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## Best Beginnings Preschool Family Newsletter February 2020

Happy February! Registration for new families is now open. If you know a preschool age child looking for a preschool we appreciate the referral.

February goes by quickly here at school. The children will enjoy a magnet and robot theme, fun valentine activities and, for our PreK and TK classes, a field trip to see a play during the month. We also have a week long break, 2/17-2/21, which makes the month fly by. After the break there are just a few days before we head into March. *Happy Valentine's Day ~ Kerry*

### 2020-2021 Registration Information

For those of you who have children moving to Pre-K or Transitional Kindergarten, your class placement confirmation letter is attached to this newsletter.

We had 25 requests for 16 spots in our morning 4-day, Pre-K class. Not everyone got their first choice for a class for next year. I did my best to look at the classes in their entirety and balance them the best way possible. Thank you for your understanding in this process and how it works.

If you are currently enrolled in our in one of our 3's classes and did not receive a confirmation letter we assume that you have made other arrangements for the 2020-2021 school year. If you have made other plans, we thank you for sharing your child with us this year and wish you the best in the future. If you have not made other plans and wish to continue here at Best Beginnings, please stop by the office.

### Illness

As many of you are aware, the Coronavirus is in our state. We do receive information from the Washington State Department of Health almost daily on various illness and viruses. Currently the WA DOH recommends the following steps to reduce your risks of getting any virus.

- wash hands often with soap and water.
- refrain from touching eyes, nose, mouth with unwashed hands.
- avoid close contact with those who are sick.
- clean and disinfect objects and surfaces.



Best Beginnings is aware and informed about the Coronavirus and doing our part to keep illnesses away.

- clean surfaces and objects regularly throughout the day.
- cover coughs and sneezes using cough pocket (ask your child what a cough pocket is).
- staff and students wash/sanitize hands often.
- send children home when they are not feeling well.

Parents, you can help keep illnesses away from school by keeping your student home if they are ill. You can find our policy in our Parent Handbook on page 11. As a reminder,

- child **must be** fever, vomiting, and diarrhea free for 24 hours prior to returning to school.
  - child with a cold, no fever, but very runny nose and/or a continuous cough should stay home.
  - encourage your child to cover coughs/sneezes with cough pocket.
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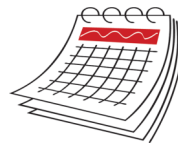


## Snow Policy



Even though we have already had a few days of snow here are a few reminders about our inclement weather policy as stated in the parent handbook.

- The safety of our students and staff is our primary concern.
- We don't make a final decision until 7am.
- Monitor our website, [www.bestbeginningspreschool.com](http://www.bestbeginningspreschool.com), our Facebook page and FlashAlert. We will update those sites as soon as we make a decision.
- We monitor Northshore and Lake Washington school districts closure schedule. If they both close we will most likely close. If they are operating differently, be sure to check our website, Facebook page and FlashAlert.
- We will offer make-up days at the end of the year for any closures beyond two days.



## Best Beginnings Upcoming Dates

- 2/11 PreK Field Trip  
TThF Stephanie's Class  
TWThF Karen's Class  
PM Janelle's Class
- 2/17-2/21 No School - Mid-Winter Break
- 2/26 PreK/TK Field Trip  
MWF Francy's Class  
M-Th TK Marjorie's Class
- 3/4 & 3/5 School Pictures - check class calendar
- 3/16 - 3/19 Conferences - check class calendar



## Church of the Holy Cross Events Everyone is invited and welcome to attend!

### Parent Night Out

Friday, February 7th 5-9pm  
Parish Hall

Need a night out but don't have a sitter? Holy Cross and Best Beginnings staff will care for your child, feed them dinner and keep them entertained for a few hours.

Children must be 3 and potty trained.

\$20 first child \$35 for second child in same family.

For more information and to register visit the Holy Cross website at [www.holycrossredmond.org](http://www.holycrossredmond.org)

### Game Night

Friday February 14th 6:30-8:30pm— Parish Hall

For more information contact  
Holy Cross



### Holy Cross Women's Retreat

March 27, 28 and 29

Tools to Grow: Thriving in the Garden of Faith

As you're likely aware, Best Beginnings is part of the outreach program of Holy Cross Episcopal Church. We share physical space with Holy Cross as well as a commitment to caring for our community. Holy Cross has extended an invitation to the women of our preschool community to join the Holy Cross annual women's retreat at Camp Hus-ton in Gold Bar, Washington.

You may visit [www.hcwomen.org](http://www.hcwomen.org) to learn more, or direct your questions to [tracy@tracybrooks.com](mailto:tracy@tracybrooks.com)

