

# July–August Newsletter 2025



## Welcome to Preschool

We are so glad you chose our school for your child! Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns about our upcoming year. Here are a few reminders as we finish the summer and prepare for this fall...

### Backpack / Totebag

Please provide a backpack or tote bag for your child with their name clearly marked. This bag will be used for teacher communication, art projects, and other items that come home.

### Supplies

We use community supplies in class. If you would like to donate supplies we are always in need of white glue sticks, crayons, disinfecting wipes, markers, washable paint, and construction paper.

## Refer a Friend!

We have a few spots left in both our 5 Day and 3 Day classes. You get \$50 off September tuition if you refer a family who registers. Share our preschool family with your own family and friends!

[yakimagrace.com/preschool](http://yakimagrace.com/preschool)

## Contact Us



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## Mark Your Calendar

### August 27

**Parent Orientation**  
6–7pm Garden Room

Childcare provided for  
ages 6 and under

### August 28

**Meet Your Teacher Day**  
Come between 9–11am on  
Thursday, Aug 28 to meet  
your teachers, see your  
classroom, and get ready  
for the first day of school!

### Sept 2 & 3

**First Day of School**  
Doors open at 8:50am!

If you attend 5 Days,  
your first day is Sept 2nd!

If you attend 3 Days, your  
first day is Sept 3rd!

## Preschool Board Invitation

Our preschool is governed by a preschool board that includes myself and several volunteers from the church and community. We manage the major areas of the school: the budget & staff, fundraising, and special events. If you are interested in joining the board for any of these areas, please let me know. If you would like to come to a meeting to see what we're all about, email or call me for our upcoming meeting date & time.

## Back to School Practice

Parents always ask what they can do to help their child be successful in school. One of the major goals of preschool is to teach our students independence. By taking some time at the end of summer to introduce these ideas at home, it creates a smoother transition into our routines:

- Helping put away toys
- Using words to express needs, wants, and displeasure
- Wiping themselves & washing hands in the bathroom
- Putting on shoes and coats independently
- Zipping coat zippers
- Waiting their turn with a happy heart
- Sitting still to listen to a story

We will work on mastering these skills all year. We are partners with you on this journey. And we always appreciate the extra support from home!

## Birthday Celebrations

We celebrate every student's birthday as close to the actual day as possible. For summer birthdays, we celebrate half-birthdays (June in December, July in January, and August in February). Students will be special helper and receive a special birthday crown. Parents are invited to stay for some or all of the morning to celebrate. For birthday celebrations, students can bring something special for snack like cupcakes or donuts.

## Special Helper Snack Ideas

Students are responsible for providing a snack on their special helper day, about once a month. We will let you know if there are any allergens to avoid.

Snacks should be simple and kid-friendly. We ask that they be low in sugar when possible. Here are some ideas:

- Apple Slices
- Cheese & Crackers
- Berries & Yogurt
- Mini Bagels & Cream Cheese
- Hummus & Veggies
- Chips & Mild Salsa
- Granola Bars
- Popcorn & Veggie Sticks
- Applesauce & Pretzels

If your child has allergies or special dietary needs, you can provide a stash of snacks for your child that we will keep on hand in the classroom for occasions when they cannot eat the snack provided.