

Dear Students and Parents,

We are excited that the start of another preschool year is just around the corner. We would like to welcome you to our program and invite you to our Back to School Night!

During this event, your child will have a chance to explore our classrooms and meet his/her teachers. In an effort to build parent partnerships and deeper relationships, we will host a Back to School Night with the following schedule:

Wednesday, August 26th: Back to School Night for T/Th Class

TTH AM Class, Last Name A - M from 5:30 – 6:15pm

TTH AM Class, Last Name N - Z from 6:30 – 7:15pm

Thursday, August 27th: Back to School Night for MWF Classes

MWF AM Class, Last Name A - K from 5:30 – 6:15pm

MWF AM Class, Last Name L - Z from 6:30 – 7:15pm

MWF PM Class, Last Name A - Z from 7:30 – 8:15pm

Wednesday, September 2nd: First day of school for MWF Classes, 8:30 – 11:00am, 12:30 – 3:00pm

Thursday, September 3rd: First day of school for TTH AM Class, 8:30 – 11:00am

We would appreciate it if you could attend according to the schedule above; however, we know how crazy this time of year is. If the designated time does not work, please let us know which time frame you would prefer to attend. Please use the GracePoint Sanctuary doors on the SE side of the building. Signs will be posted to direct you to our new classroom/preschool area. If you are unable to attend, please contact us to set up an alternative time to meet.

Enrollment Forms

In order to focus our attention on the families during Back to School Night, we ask that you complete all necessary preschool forms prior to the first day of school. We have two options for completing the forms:

1. Online: Visit www.orcharddrivepreschool.com; Find all necessary forms under the *Back to School* tab. Click on each form, open and save to your computer. Print, complete and bring with you to Back to School Night. (fees can be paid via check or cash at the event.)
2. Pick up an information packet in the GracePoint Wesleyan Church office, Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 5:30pm. (Use the North doors off of Orchard Drive.) Packets will be available for pick-up August 14th – 24th. Please bring completed forms and fees (paid via check or cash) to your child's Back to School event.

Reminder: All forms need to be filled out and signed before the first day of classes.

Fostering Relationships

We want to help you feel comfortable with the preschool transition any way we can. If your child has a specific need (allergy, behavior, developmental, etc.) that you would like to discuss with us prior to these events, please contact us to set up a time to meet/talk with the teacher.

We are also offering our families the option to have a Home Visit completed by your child's teacher. A home visit is a great way to foster the relationship between home and school. During this visit, your child's teacher will spend about 30 minutes in your home getting to know your family through conversation and a small activity. This is a great option for families who are new to our program or for children who have a hard time transitioning into a new place/routine. It is open to ANY family in our program. If you are interested in a Home Visit, please contact us!

If you have had a change in plans about sending your child to Orchard Drive Preschool this year, please let me know as soon as possible. There are children waiting to get into our program. If you are unsure which class your child is currently enrolled, please feel free to contact us.

We look forward to kicking off another great year and building strong relationships with you and your children. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at 692-7217(o), 695-0242(c) or via email preschool@gracepointwesleyan.org.

Regards,

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