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Welcome to Creative Beginnings Preschool!

Thank you for considering Creative Beginnings Preschool as a learning environment for your child. We are sure you will be pleased with the learning outcomes at this facility. Here, your child will be able to learn through play in an environment that caters to children's curiosity, assists in the development of self-esteem and gives them the opportunity to explore through hands on learning in a Montessori enhanced program. We teach the children how to care for themselves as well as the world around them by using the Montessori materials and theme based teaching. If you have not had a tour of the facility or had the chance to meet the Educators, we encourage you to do so before your child enters the program or by contacting us for the date of our next Open House which will occur the first week of September. Your child will be registered for the class and a space in our centre will be guaranteed, once you have submitted your annual \$50.00 non-refundable registration fee, registration package and 10 post-dated cheques starting with September 1, 2024 and ending with June 1, 2025. Post-dated cheques are to be made out to "Creative Beginnings Preschool" and should accompany your registration forms. Any missing information will be requested in your confirmation of registration and should be mailed to the above mailing address no later than May 1, 2024. Registration is accepted on a first come – first serve basis, therefore, when you register please state what your preferences are in order and we will do our best to accommodate you. Forms should be complete when submitted. Should you cancel registration before your child starts in this facility and after August 1/24 but before September 1/24, you will be charged the first month's fee. Cancellations must be in writing, signed and dated although an email will be accepted.

Classes will start gradually the first few days to help your child adjust to the new environment. Your child will need their snack for these days as well. Times will be as follows:

	Monday Sept 9	Tuesday Sept 10	Wednesday Sept 11	Thursday Sept 12	Friday Sept 13
M/W/F AM Sessions	8:45-10:15am		8:45-10:45am		8:45-10:45am
T/TH AM Sessions		8:45-10:15am		8:45-10:45am	
T/TH PM Sessions		11:30-1:00		11:30-1:30	

The following classes will commence at regular scheduled times (8:45-11:15am and 11:30-2:00pm). We ask that you drop your child off on time each day and pick up promptly and that in order to alleviate parking congestion that you are quick with drop-offs and pick-ups and supervise your child(ren) closely in the lot and on the roadways. The classroom will open 5 minutes prior to the beginning of class for drop off and pickup. Please wait with your child outside the center doors until a preschool teacher lets them in. If you are sending someone that we have not met to pick up your child, they will need to be on the child release form in the registration package that each of you filled out as well as have picture ID with them, before we will release your child to them.

Your child will need a pair of "<u>Easy slip on slippers</u>" for indoor shoes that will be worn in the classroom during our wet times (Nov-March). Please hold off on bringing these in until November. Please explain to your child that these are to stay in the classroom and they will be able to take them home at the end of the year. We encourage children to dress themselves upon arrival and departure, as this helps increase self-esteem when they can do this on their own. Each child will have their own coat hook and cubby in each class. Slippers will be stored in the bottom

of their cubbies. As they will be sharing the cubby space with other children from the other classes, please ensure that all clothing, backpacks, belongings and shoes are labelled well. A change of clothing in case of an accident should be left in their backpacks at all times. We recommend placing the extra clothing in a large Ziploc bag with your child's name on it to ensure it stays dry and clean. **Please label all personal belongings.**

Please pack snacks that meet Canada's Food Guide and keep in mind that this classroom is a "Nut free" zone. It is very important to read labels, as we cannot allow a child to eat a snack that contains "traces of nuts" in the classroom. In the event that a snack is sent that contains nuts or traces, it will be sent home unopened. Please refrain from sending juice boxes, as we encourage water during morning snacks.

If your child is ill or will be away, please let the teacher know in advance or call the preschool and leave a message on the answering machine. The phone number for the preschool is 250-377-8700. However, you may reach us on my cel as well at 250-319-8586. Please read through our illness policy located in the policy & procedures manual online.

You will receive a large Ziploc bag for your child. This will be his/her back and forth bag. We also use this bag for sending home artwork and newsletters, so it is important that it comes to class daily. These bags should be handed to us at drop off in the mornings.

You will also receive a year calendar of closures and field trips before October 1st. Newsletters will be sent out via email during the first week of each month.

Children often like to bring toys from home to preschool. I highly discourage this to ensure that their toys are not lost or damaged here. However, if they have a comfort teddy or small blanket that will help them with the ease into preschool then by all means pack it their backpacks for them. Should they bring a toy they will be asked to keep it in their backpack or cubby until home time.

Please feel free to arrange a meeting with any of the staff in the room at anytime throughout the year to discuss your child's learning experience/goals, etc. This gives us the opportunity to work together and provide your child with the best learning environment possible. I may also be reached at any of the above numbers. We will try to keep you informed about what we are working on in the class through frequent newsletters that will be sent home with your child. Preschool email is usually checked nightly, so you may also email us with any questions.

We are looking forward to working with your child over the next school year. We will be working on a variety of themes that will enhance your child's learning experience. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call us anytime.

"Teacher Irene & Teacher Marissa" Early Childhood Educators Creative Beginnings Preschool