



Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year at Prairie Pals Christian Preschool. We are thrilled to have you as part of the family and look forward to another fun-filled school year. If you still have registration paperwork to turn in, there is a bin in the vestibule open M-F 6:30a-4:30p.

We are excited to see everyone for Orientation! **Teacher assignments are listed the week prior to Orientation on Kangarootime's parent app: [KT Connect](#).** Please come to the Orientation designated for your child's enrolled class based on the schedule below.

<u>CLASS TIME</u>	<u>ORIENTATION TIME</u>
MWF 9:00a	Monday, August 31 @ 9:00a
MWF 9:30a	Monday, August 31 @ 10:30a
M-F 4s 9:30a	Monday, August 31 @ 10:30a
All Pre-K	Monday, August 31 @ 12:00p
TT 9:00a	Tuesday, September 1 @ 9:00a
TT 9:30a	Tuesday, September 1 @ 10:30a

The first days of school are Wednesday, September 2 for MWF, M-Fa and all Pre-K classes; and Thursday, September 3 for TT classes. Normal pick-up/drop-off procedures begin then.

Drop off/Pick up Procedures:

- Enter the lot at the south end of the building and pull around back to door #5.
- Stay to the left when entering the shared driveway and **do not block the parking lot entrance**. We have families and staff that need access to our parking lot throughout the day.
- Unbuckle your child when you are safely in the car line. We do not buckle or unbuckle your child.
- Staff will escort the children from the **passenger side** of the vehicle into the building through door #5.
- Remember we are in a school zone so keep your speed to 10 mph. There are children frequently crossing between the building and the playgrounds.
- Have your KT Connect app open/ready when a staff member comes to your car.

A security deposit, half of one month's tuition payment, is due August 31 and will be auto deducted through Kangarootime. **The security deposit is different from the Enrollment Reservation Fee which was paid at your time of enrollment.**

Tuition payments are automatically withdrawn by Kangarootime on the first Monday of each month. Invoices will be auto generated and e-mailed to you from Kangarootime two (2) days prior to the automatic withdrawal date. Payments that fail to process successfully may incur a late/dishonor fee. Please see the [Preschool Handbook](#) for further details regarding financial information or reach out to the office with specific questions.

Your child will need to bring a **full-size backpack to school each day labeled with their first and last name**. Within the backpack, keep a weather-appropriate change of clothes, including underwear and socks, in a labeled Ziploc bag always. In order to minimize the chance of injury, have your child **wear sneaker-type shoes** to school.

Prairie Pals will provide a clear plastic home folder to be kept in the full-sized backpack. This home folder will be used for correspondence between home and school. **Keep the Home Folder in your child's backpack all year - this is the only spot the teacher will be checking for correspondence from home.** Please check backpacks every school day; beautiful projects are coming home as well as important school information.

As a reminder, EVERY person that will be dropping off/picking up your child needs to have their own Kangarootime login and pin number. **Before the first day of school, download the KT Connect App for parents and set up your account.** Kangarootime is used for security purposes for checking in/out of children and for all our digital communication.

We look forward to a wonderful year with your child! If you have any questions, please call 630-551-7143 or email Ms. Natalie at PSDirector@prairiepals.org or Ms. Kelly at FrontDesk@prairiepals.org. We will be happy to assist you.

School Supplies:

All supplies must be in their original **unopened** package. **School supplies can be dropped off on Mondays starting August 3 between the hours of 9:00a-noon.** Any remaining supplies can be brought to Orientation.

ALL STUDENTS:

Plastic Forks (1 pkg)
Plastic Spoons (1 pkg)
Tissues (2 boxes)
Storage Bags (1 box/gallon sized)
Non-Coated Paper Plates (small)
Paper Towels (2 multipacks)
Plastic Cups (5oz sized/2 pkgs)
Hand Soap (2 containers)
Baby Wipes (2 large containers)
Coffee Filters (basket type/2 pkgs)

Copy Paper (2 reams)
Elmer's Glue Sticks (8 pack or more/purple)
Elmer's School Glue (1 bottle)
Crayola Crayons (2 Large sized/8 count boxes)
Crayola Washable Markers (2 pkgs/Classic Colors)

ALSO BRING BASED ON CHILD'S CLASS:

2's & 3's

Loose Leaf Construction Paper
---(1 pkg / multi or single colored/9x12)
Play Doh (1 set)
Paint Brushes (jumbo/chunky sized)
Training Scissors
---(ergonomic handle w/ metal blade)
Thermal Laminating Pouches
Napkins (1 pkg)

4's

Paint/Bingo Daubers
Cardstock (1 ream/any color)
Ready to Learn Jumbo Stamp Pad (any color)
Sticky Tac (1 pack)
Watercolor Paper
Small Acrylic craft paints (multipack)

Pre-K

Glitter (1 large bottle or 1 multipack)
Heavyweight Drawing Paper (white)
Tissue Paper (1 pack/solid color)
Crayola Watercolor Paints (1 palette)
Google Eyes (medium or large sized/1 pack)
Bubbles (1 container)

Prairie Pals Christian Preschool School Calendar 2026-2027

Day	Date	Event
M	August 3 - August 31	Supply Drop-off Mondays; 9am - 12pm
W	August 26	Ice Cream Social; 4:30-6:00pm
M	August 31	Preschool Orientation: MWF, M-Fa and all PM classes
T	September 01	Preschool Orientation: TTh classes
W	September 02	First Day of Preschool: MWF, M-Fa and all PM classes
Th	September 03	First Day of Preschool: TTh classes
M	September 07	No Preschool - District 308 Closed - Labor Day
	September 21 - October 6	Fall Fundraiser: Midland
F	October 02	Trunk or Treat; 5:30-7:00pm
F	October 09	No Preschool - District 308 non-attendance day
M	October 12	No Preschool - District 308 Closed - Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day
Th	October 29	Halloween Party: TTh classes
F	October 30	Halloween Party: MWF, M-Fa classes, all PM classes
M	November 02	No Preschool - District 308 non-attendance day
T	November 03	No Preschool - District 308 Closed - Election Day
W-F	November 18 - November 20	Scholastic Book Fair- Family Night Thursday 5:00-6:30 pm
F	November 20	No Preschool - Parent Teacher Conferences; 2027-28 Preschool VIPP Enrollment
M-F	November 23-27	No Preschool - Thanksgiving Break
	December 1-16	Giving Project- Food Drive
M	December 07	2027-2028 Preschool Legacy Enrollment Kicks Off
W	December 16	Christmas Parties; MWF Classes
Th	December 17	Christmas Parties: TTh, M-Fa, All PM classes
F	December 18	No Preschool - Christmas Program
M-M	December 21-January 4	No Preschool - Christmas Break
T	January 05	Return to Preschool; 2027-2028 Preschool Open Enrollment Begins
M	January 18	No Preschool - District 308 Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Th	February 04	Vision and Hearing Screening: TTh classes, All PM classes
F	February 05	Vision and Hearing Screening: MWF, M-Fa classes
Th	February 11	Valentine's Parties: TTh classes
F	February 12	Valentine's Parties: MWF, M-Fa, All PM classes
M	February 15	No Preschool - District 308 Closed - President's Day
F	February 26	No Preschool - District 308 non-attendance day
Th	March 04	School Pictures: TTh, All PM classes
F	March 05	School Pictures: MWF, M-Fa classes
Th	March 18	Easter Parties: TTh classes
F	March 19	Easter Parties: MWF, M-Fa, All PM classes
M-M	March 22 - March 29	No Preschool - Spring Break
T	March 30	Return to Preschool
T	April 6	No Preschool - Parent Teacher Conferences (308 non-attendance day)
Th-F	April 8-9	Fundraiser: Wee Ones Walkathon
M-F	May 3 - May 7	Staff Appreciation Week
Th	May 13	Last Day of Preschool: TTh classes
F	May 14	Last Day of Preschool: MWF & all M-Fa, All PM classes
		Preschool Promotion Ceremony: MWF 4's, M-Fa 4s, All PM classes