



Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year at Prairie Pals Christian Preschool. We are thrilled to have you as part of the family and look forward to an exciting school year.

Security deposits are due by August 20; see details in the Parent Handbook. **Your security deposit is different than your Enrollment Reservation Fee which was paid at your time of enrollment.** If you have questions regarding your security deposit, please call our office or visit our website; www.prairiepals.org.

Tuition payments are due on the first of each month. Payments received after the seventh of the month will incur a \$15 late fee, **which accrues weekly until payment is made.** Tuition and security deposit payments can be made by exact cash, check (payable to OCF) or PayPal. **We are unable to process credit card payments in the office.**

Meet the Teacher will be on Monday, August 27 from 9:30a-10:30a for the MWF/M-Fa 4s classes, and from 1:00p-2:00p for our PreK/M-Fp 4s classes. The TT classes will have Meet the Teacher on Tuesday, August 28 from 9:30a-10:30a. Class lists will be posted at this time and you will meet in your child's classroom. Please bring your student with you to meet their teacher and classmates. You will have the opportunity to take pictures at this time and capture the beginning of the school year excitement!! **Please make sure you check with the staff in the Large Motor Room before you leave the Meet the Teacher session.**

We will host a parent only Orientation Night on Tuesday, August 28 from 6:00p - 7:00p. You will meet in your child's classroom and partake in an information session with plenty of time for questions and answers. **We will be hosting a Chipotle restaurant night on August 28 as well to make dinner a breeze.**

The first day of school, will be on Wednesday, August 29 for MWF, M-F and Pre-K classes; and Thursday, August 30 for TT classes. We will begin normal pick-up and drop-off procedures. Please enter the lot on the south end of the building and pull around to door #5. Staff will collect the children from the **passenger side** of the vehicle and then bring them into the building through door #5. We do not buckle or unbuckle your child. Please remember we are a school zone so keep your speed to 10 mph, and refrain from using your cell phone. Also please stay to the right when entering the shared driveway and **do not block the parking lot entrance.** We have childcare families and staff that need access to our parking lot throughout the day.

Your child will need to bring a **full size backpack to school each day with their first and last name printed on or in it.** We ask you **not** to purchase backpacks that have wheels. Please make sure to keep a weather-appropriate change of clothes, including underwear and socks, in a Ziploc with your child's name on it, in your child's backpack at all times. In order

to minimize the chance of injury, we are also asking you to have your child wear sneaker-type shoes to school.

We are asking all students to bring the following supplies to orientation. All supplies must be in their original **unopened** package.

Copy paper reams (2)	Children's scissors (1)
Multipacks cups, 5 ounce, not Styrofoam (2)	Elmer's glue sticks, multipack (1)
Hand soap (2)	Elmer's glue bottle (2)
Paper towels, multipack (2)	Crayola washable markers (1)
Napkins (1)	Children's chubby paint brushes (1)
Tissues (1)	Loose leaf construction paper (1)
Non-coated paper plates, large or small (1)	Baby wipes, large container (1)

*We will provide you with a clear plastic home folder to be kept in the backpack, with child's name on it. This home folder will be used for correspondence between parent and teacher (Incident Reports, tuition payments etc). We encourage our families to check backpacks every school day; beautiful projects are coming home as well as important school information. **Please keep the Home Folder in your child's backpack all year, as this is the only spot the teacher will be checking daily for any correspondence from home.**

Please also bring in the following supplies based on your child's class:

2's & 3's

Do-a-Dot bingo daubers
Googly eyes (large)
Card Stock (1 pkg)
Cotton balls
White lunch bags
Large Crayola crayons
Tissue Paper

4's

Fingerpaint paper
Pom poms
Ink pads (washable/large)
Play Doh
Beads
Regular Crayola crayons
Sandwich Size Ziploc Bags

Pre-K

Glitter
Sequins
Note Cards (1 pkg)
Pipe cleaners
Heavyweight drawing paper
Expo Markers
Large loose leaf construction paper

Once a month we have Prairie Pals Spirit Wear days. We have attached two Spirit Wear links to this email. The 1st is a flyer to show you the available styles and the 2nd is a link to the online ordering website. We will not be taking order forms at school this year, you must click the link to order. **The due date for Spirit Wear orders is September 2nd (no late orders will be accepted).** All shirts will be delivered to the school in mid-September.

We look forward to working with you to make this a wonderful year for your child. Once again if you have any questions, please call (630-551-7143) or email msleslie@prairiepals.org and we will be happy to assist you.