Faith Preschool and Parent's Day Out

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Dear Parents,

The staff and I want to welcome you to Faith Preschool. We hope your summer has been fun and relaxing. Preschool will be starting on Monday August 20, 2018 and we cannot wait to get started!!!

Jackie Foust (my co-director) and I are so excited to get started with our third year at Faith. We have been working so hard this summer to remodel our playground and we think the kids are going to love it! Please feel free to come to us with ANY questions, concerns or suggestions throughout the year as we want to work with you to make this school the best it can be.

We will be utilizing the Brightwheel app again this year. New families will be receiving an email or text to get set up soon! This app will be used to send you pictures of your child, send out reminders about upcoming activities and to do our billing. You may pay by check or cash as well, but if you would like to use the online payments you will need to set it up on Brightwheel. It does take a couple days to verify your account.

Our Open House will be on August 16th. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information on this event. We strongly encourage everyone to come if at all possible. Classrooms will be opened up to explore. It is a great time for your kids to come in and get a peek at things so that they are less anxious on the first day. We have included with this letter any forms that we need for your child this school year. If you have these all filled out and ready to go for us at Open House that would be AMAZING! I will do a quick talk to run through the handbook and to explain some of the new things we are bringing to Faith. We will also be answering any questions at this time. We really hope to see lots of families come out and you are welcome to bring any friends that may be interested in the program as well. We will be giving a $10 referral credit towards your next month's tuition for every family that you send our way once they register. There is no limit to how many credits you can get so feel free to invite as many people as you want.

Over the summer Mrs. Megan (former PreK teacher) accepted a position with St. Louis public schools as a first-grade teacher. We are so excited for her and her next adventure but will miss her dearly. We have been able to promote from within our awesome staff and Mrs. Whitney will be taking over for her. We cannot wait for you all to meet her and are so excited to see what new ideas she will bring to our school community!

The schedule for the first day of school is as follows:

 9:00-9: 30 Free Play/Parent goodbye. (Anyone that missed open house will get info from the teachers)

 9:30-12:00 Normal day activities

 12:00 Dismissal of 3 and 4 year old ½ day classes

 3:00 Pre-K class dismissal time

**\*\* Just a reminder…..we offer early care and extended day care on preschool days. Kids may be dropped off as early as 7:30 A.M. for early care. Extended Day goes until 4:30. The cost is $6.50 per hour.\*\***

If you missed open house, please plan to stay for a few extra minutes to get some information from your child's teacher on the first day of school. There will be some papers, reminders, calendars, etc and you do not want to miss out on any of that info.

We will be asking for a half month’s tuition for August which is due the first week of school and September tuition will be due the first week of the month. Checks can be made payable to Faith Preschool and given to the director. If you have your **Brightwheel** account set up, you may also pay online.

Backpacks are a must for each child. Please make sure that the backpacks are big enough to handle papers that will be sent home, are clearly labeled with your child’s name and contain a change of clothes in case there is an accident. Children are also encouraged to bring a water bottle labeled with their name to drink from during the day.

For our full day kids and anyone that will be staying for lunch: Please bring a lunch that is packed with an ice pack. We do not prepare lunches, so you must bring one if you are staying. We also do not have access to kitchen facilities so we cannot warm up or cook food. Please send things that are ready to eat. You will also need to bring 1 snack each day for your child. If your child has any food allergies be sure that we know about it!

At pick up time (12:00 for ½ day kids and 3:00 for PreK kids) parents are asked to form a single file line (in their cars) down by the glass doors and we will bring the children out to you. This helps keep everyone accounted for and makes it easier for families that have little ones in the car. If you will be utilizing our extended day, then you will come in the building to get them as kids leave from that program at various times.

There are no required school supplies, but donations are always appreciated. Items that we go through quickly include: wet wipes, paper towels, glue sticks, crayons, markers and kleenex.

If you have changed your mind over the summer and you will not be using our Preschool, please let me know. The teachers are busy making name tags, organizing paperwork, etc. and we need to know who will be with us. I hope that everyone will be here and am so excited to get this year started. If you have a change in address/phone number please let me know.

We can’t wait to see all those smiling faces walk through the door on August 20th.

Your child is in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ class this year!

Mrs. Danielle- Faith Preschool Director