



### ***Welcome to your child's Promise Preschool home-class!***

This is their place to explore new things, create new friendships and gain new confidence! It's my job to make learning fun. It is your child's job to play! They love their job and will be learning so much through guided play and seatwork. I am beyond blessed to meet you both and to have this opportunity to guide your child into the wonderful world of learning and exploring! Here's some of what your child's new learning world will look like and here's a few answers to questions you may have:

#### **What do I do when I drop off? Make drop off quick, easy and smooth:**

- 1. Let yourself into the front door and hang backpacks and/or sweaters up on the hook. Do not knock. Please come-walk-right-in:** Drop off is between 8:25-8:35am. Backpacks are not a required item, but if we are walking to the park your child can carry their water bottle in their own backpack. Again, I will not be greeting at the front door so please let yourself in between 8:25 and 8:35.
- 2. Place a sippy cup or non-spill water bottle, with their name on it, on the counter top in the kitchen. And if you have a pre-assigned show and tell item, place it in the basket as well.** I will put a note in their folder so you will know when and what to bring for the show and tell.
- 3. Your child will go into the playroom (or outside) for 30 min. playtime and circle-time learning and then to the backyard depending on the weather outside.** I will be with the children in the playroom and I will encourage your child to join us. Please encourage them to immediately step right in and play. This will help them gain confidence! Often children mimic us. If we appear timid and reluctant to say good-bye so will they, if we are calm and confident they will learn to be as well!
- 4. Say your SHORT goodbyes** – feel free to tell your child you'll see them after they've had "some time to learn and play". Please promptly depart- if you linger they may have too much time to start to think about the separation and begin to feel emotions that they don't need to feel if you promptly and confidently leave. Your example shows the child you are confident they will have fun and that you will be back soon. If your child shows some emotion I encourage you to depart anyway. It has been my experience that as soon as the parent leaves the child self-calms and the transition is easier.
- 5. If your child brings a toy it must be ONE TOY. You or your child must let me know up front if the toy is special and they do not wish to share it. Otherwise I will ask them to share if another child is interested in the toy. PLEASE ONLY ONE TOY.** More than one toy may cause a distraction, get misplaced or even broken. If the toy is a distraction it must go into the cubby for the remainder of class.
- 6. Show and tell items that you bring from home, you will place in the paper bag. A note will be on the bag stating what the theme is for show and tell.** At home, you place the item

into that bag and when you arrive at school have your child put the bag into their cubby. (Show and tell Items that may be assigned could be about the child or begin with a certain letter or reflect a shape, season or holiday!)

7. **If it is your snack day, place any snacks on the counter top in the kitchen.** Don't put it in the fridge, I will do that promptly after you leave. **Please sign-up on the schedule** that will be up on the information board in the hallway.
8. **Weather permitting on Wednesdays we MAY choose to walk to Amberwood Park around the corner.** We would depart around 9am so if you'd like to join us you may stay and walk with us or meet us at the park! Parent permission is implied and written in the promise preschool agreement.

### **What do I do when I pick up?**

1. **Pick up is promptly between 11 am – 11:15** We will be playing in the play room or doing games. We may be in the middle of a game. DO NOT wait until we are finished with the game, they know it is a parting game. Instead once your child sees you encourage your child to come with you and gather your child's backpack from the coat rack and get a water bottle on the kitchen counter top.
2. **BE SURE to gather your child's papers inside their folder in the cubby.** Put the folder back into the basket (folder remains here.) You may choose to purchase a folder to keep these papers in your child's backpack. A backpack is not a required item but it may help your child learn the responsibility of carrying their own things to the car.
3. **Please pick up your child quickly no later than 11:15am.** If the reason for being more than 15 mins late is not a verifiable emergency a late fee will be applied (see parent agreement).
4. **If you have questions feel free to text or call me at your earliest convenience.** I will be happy to chit chat for a few minutes after class or in more detail with less interruptions over the phone with you! I have a **parent information board** in the hallway that may help answer questions you may have so check there too. On the information board I will post the class curriculum, school calendar, snack assigned sheet, and any other helpful information.
5. **When you arrive home, look inside the child's backpack and see the child's work.** Look for any special notes from me in the folder. Discuss what they've learned that day, talk with them about any challenges that they may have had too. This is a great teaching and training, listening and praying opportunity for you. Lastly, end on a good note by talking to them about what they enjoyed the most! At that time gather any show and tell item, put it in the brown bag and put it into the child's backpack. This will excite them to **look forward to their next Promise Preschool Christian home class!**