

# Welcome Pre-Kindergarten Families 2016-17

## **Classroom News:**

Dear Pre-K Families,

Welcome to your child's first year in our School and our Pre-K Program! Pre-K is the time to establish a solid foundation that will lead to a positive educational experience for years to come. Our goal is to create a respectful, responsible and safe environment where all students can learn and play together as followers of Jesus. What an exciting and fantastic journey we are about to begin! I look forward to spending this year with your child.

Ms. Stacy Murphy will be working as the Pre-K instructional assistant in addition to being the director of the extended care program. We are both excited to be working with your children this coming year.

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Blessings,

Mrs. Molly Mannenbach

Some items and routines you may want to review now that you have experienced them this week:

Start time and end time: The first bell rings at 8:00 a.m. and the tardy bell rings at 8:10. Students may be dropped at the drive through on the playground beginning at 7:50 a.m. Students arriving between 7:50 and 8:00 wait in the undercover area (there is supervision from staff members during this time). At 8:00 the first bell signals that students may enter the building through the side, playground doors and proceed to the classroom. Students

arriving after 8:10 must go through the front door of the school and check in at the office to get a tardy slip before entering the classroom. I encourage Pre-K families to escort your child in until they know the routines. Dismissal is at 3:10 with the exceptions of Tuesdays with dismissal at 2:15. Please let me know if someone other than you will be picking your child up. Tell me in the morning, send an email by 2:00 or call the office.

Snack and Lunch: We have provided the morning snack for the first week and will next week while everyone is adjusting to the new routine. We will discuss the snack calendar assignments at our Curriculum Night as well as the suggested snack items. There are state guidelines we must abide by and we will go over those with you.

We have 16 students so your snack day should happen approximately 1-2 times per month. A formal snack time is special to the child who gets to share and offers an important instructional time for manners, prayer of thanks, and eating habits in a social setting.

Pre-K has the first lunch at 11:10 along with Kindergarten at 11:15. In order to have consistency and provide a comfortable mealtime setting, the students will have the same staff supervisors each day. The staff is available to monitor good eating habits such as; "proteins first" and "dessert last" and to encourage appropriate manners.

Students can purchase a lunch through the new lunch program, [Orderlunches.com](http://Orderlunches.com). Milk is offered everyday at lunchtime. Milk cards can be purchased at Curriculum night or you can stop by the office and purchase one.

Backpack: Please have your child bring a backpack everyday when coming to school. Our "beginning school skill" is to learn to transport our bag to and from school. Part of our morning routine will be to check the bag for any important notes and then at the end of the day to pack anything that should be taken home. It may be empty some days and that is just fine. They will still need to bring it. Please make sure the bag is big enough to hold a regular sized folder. The tiny bags are cute but too small. We will have great projects and work to bring home too!

School Communications: I will send a class newsletter on Fridays each week. I will send other notes and e-mails as needed to address anything we may be doing during the week that can't wait for a Friday newsletter. Cathedral School also sends a school wide bulletin via e-mail every Thursday. The bulletin will include all pertinent school information. Please take time to read both.

Specialist Schedule:

\*On PE days, please make sure your child wears the appropriate tennis shoes with non-marking soles.

\*Spanish will be incorporated into our regular classroom during the week.

- Monday- Morning: P.E. and Art  
Afternoon: Music
- Tuesday- Morning: Music
- Wednesday- Morning: Makerspace/Science  
Afternoon: Music
- Thursday- Morning: Music
- Friday- Morning: Library  
Afternoon: P.E. and Music

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**Curriculum Focus for Next Week:**

- We will introduce our first unit of the year. The theme is Community. The theme will be integrated in all of our subjects. There is a focus question each week. Next week our question is: What makes each of us special?
- We will begin to introduce our school tools and how we use them.

**School News:**

- Thursday September 15<sup>th</sup> 6:00-8:00 Curriculum Night. This is for adults only.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Run 4 Cathedral! Mark your calendars for September 30, 2016, at 1:00.