

Welcome to PreKindergarten!

We are so excited for you to join our PreKindergarten family! We look forward to getting to know your child(ren) and watching them grow throughout the school year! The following is a list of expectations that is intended to help you and your child prepare for a smooth transition into PreKindergarten. We encourage you to work on these skills throughout the summer.

Students should be able to:

- Independently use the restroom
- Unbuckle seatbelt, independently exit the car (We know that this can be a difficult task and will be an ongoing skill to practice. This helps our car line move more efficiently in the morning.)
- Use a tissue to wipe their nose and cough/sneeze in their elbow (these are skills that can be difficult. In order to avoid the spread of as many germs as possible we do ask that you work with your child on this over the summer.)
- Independently put on their jackets/coats and winter accessories (we will help with zippers and buttons as needed)
- Holds pencil/crayon correctly
- Holds scissors correctly
- Shows interest in books/stories

Academically, students should be able to:

- Recognize their first name
- Count to 10
- Identify colors of the rainbow
- Identify basic shapes (circle, square, triangle, rectangle)

Again we will continue to work on mastering these skills, and more, throughout the school year. However, working with your child during the summer may help them to feel confident and prepared for PreKindergarten!

Casey Sandfoss
sandfoss_c@cardinalpacelli.org

Jennifer Holden
holden_j@cardinalpacelli.org

Welcome PreK Parents!



Below you will find some basic information and procedures for the 2020-2021 Prekindergarten school year.

PreK Drop Off and Pick Up:

- **Prior to bringing your child to school, please take and record your child's temperature on the Preschool/PreK form provided to you. We will not be permitted to get your child out of the vehicle unless that form is signed and given to the teacher.**
- **Our morning drop off time is from 7:50-8:10.** If you arrive after 8:10, please be sure to park and walk your child into school through the office. Please be sure to get a slip from Mrs. Siemer so that your child is not marked absent.
- **For morning drop off:**
 - Please drive up and around the back parking lot (behind the building). There you will form one car line on the far left of the parking lot. There will be a separate car line to the right for Preschool.
 - The teachers will be at the Parish doors to collect the students. There will be 2 teachers getting students out of the vehicles. One teacher will be taking each child's temperatures and the other teacher will be getting the students out of the car. Please do not let your child get out of the car without having their temperature taken first.
 - **Please have your child's window down and ready to have their temperature take once they get towards the front of the car line.**
 - **Once your child's temperature is taken, another teacher will be through the car line to help get your child out of the vehicle.**
 - In order to help in the flow of traffic, we ask that you ensure your child is unbuckled and ready to get out of the car once you've reached the Parish doors. If your child needs assistance out of the car, please be sure to help them prior to the drop off destination.
 - Also, in order to ensure the safety of our staff and students, we ask that the parents and students wear a mask during drop off/pick up times. The

students will take their masks off and put them in their backpacks once we get in to our classrooms.

- **Half Day Pick Up times are 11:00 am and 12:00 pm.** The pick up location for Half Day is at the bottom of the hill on Ellison Ave. **Please DO NOT drive up the hill to school.** The teacher will have the students lined up and she will call their names when it is their time to be dismissed.
 - Please wait until your child's name is called, this helps us to account for all of the students leaving half day.
 - If there is inclement weather, there may be instances where the pickup line will form in the back of the building. We will be in touch via email if this is the case.
- **Full Day Pick Up:** We will walk aftercare students to Champions before car riders are dismissed. Car riders will be taken outside to the car line by a teacher. Please walk up to your child's teacher to get your child. There are a lot of parents and children around and we want to make the transition as smooth as possible. Walkers must be picked up from a teacher by a parent or guardian at the double doors to the left of our playground.
 - **Please be sure anyone picking up is wearing a mask.**

Sickness:

- If your child is sick, please keep him/her at home until feeling better. Your child must be fever and symptom free for **24 hours** prior to returning to school. Your child must be on antibiotics for **24 hours** before returning to school, particularly in the cases of strep throat, pink eye, etc.
- Following these procedures will help to ensure we are preventing the other children and teachers from getting sick.
- If a child starts to run a fever of 100 or above, the parents will be contacted to pick up their child immediately.
- If your child is sick, please email your child's teacher and absent@cardinalpacelli.org .

Your Child's Day:

- We will be sending a weekly newsletter that will outline classroom activities, schedules, and reminders of any upcoming events.
 - This information will also be available on our class website which we will share with you at the start of the school year!
- We use Big Day for PreK curriculum in our classroom which follows the Ohio Early Learning Standards.
- Your child's day will focus on mastering skills that will help them to become comfortable in a school setting and to prepare them for Kindergarten. At this age you will see most of our activities will be interactive and learned through playing with peers/adults. We will learn through games and activities to work on strengthening math and literacy skills, as well as fine and gross motor skills.

- Each month we will focus on a different theme. Please discuss these themes at home, and feel free to send in any books/games/activities that you have at home that might be appropriate to the theme!

Snack and Lunch:

- Please be sure to provide a small, healthy snack and water for your child daily.
- We ask that you send in a water bottle daily labeled with your child's first and last name. This will remain on their desk throughout the day.
- If your child stays for lunch, please be sure to pack a lunch for your child daily. Due to new regulations, we will be eating lunch in our classrooms and will not have access to a refrigerator or microwave. Please take this into consideration when packing your child's lunch.
- All food/drink sent in must be **NUT FREE**. We will send out a list of NUT free food suggestions at the start of the year.

Nap Items:

- If your child is staying full day, they may bring a small blanket, pillow, and stuffed animal. If they do not nap they may also bring a small book or activity book (for example coloring books, connect the dots, alphabet practice, or magazines) to do during this time. **All items must be able to fit inside a Kroger size plastic bag.** Each child is permitted **ONE** bag.
- Nap items will be sent home daily and **MUST** be washed before sending them back to school.

Extra Clothes:

- Please send in 1 full set of extra clothes for your child (socks, pants/shorts, shirt, underwear) in a gallon size ziplock bag.
- When seasons change, we will send these items home. Please change them out for seasonally appropriate clothing and return to the school the next day.

Class Parties:

- We will still be having class parties for our special holidays. However, due to current circumstances, we are only permitted to have one parent in the classroom on the day of the party.

Special Treats:

- All special treats this year must be store bought and individually packaged. This includes treats for class parties and birthday treats.
- Again, please be sure any treats sent in are NUT FREE.

Forms:

- **Please make sure to turn in all forms ASAP! These forms include the most recent medical exam form, updated immunizations, birth certificate, and Baptismal certificate (if applicable).**
- If your child has special needs, due to allergies or medical conditions, please let us know right away. There are specific forms for your pediatrician to complete.

Items to bring in:

- **Mask** - Your child must come to school wearing a mask. They will take their masks off once we get to the class. We also recommend packing an extra along with their extra clothes.
- **Regular sized backpack.** Their backpack needs to be big enough to fit their lunchbox, snack, nap items, and a folder.
- **Snack and water bottle** (both labeled with first and last name)
- If your child stays for enrichment, a packed lunch daily

We will go over all of this information at the beginning of our 2020-2021 school year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email us or contact the school office. We look forward to an exciting year with your child(ren)!

School Phone : (513)321-1048

Preschool/PreK Director: Jen Hall - hall_j@cardinalpacelli.org

Casey Sandfoss (PreK Teacher): sandfoss_c@cardinalpacelli.org

Jennifer Holden (PreK Teacher): holden_j@cardinalpacelli.org

Finally, please keep in mind that our policies and routines may change in the upcoming months due to new regulations established by the CDC. We will inform you of any changes that may occur as soon as possible.

Have a great summer!

Thank you,

Mrs. Sandfoss and Miss Holden

PreK Daily Schedule

7:50-8:10 - Morning Drop Off

8:10-8:35 - Unpack Items/Bathroom Break/Wash Hands

8:35-8:50 - Morning Work/Attendance

8:50-9:10 - Circle Time

9:10 - 10:00 - Snack/Recess

10:00-10:50 - Small Group Activities/Centers/Art Projects

10:50-11:00 - Half Day Students Pack Up/Bathroom Break

11:00-11:30 - Lunch

11:30-12:00 - Recess/ Half Day Dismissal

12:00-12:15 - Bathroom Break/Nap Set Up

12:15-1:00 - Naptime

1:00-1:30 - Pack Up Nap/Bathroom Break/Snack

1:30-2:15 - Enrichment

2:15-2:30 - Pack Up/Dismissal

Star Student of the Week

Starting in September, we will begin to highlight a new student each week. On the Friday before we will send home the “All About Me” poster.

Monday - Please return your child’s “All About Me” poster with a few photos (6 or less).

Wednesday - Show and Tell. Your child may bring in one of their favorite items from home to share (item must fit in their backpacks).

Friday - Parent Reader @ 10-10:30. If this day/time does not work for you, please email me and we can reschedule for a different day. Please be sure to sign in upstairs, have your temperature taken in the main office, and wear a mask down to the classroom.

***Parent readers must be virtus trained.

Thank you for helping us honor your child as Student of the Week!

Sincerely,
Miss Holden and Mrs. Sandfoss