

To All Preschool Parents,

I know parents are anxious to get everything ready for that first day of school! My staff and I have put together a list of helpful "first day" tips for you and your child.

1. The teachers for the classes are Jan Burkhartzmeyer and Kay Wozniczka. Specialist classes include gym, music, Spanish, art and library. These will be announced at the beginning of the school year.
2. The only classroom supplies your child needs to bring are one box of 5 oz. Dixie Kitchen cups and a package of napkins. We serve snack family style and the cups are used for milk. Your child also needs to have a backpack/school bag to carry their things in. We suggest keeping an extra set of clothes in their backpack at all times.
3. Drop your child off at the preschool classroom door. The door opens at 8:00 a.m. / 11:45 a.m. (AM class 8:00 – 10:45 PM class 11:45 – 2:30)
4. Have your child hang up their own school bag and outerwear in their cubby.
5. We dismiss at 10:45 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Parents should not come down to the classroom to pick up their child. Classes will be dismissed from the school entrance. \*Parents, please wait for your child at that entrance.
6. The three day preschool program has a gym class once a week. The day of the week will be announced when school starts. Please have your child wear soft soled shoes and comfortable clothing.
7. A weekly note will go home on Monday/Tuesday informing parents what will be happening in preschool that week.
8. The snack calendar will be sent home at the end of each month for the following month. We use the child's first name and last name initial to indicate their snack date. The calendar for September will be sent home during the first week of school.

9. The calendar on the bulletin board outside of our classroom has all of the important "school news" on it – upcoming Blessed Trinity special events, field trips, and other important information. Please check the board weekly.
10. Please have your child bring their backpack/school bag every class time. Also, please write their name on the bag. \*Do check the bag on school days for their V.I.P. – very important papers! The school will include a green “Friday Folder” with important notes and announcement from the school.
11. We ask that children arrive at school wearing comfortable, washable clothes suitable for active and messy play. It is important that children feel free to become involved in any activity. Clothing needs to be easy for your child to get on and off for bathroom independence.
12. Toilet Training: The children attending Blessed Trinity Catholic School Preschool must be toilet trained. Under the terms of our license with the Department of Human Services, we are not permitted or equipped to change diapers. Because of this mandate, neither diapers nor “pull-ups” may be worn to school. We, of course recognize that some children are in transition and may not make it to the toilet on time; this is why we request an extra set of clothing.
13. Finally, please establish a morning routine from the time you get up until you wave good-bye in the classroom. This will help your child know what’s going to happen and give him/her a feeling of security. Keep good-byes cheerful, positive and with a reassuring, “I will be back.” Maintain your positive attitude even through the tears. If you believe in us, your child will too. Please, please no sneaking out!

See you in September!!!!!!

Jan