipt for your donation. Please contact the school office by email, hc.preschool@frontier.com to request a receipt.

You can use the QR Code here or use the link <a href="https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/7FYXJ89ZQCC4?ref">https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/7FYXJ89ZQCC4?ref</a> = wl\_share

There is no obligation to purchase any items on our list.

Thank you for your support!



# **Important Dates**

- December 19th January 2nd
   Winter Break No School
- January 3rd First Day Back
- January 4 & 5 2023/2024 Registration Forms sent home in bags/backpacks
- January 6 -Registration form and fee accepted
- January 16<sup>th</sup>-Martin Luther King Day No School
- February 20 24 Mid-winter Break
   No School (please note that this follows the Northshore calendar and not the Lake Washington Calendar)

#### Thank You

A Big "THANK YOU" to those families that have donated items from our Amazon Wish list. Thank you to the Shah, Mallari, Koval, Wishnie, and Kazi Families. We have received a couple of items without names and we thank you as well.

Thank you for helping us replace some of our used and/or broken toys for our classes.

So far, we have received the following items

- Scarves for music and movement activities
- Safari Animals
- Space Shuttle and Space Station toys
- Community Helper vehicles and people
- Geometric paint and dough stampers

### **Tuition Information**

We will return to school on January 3rd. All tuition is due the first class day back after break.

Automatic withdrawal will be deducted on January 5th.

#### **Contact Information**

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