

# Preschool Orientation

2021-2022

# Welcome / Opening Prayer



# Meet the Teachers

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# Ms. Barker



- 7<sup>th</sup> year teacher, 6<sup>th</sup> year teaching preschool
- Bachelor's in ECE, Master's in Curriculum & Instruction, rostered LCMS teacher
- Attends: Immanuel Lutheran Church
- Favorites:
  - Colors: pink/blue
  - Candy: dark chocolate
  - Animal: cats
  - Store: Amazon
- Pets: 3 cats—Kaylie, Kolbey, & Khloe
- Fun Fact: Ms. Barker is relearning to play the guitar and hopes to bring some music into the classroom this year!

# Ms. Heather

- 4<sup>th</sup> year Preschool Aide at Immanuel
- Partial completion of CDA, with plans to continue pursuing in the future
- Favorites:
  - Colors: purple/turquoise/any bright colors
  - Candy: Swedish Fish
  - Animal: zebras
  - Store: Amazon or Target
- Pets: 2 dogs – Lynus & Marley
- Kids: 1 daughter – Rylynn (3<sup>rd</sup> gr.)
- Fun Fact: In high school, Ms. Heather was voted Most Likely to Make You Smile and Class Clown



# Pick up/Drop off

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## ○ Morning Classes:

- Drop off in the school gym 9:10 – 9:15
- Pick up in school hallway at 11:45
- At 11:55, teachers will take any remaining students to childcare

## ○ Afternoon Classes:

- Drop off in school hallway 12:40 – 12:45
- Pick up in all school car line at the back of the school at 3:45
- At 4:00, teachers will take any remaining students to childcare

## ○ Please be on time

- If tardy (drop off), please sign in with Mrs. Cromer in the office & walk your child down
- If late (pick up), your child will be placed in childcare

# 2-Day Schedule

2-Day Class Schedule	
Time	Activity
9:15 - 9:30	Arrival
9:30 - 9:35	Jobs
9:40 - 10:00	Recess
10:05 - 10:20	Large Group
10:20 - 11:00	Centers/Small Group
11:05 - 11:15	Bible Time
11:20 - 11:30	Snack Time
11:35	Pack Up
11:40	Dismissal

# 3-Day Schedule

<b>3-Day Class Schedule</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
9:15 - 9:30	Arrival
9:30 - 9:35	Jobs
9:40 - 9:55	Recess
10:00 - 10:20	Large Group
10:20 - 10:50	Centers/Small Group
10:55 - 11:10	Bible Time
11:10 - 11:25	Snack Time
11:25 - 11:35	Story Time
11:35	Pack Up
11:40	Dismissal
*NOTE: Chapel on Wednesdays from 11:30 - 11:45	



# 5-Day Schedule

5-Day Class Schedule	
Time	Activity
12:45 - 1:00	Arrival/Handwriting
1:00 - 1:10	Circle Time/Jobs
1:15 - 1:35	Recess
1:40 - 1:55	Large Group (Literacy M, W, F, / Math T, R)
2:00 - 2:40	Centers/Small Group (Literacy T, R / Math M, W)
2:45 - 3:00	Bible Time
3:00 - 3:15	Snack Time
3:15 - 3:30	Story Time
3:35	Pack Up
3:40	Dismissal
*NOTE: Chapel on Thursdays from 3:15 - 3:30	

# Classroom Management

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- Every child is different
- If you set high expectations, children will rise up to meet those expectations
- Rewarding Positive Behavior
  - Hole Punch Cards
  - Prizes
- A variety of strategies will be used as appropriate:
  - Use of choices
  - Redirection
  - Warnings
  - Time Outs (followed by discussion of behavior)
  - Reminders of Cozy Corner
  - Behavior Logs
  - Natural Consequences
  - Principal (if needed)
- Communication with parents as needed
  - Please contact me with any questions/concerns

# Forms to Fill Out/Sign

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- ASQ's
- Photo Permission Form
- Family Survey
- Volunteer Survey
- Receipt of/understanding of Preschool Parent Handbook
- Weekly Pick Up Schedule Form

# Tips for Drop-off First Days/Weeks

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- ⦿ Establish a Routine
- ⦿ Send your child with a comfort item
  - Toy
  - Family photo
  - Blanket
- ⦿ Talk about your child's feelings/validate them
- ⦿ Remain confident!
- ⦿ Set up play dates with others in class
- ⦿ Remember—things will get better/easier!

# Communication

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- Communication is essential
- Reduce communication at arrival/dismissal
  - Tight schedules
  - 66 students – more likely to remember if it is in writing
- RenWeb
  - Instant Alert
  - Please make sure correct emails are in the “correspondence” section for everyone who should be receiving regular communication
- Folders
  - Please check folders nightly
  - Place items for teachers in folders if possible
  - OR include note in folder to retrieve item(s) from backpack
- Other methods of communication:
  - Email
  - Notes
  - Phone
  - Scheduled in-person meeting

# Classroom Website

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- ◉ <https://missbarkerspreschoolers.weebly.com/>
- ◉ Here you can find:
  - Newsletters
  - Blog posts
  - Resources (websites, handouts, articles, etc.)
  - Preschool calendar
  - Preschool Parent Handbook
  - Calm down strategies
  - Photos
  - And more!

# Conferences

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- Fall & Spring Conferences
- At conferences we will:
  - Review data
  - Discuss progress/concerns
  - Set individual goals
- Please be on time
  - Limited availability to be able to meet with all 66 families
- Note: Meetings will be available upon request in January to discuss next year's placement
- Also: Ms. Heather will be sitting in on some conferences so she can help with them next school year! 😊

# You can help, too!

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- PTO
- Read together
- Reinforce/review skills at home
- “Ways You Can Help” section of weekly newsletter
- Seesaw app/website:
  - Gather data at home
  - Ideas for additional activities you can do together at home (optional)
  - IF we need to switch to distance learning at any time for whatever reason, this will be a format option we will use.



# Preschool Calendar

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- Can be found on the preschool [website](#)
- Note: Preschool calendar is different from K-9 calendar
- May be updated throughout the year
  - Please refer to calendar frequently to see any changes
  - Newsletters will also include upcoming events

# Family Education Nights

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- In person or virtual? (TBD)
- Will offer two this year (topics TBD)
  - What sort of topics would most interest you?



# Preschool Graduation

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- 3-Day will be at 10 AM
- 5-Day will be at 1 PM
- For students graduating preschool and moving onto kindergarten ONLY
- 2-Day families will help host graduation reception



# Birthdays

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- You may bring in treats or items to celebrate your child's birthday
- Please communicate in advance with teacher
  - Some students have allergies and advanced notice will help families provide an alternative treat
  - For children with allergies, special treats can also be kept in the classroom in case a treat is brought in unexpectedly. Families are responsible for providing these.

# Class Parties/Celebrations

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- Marked on the preschool calendar
- Will try to invite families to attend this year, especially if parties are able to be held outdoors
- Will at least have volunteers to help with set up/clean up for each party
  - Sign up list will be coming
  - Only sign up for ONE party to allow each family a chance to help
- Allergies:
  - Will be communicated if considerations need to be made in purchasing (such as peanut or nut-free)
  - Other allergies – parents/caregivers will need to provide an alternative treat

# School Closings

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- Will follow Hamilton City Schools
- Check:
  - Local weather station
  - District website
  - School Facebook page
  - Email/Text alerts



# Any Questions?

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# Closing Prayer

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