



Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome to a brand-new school year at The Children's School! We are so excited to get started and welcome your sweet children back into the building. The teachers have been hard at work rearranging, decorating, and getting their classrooms ready to make your little ones feel right at home.

We'll kick things off with our first theme, "All About Me!" This is always a favorite because it celebrates how wonderfully unique each child is. We'll talk about family, friendship, feelings, senses, pets, and even explore the town and country we live in. It's all about learning how to take care of ourselves and one another-and we've got lots of hands-on fun planned!

Please remember to check your child's folder each day for lesson plans, notes, and their wonderful creations-they're always so proud to show off what they've made!

Inside your folder, you'll also find updated registration and information forms. Please fill those out and return them along with an updated immunization record. (We're audited annually by the Health Department, so those need to be current.) If you're a new parent and already completed these this summer, you're all set. Also, if your address or phone number ever changes during the year, please be sure to let me know. We need to be able to reach you quickly in case of an emergency-thank you!

You'll also find a copy of our updated Parent Handbook. Please take a few minutes to look through it. A few things have changed, and if you have any questions at all, I'm happy to help.

We are thrilled to bring back some of our favorite enrichments this year! The Catawba Science Center will be visiting monthly to explore nature and science with our 3s, 4s, and Pre-K classes. We'll also continue with music with Ms. Rose and yoga with Ms. Kellie-the kids love it, and so do we! And we are truly blessed to have Ms. Debra Hill leading our chapel time with the Pre-K class. She does such a beautiful job helping us share the love of God with the children. These extras bring so much joy and meaning to our preschool days, and we thank you for your support in making them possible.

Just a quick reminder: Our school day runs from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Doors open at 9:00, and we aim to start circle time right at 9:15. Being on time really helps set the tone for the day! We also ask that you pick up promptly at 1:00pm, so teachers can clean up, prep for the next day, and tend to their own families. If you ever need to chat with your child's teacher, please just set up a time that doesn't interrupt classroom time-they'll be glad to talk with you!

We'll continue to use the ClassDojo app again this year as our main form of communication. Be on the lookout for a text invite to join your child's class. We'll post updates, reminders, and plenty of photos through the app, so please make sure your notifications are turned on! We kindly ask that you avoid texting teachers on their personal phones. Their scheduled hours are 8:30 to 1:30, so messages outside of those times may not be answered until the next school day.

Thank you for choosing The Children's School. We're honored to teach and care for your children, and we promise to do it with joy, patience, and lots of love.

If you have any questions at all, just reach out-I'm always happy to help.

With love,

Tamara Blevins
Director