

Northwest Christian Preschool

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Northwest Christian Preschool!

We are delighted that your child will be attending Northwest Christian Preschool, and we are excited to partner with you in your child's early learning journey this school year. We believe these preschool years are a special time of growth and discovery, and we are honored to be part of helping your child build a strong educational foundation while learning the love and truth of Jesus Christ.

It is a privilege to serve this wonderful community as the Preschool Director again this school year. I look forward to getting to know your family and watching your child learn, grow, and thrive throughout the year.

At Northwest Christian Preschool, our goal is to provide a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment where children can develop academically, socially, emotionally, spiritually, and physically. Through meaningful play, hands-on learning, and daily opportunities to explore God's world, we strive to help each child grow in confidence, kindness, curiosity, and a love for learning.

We also believe that a strong partnership between school and home is essential to a child's success. We encourage families to be an active part of our preschool community by participating in special events, fundraisers, field trips, and other opportunities throughout the year.

We are truly grateful that you have entrusted us with your child and are excited to welcome both our new and returning families to another wonderful year together.

Included in this packet, you will find:

- What to Bring on the First Day of School
- Tips for Making School a Success

In the coming weeks, you will also receive an email introducing your child's teacher once class placements have been finalized. If you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me at (360) 493-2223 or by email at alarsen@ncslacey.org.

Blessings,

Angela Larsen

Preschool Director

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Tips for Making Preschool A Success

The Preschool day starts at 8:00 a.m.

The preschool doors will unlock at 7:45 am and preschoolers are expected to arrive at 8:00 am. Children should arrive no later than 8:15 a.m. On time arrival is important for children; children need consistency and routine. Our teachers work hard to develop plans and activities that promote children's overall growth and development. Children arriving late during group time may have a difficult time transitioning into their classroom.

Bring and use your security card

Keep your security card in a place where you will have it each day. You will need to use your security card to gain access to the preschool. Cards will be given to parents on the first day of school. If you lose your card in the future, please contact the director and we will make a new one with a \$10.00 fee.

Upon Arrival

- Have your child put away their personal belongings in his/her cubby
- Child washes hands upon entering a classroom
- Connect with the teachers before leaving

Saying Goodbye

Most children separate from their parents readily; however, the first few days can sometimes be difficult to detach. Some children benefit from the security of a parent's presence. If your child needs you to stay with them for a while, you are welcome to do so the first few days. If you do stay, we ask these three things:

- Don't sneak away. This may cause the child to react strongly and become anxious the next time you try to leave.
- Once you decide it is time to go, make your departure quick and final. We will reassure and comfort your child.
- Please do not make your departure during a group time as this may require the teacher to interrupt the group time to meet your child's needs.

Checking on your child's progress

Feel free to call or email the director to find out how your child is doing. You may need to leave a message, but we will contact you as soon as possible. Teachers will also communicate to parents via Bloomz and the classroom web page. You will receive an invitation by email to join Bloomz the week before school starts. Please do not expect teachers to post on Bloomz during class.

Upon Departure

Check your child's cubby for any artwork or forms to take home.



What to Bring on the First Day of School

Daily items

1. One complete change of clothes appropriate for the season (socks, underwear, shoes, pants, and shirt). Please put these into a labeled bag with your child's first and last name as they will remain in the classroom, and used as needed.
2. Water bottle labeled with your child's first and last name.
3. Snack (snack is provided, but your child can bring their own. Snack must be nut free).
4. A small backpack or bag is recommended but not required.

Comfort Kit

This kit will be used in the event of a serious emergency and/or that may require students and staff to stay at school beyond operational hours. The kits will be kept in an area out of the classroom.

- A photo that shows mom/dad/family
- A small comfort item (ex: soft toy, blanket, or other item to hold)
- A letter from Mom/Dad/Guardian stating that you will see them as soon as you can, and if you aren't able to get there right away, (name of designated person) will come pick them up.
- Medications that need to be taken on a daily basis and/or emergency basis, and a medication form. We will need access to this in the event that we are here for extended hours.
- A few sheets of paper/color book and a small selection of crayons.
- A complete change of clothes. Include underwear, socks, and shoes as we may have to walk to another location.
- Portable pack of wipes

Please place everything in a gallon sized Ziploc bag and write your child's name on the outside. We will store this in a marked area out of the room. Please update this kit seasonally.

***Clearly label all of your child's items with his or her first and last name.**

***If you would like to donate supplies for the classroom, a box of Kleenex tissues, paper towels or disinfectant wipes are always appreciated.**