



Best Beginnings Preschool Family Newsletter November 2023



I hope everyone had a fun and safe Halloween. The staff and I would like to say “Thank You” again for attending our Family Pumpkin Carving Night. This event is one of our favorites and we are happy to be able to share it with your family. We hope you all had fun and enjoyed the evening. We posted pictures of each night’s pumpkins on our Facebook page and Instagram.

Chilly weather is here. We all love spending time outdoors, playing on the playground and breathing fresh air. While we do our best to keep the students dry by staying in on heavy rain days, we will be heading out on the typical Pacific Northwest rainy and or chilly days. Please remember to send your preschooler to school with a rain jacket or waterproof coat with a hood. Recess is one of the most important parts of a preschooler’s day and we will be outside in the rain.

Our school year is moving right along. The preschoolers will be learning many things during the month of November. We will start out the month with a few nursery rhymes, bears, and hibernation. During the days leading up to Thanksgiving our themes will include scarecrows, popcorn, turkey’s, being thankful and grateful, and harvest.

This is the time of year when many families head off on vacations or take time away from school. If you know your preschooler is going to miss school during November and December please let us know. You can send the school and your teacher a quick email with the dates you will be gone. This allows the teachers to plan for any special projects they may be working on in the classroom. When you let us know ahead of time, we make note in our attendance system, and you do not need to complete the attendance check in.

November is a time to reflect on all we are thankful and grateful for and the time available to spend with family and friends. Happy Thanksgiving! ~*Kerry Lodge, Director*

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2024/2025 Registration Survey

If you haven’t completed our survey there is still time. It would be of great help to us moving forward if you could take a few moments and share your thoughts with us. This information, along with building and staff availability will be used to create our registration for the 2024-2025 school year. If you know of any families looking for a preschool in the future, please feel free to share this survey with them.

Thank you for your participation.

Here is a QR Code to access the survey.



Upcoming Dates

11/10 Veteran’s Day - No School

11/23 & 11/24 Thanksgiving Break
No School

12/18- 1/1/2024 Winter Break
No School

1/2/2024 Back to School

Wish List

We have 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 and a Lakeshore Registry 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 to 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 if you do not receive one.

You can use the QR Code here the link for our Amazon List.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/lz/7FYXJ89ZQCC4?ref_=wl_share



For Lakeshore you can use the link below.

<https://www.lakeshorelearning.com/lists-and-registries/registry-details/?registryId=w5G4FLe5V76q%2B1Jhb%2BCI8Q%3D%3D>

Below are photos of items we have received for our school. Thank you to the Holley, Dunn, Bogati, Mehr, Griffin, Rothlin, Jones, Awartani, and Mallari families that donated items from our Amazon Wish List. The students are enjoying the new items.



HOLIDAYS

Throughout the school year there are many holidays celebrated by our Best Beginnings families. The diversity of our little school has opened doors for all of us to learn from one another and share the unique and special celebrations that take place around the world. During the month of December, we will be sharing holidays with the students. Most of these holidays share the same message of hope, joy, and light. We invite families to share any customs or holidays that they celebrate throughout the year with the children in their child's class. If you would like to share, please contact your child's teacher.



Parenting Classes Offered By Kindering

Kindering's Parent Education and Family Support program has funding from the City of Redmond to provide FREE parent education classes to Redmond citizens and early childhood programs.

Kindering offers evidenced-based, culturally respectful information and strategies for raising children in the early years. Our classes are designed to support and strengthen parents, grandparents, and caregivers in areas where they may be challenged, or needing new insight or guidance. Classes allow participants to ask questions, and to get feedback, resources, and support.

Some of the topics our classes cover include:

- Social Emotional Coaching with Young Children
 - Tips for Successful Separations and Transitions
 - Understanding and Reframing Challenging Behaviors in Young Children
 - Media, Screen Time, and Young Children
- Establishing and Supporting Family Routines

More information can be found at

<https://kindering.org/portfolio-items/parenting-plus/>

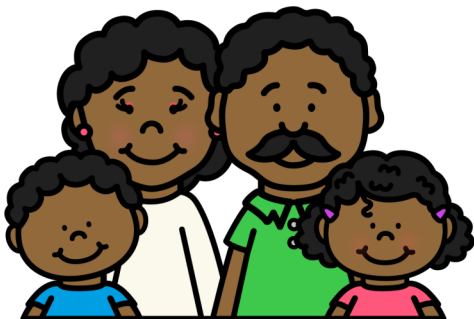
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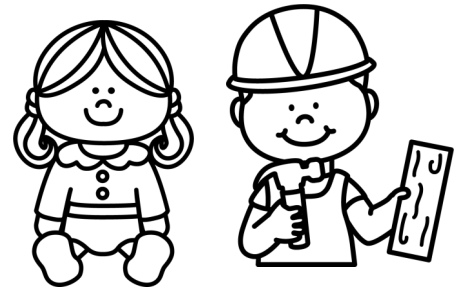
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Bathrooms in the foyer are available for families to use before or after school most days. If you need to use the restroom please come to the south entrance and ring the door-



"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood."
-Fred Rogers