



Hello Trinity Lutheran Preschool Families,

August 2017

Welcome to the 2017-2018 academic year. Classes will begin after Labor Day. We will use the Orientation/First Day of School model which we found makes it easy for your child to adjust to a new routine, classroom, and teachers. We are able to give your child more individualized attention by dividing the classes into smaller groups for their all-important-first-day-of-school.

On all days we will have the full morning schedule **9:30 a.m. to noon**, but your child will attend school **only those days highlighted below** that first week.

From then on, your child (and the entire class) will attend according to the number of days (1, 2, 3, or 4) you registered for. At anytime, you may talk to Mrs. Franzen about increasing the number of sessions your child attends per week.



The first day for Wednesday afternoon sessions will be September 13 — **no Wednesday pm on September 6.**

_____’s First Day of School/Orientation Week is	
Tuesday September 5, 2017	Thursday September 7, 2017
Wednesday September 6, 2017	Friday September 8, 2017

If you have any preschool concerns or questions about the above or anything else, please don’t hesitate to call Mrs. Franzen at home (610-678-7330).

Here is a typical morning’s schedule:

- Small-groups
  - Play at centers, artwork, individual & small-group instruction in language arts and math; potty break
- Snack
  - Independent reading, quiet time
- Large-group (on-the-move and sit-down) gathering
  - Large muscle skills (hopping, jumping, balancing)
  - Creative movement, movement with music, singing
  - Greeting, calendar, weekly themes
  - Learning games
  - Read-aloud story time

Here is a typical Wednesday enrichment afternoon schedule noon to 3 p.m.:

- Lunch (lunch box from home)
- Rest, stretch, and wiggle time
- Story time
- Enrichment Project (Science, Fine Arts, Literature)
- Group active/exercise games (indoor and outdoor)
- Snack
- Group/small group quiet/academic games
- Read aloud



The school session begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 12:00 noon. Please bring children no earlier than 9:20 a.m. To avoid confusion in the classroom, please say good-bye to your child in the hallway and, at noon, wait for him or her in the hallway. If everyone cooperates, adjusting to being away from parents is smoother and fairer for everyone. (Sometimes, exceptions have to be made.) Mrs. Franzen or Mrs. Gilman will try to be available to speak with you in the hallway if you have a message for us. In October we will have an “official” Open House and in winter (PreS) and spring (PreK) we will have

Parent/teacher conferences. In addition, we have Halloween, Christmas, and Farewell Programs for family. Of course, you are welcome to observe our classroom activities at anytime.

On your child’s first day of school, please bring a complete change of clothing for your child which can be kept at school in an individual box we provide. A schoolbag for everyday will be handy for carrying artwork and papers. (Please be sure it is big enough for a 9" x 12" piece of paper and that your child can open and close it by him/herself. Less compartments are better.)

Please try to put your child's name on "everything" when possible (schoolbags, jackets, umbrellas, books).

Please note, for students registering in spring, September tuitions were due June 1st to reserve your child’s place. (If you are receiving this letter, we are holding a place for your child. If your plans have changed, please let us know immediately.)

For students registering in summer, September’s tuition is due with the registration fee. October’s tuition is due the first week of school. See the website [www.TrinityWernersville.org](http://www.TrinityWernersville.org) for tuition amounts and the mailing address. A drop box for tuition payments will be available at the Preschool classroom starting in September. If you have questions about your tuition payments, please call Mrs. Karen Gilmer (610-823-4802).

During the first week of school, your child will bring home a September Newsletter and Snack Calendar, and a Preschool Handbook (unless you have already received one) with more helpful information. Also, enclosed is a list of skills your child should be practicing which will help them be successful at school.

Enjoy the rest of summer.

We are looking forward to seeing you soon,



**Teaching Staff:** Mrs. Franzen, Mrs. Gilman, and

**The Preschool Board:** Pastor Julie Osterhout, Karen Gilmer, treasurer; Kevin Kurtz, Robin Rapp and Lori Shoumlisky