



# Best Beginnings Preschool Family Newsletter September 2023

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Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. It was nice seeing all the returning families and meeting our new families on our Meet and Greet days. We hope your Meet and Greet time was beneficial to you and your child. The small group meetings give the staff more time to spend with each family and allow the students to explore the classroom and building more easily.

Parent Orientation was held on Tuesday, September 5. We hope that the Zoom meeting was informative and answered any questions you have about preschool. If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email, or give me a call. You can also track me down before or after school during drop off and pickup. This event was recorded and is available to view at <https://youtu.be/pwjBGBP45EI>. If you were unable to attend our orientation, be sure to take some time to view the video.

Our Parent Handbook was sent out with the Parent Orientation Zoom meeting information. Please be sure to read this book as there is a lot of valuable information. It is always best to check the handbook for answers to questions you might have about policies and procedures here at Best Beginnings. You can find our Parent Handbook here,

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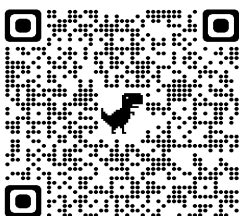
Here's to a great school year! ~Kerry Lodge, Director



## Attendance

As part of our commitment to communication with families, we ask that you complete our online Daily Attendance form. This form helps us keep vital information quickly available. It is also important for us to know when your student will not be attending school. The safety and wellbeing of each student is especially important.

Please remember to complete the attendance form each class day. The QR Code is below and can be found on all the entrance doors.



## Doors/Security

The doors will be opened by teachers at 8:57 each morning to greet students. It would be helpful for the staff if students could line up to enter the building.

For the first few weeks we will keep the doors open until 9:10 to give families time to adjust to the morning routine. As the weeks progress, we will begin to close specific doors as soon as we have most of students in the classroom.

We understand some families need to drop other students off at other schools before dropping their Best Beginnings student. Please let your teacher know if you need to arrive late each day. We will do our best to figure out a solution that works best for everybody.

If at any time you arrive late and your class entrance door is closed, please make your way to the south entrance where you can ring the doorbell and a staff member will greet you and lead your student to their classroom. This policy is for the security of all the children and staff.

## Illness

Best Beginnings Preschool is following a strict illness policy. Parents, please monitor your child and watch for illnesses. We appreciate you keeping your child home when they are not feeling well.

We are continuing to use the COVID 19 Symptom & Exposure Flowchart by the Public Health Department when experiencing symptoms, not feeling well, exposure, or positive test for COVID 19.

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## Masks

Wearing a face mask is optional and we respect and understand your decision for your family.

For those who choose to have their student wear a mask at school, understand that the mask will always be worn except when eating or drinking. If you wish for your student to not wear a mask during recess, they will remove the mask in class and place it in their backpack. Once they return to class, they will retrieve their mask from their bag/backpack and put it back on.



## Allergies & Snack

We are not a nut free school, but we do have students with allergies in the building.

It is best to send nut free items with your student. If you must send nut items, it is imperative that you let your child's teacher know.

The health and safety of our students is our top priority.

Thank you for your consideration.



## Tuition Information

Tuition for October will be due on your child's first class day of the month.

If you have signed up for automatic withdrawal it will be taken from your account on the 5th of each month, or the closest business day.

If you are paying by check, please make sure you write your child's name on the memo line, place the check in an envelope with your child's name, and hand it to your teacher.

If you are paying by cash, please make sure to have the exact amount. Place the cash in an envelope and write your child's name on the envelope and hand to your teacher. You will receive a handwritten receipt in your child's bag/backpack at the end of the day.

Tuition is considered late if not received by the 10th of the month.

If you are unable to pay tuition on time, please contact Kerry to make the proper arrangements.

## Monthly Tuition Receipt

If you need a monthly tuition receipt for an FSA account or tax purposes, please complete the Tuition Receipt Request Form and submit it to the office. This form can be found on our website under the "More" button. <https://bestbeginningspreschool.com/tuition-receipt-request>

Receipts will be sent by email at the end of each month by Patty, our Finance Manager.

Patty can be reached by email at [financebestbeginnings@outlook.com](mailto:financebestbeginnings@outlook.com)



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# LET'S PLAY

Did you know that play is an important tool for teaching and learning? When kids play, they learn how to interact with others and develop critical skills.

## IMPORTANCE OF PLAY

Play is an important piece of the child development puzzle. It supports the healthy development of children in the following areas:

1. Cognitive
2. Creative
3. Communication
4. Physical
5. Emotional
6. Social



## WHY PLAY?

Research shows that the first few years of a child's life provide the foundation for future learning. New advances in brain research have allowed us to 'see' how a child's brain works and to better understand how they think and learn. Because of these advances, we now know that play is crucial for a child's healthy development.



## PLAY AT SCHOOL

Play is about so much more than just having "fun." Play offers a natural way for children to connect academic learning to their real lives. When children are playing, they are actually learning many valuable academic skills that will better prepare them for both school and life.



## PLAY TIPS

- ✓ Give kids plenty of unscheduled time to play
- ✓ Encourage your child to play outside instead of video games or watching television
- ✓ Provide toys that encourage play and imagination, like blocks or dolls.
- ✓ Spend time playing and having fun with your kids.

