



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! Bright Beginnings feels so blessed that you have chosen our school for your child this year. We promise to treasure, teach, guide, and share God's love with each of your children every single day. Included below you will find all the information you will need regarding the start of the school year. We're looking forward to it!

### **Paperwork Due**

You should have received the physician statement in the mail at the beginning of June. If you have misplaced the form, you can access the physician statement on the church's website. Be sure you print the correct form for your child's age group. You may email, mail, fax, or drop off all paperwork to the church's main office. Church office hours are Monday-Thursday 9:00-4:00. If your child has a birthday after July 31<sup>st</sup>, and will be receiving additional immunizations at that time, you must bring the updated immunization record by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Paperwork may be emailed to Dee Ann Emberton or Jill Jalbert (emails and phone numbers are listed at the bottom).

**Remember that all required paperwork is mandated by Texas state licensing guidelines, and we must have it before the first day of school. If any of this information is missing, your child will not be allowed to start school on the first day.**

### **Information Changes**

If any of your information has changed since you completed the enrollment paperwork, please email us these changes as soon as possible. This includes address, phone number, emergency contact information, etc.

### **Meet and Greet – Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**

Meet and Greet is an important beginning of the year tradition for us. We feel it is incredibly important for you and your child to meet your teachers, fellow classmates, and learn more about your child's school day before school even begins.

You will be notified as to which class you are assigned to by noon on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Your classroom teachers will be in contact with you to notify you of your Meet and Greet time and classroom location.

### **Meet and Greet Schedule**

Class	Time
Monday/Wednesday – Bunnies, Cubs, Ponies, Frogs and 4-day Pelicans	9:30-10:00
All Three-Year-Old Classes – Bumble Bees, Butterflies, Sea Turtles, Whales & Star Fish	10:10-10:40
Tuesday/Thursday – Bunnies, Cubs, Ponies & Frogs	10:50-11:20
All PreK Classes – Giraffes, Elephants, Sand Cats, Llamas & Leopards & Bridge - Penguins	11:30-12:00

***We respectfully ask that you honor these times as the teachers will be prepared for you to arrive during your designated half hour.***

## Procare App

We use the Procare app to manage student check in and check outs, teacher communication, pictures and tuition payments. You will be receiving a link to your Procare account via email the last week of August. We are eager and happy to help you navigate this app as the school routine gets rolling.

## First Day of School – Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> / Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

The much anticipated first day of school will be on **Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** for our three- and four-day classes, as well as our 2-day Tues/Thurs classes. **Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>** will be the first day for our Monday/Wednesday two-day classes. Plan to drop off your child at his or her classroom starting at 8:55 and pick them up at 1:30. You will walk your child into school in the morning for the first full week. The morning car rider drop off lines will start on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. You can access our school calendar on the website for other important dates and holidays for the upcoming school year.

## What to Bring the First Day

PLEASE BE SURE TO LABEL EVERY ITEM YOUR CHILD BRINGS TO SCHOOL WITH THEIR **FIRST AND LAST NAME.**

- 2 changes of clothes **(all children)**
- Napping Rooms (one year old classes only)
  - Special toy (lovey) and blanket **(No Nap Mat Needed)**
- Diaper bag filled with diapers and wipes **(one and two-year-old classes)**
- A non-spill cup filled with water **(one and two-year-old classes)**
- A non-spill water bottle **(three and four-year-old classes and bridge class)**
- Nutritious lunch with water, juice, or milk (should include items the child can eat independently) **(all children)**
- If your child is a bit anxious about the first day of school, please send their comfort item with them (special stuffed animal, or lovey)

## Boo-Hoo Breakfast – Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> / Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

We know that the first day of school is an adjustment not only for your child, but also for you! If you'd like to connect with other Bright Beginnings parents after dropping off your little one, we invite you to join us in the gym. We'll provide some breakfast treats and a few tissues too! Dee Ann and Dominique will both be available during this time as well to help answer any questions that you may have. We will also have a couple of representatives from our parent organization to show you how you can get involved. If this is your first child with us or your 4<sup>th</sup>, we still hope that you'll stop by and say hello!

**We hope that you are enjoying a fun and relaxing summer and are looking forward to the new school year as much as we are. We can't wait to see you!**

*Blessings,*

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