

Play and Prep Preschool Newsletter

September 2018



News from the Directors

Welcome Back! We are excited for a new school year! First of all, we would like to welcome all the new families to our school. We hope you enjoy having your children at our school as much as we enjoy teaching them. We are also welcoming new staff members this year - Mrs. Kaitlyn Percherkiewicz and Mrs. Julie Seitz in the 3's am classroom!

Our first fundraiser is the KidStuff coupon book, which now includes a downloadable app to be used anywhere you go! We think it has lots of great offers for our families. We keep 50% profit from each book sold. Share with your friends and neighbors. And show your Play and Prep pride by ordering a t-shirt or sweatshirt for you and your child!

Finally, never hesitate to contact us with your questions or concerns. It is going to be a great year!

Carol Juergemeier & Jody Halley

Important Dates

Sept. 5 - T-shirt orders due

Sept. 7 - KidStuff coupon payment/book due

Sept. 17, 24 - Messy Mondays 9:00 am-11:30 am

(Pre K)

Sept. 19 - No School (Solon SD)



Check out our fundraising page at **Mabel's labels** at www.mabelslabels.com and click on Support a Fundraiser then Find Play and Prep Preschool in the school listing. Great labels to use for school and home. Play and Prep will receive a percentage from your order.

Giant Eagle Apples for Students

Register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card at GiantEagle.com/AFTS

Enter Play and Prep's School ID # 5977

Shop with your Giant Eagle Advantage Card

Heinen's Tasteful Rewards School Program

Register Play and Prep with your Tasteful Reward Card

at heinens.com/schools

In-store at the Customer Service Desk Call our Customer Relations

Department at 1-855-475-2300 ext. 2337

Past participants must **RE-SELECT** Play and Prep by logging in to their

Tasteful Rewards profile.



Pre K Class- Balog

Welcome to Pre K! We are going to have fun learning through play. This month we will get to know one another and make lots of new friends! We will learn about different types of families and celebrate our differences through our All About Me pages! Each child is unique and I want them to see how special they really are! Halfway through the month we will start our alphabet and number journals. Looking forward to a great year!

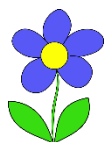
Margie Balog



Pre K Class - Zerk

Welcome back to school! During our first month back, the AM and PM Pre K classes will be getting to know each other as we talk about our names, emotions, families, and new friends. We will explore different forms of self-portrait in art, will begin letter and number studies in a hands-on way, and will get familiar with classroom routines. We always try to get outside as much as possible to enjoy the nice weather, so please take note of bike days and garden days and send helmets and boots when needed. Thank you, and I look forward to the new year!

Laurel Zerk



3's Class - Percherkiewicz

Welcome to Preschool! We are so excited to start our year off exploring the school setting, learning about ourselves, and discovering what it means to be a good friend. We will spend time getting to know our classmates through play and sharing as well as begin learning our letters, numbers, colors, and shapes. Art, literature, music, and movement will all be incorporated into our daily routines both in the classroom and during our outside exploration time! We look forward to a fantastic year of learning through play!

Kaitlyn Pecherkiewicz



3's Class - Schofalvi

Welcome to the 3's class! Our AM and PM three year old students will be getting to know each other by discuss their favorites in many categories, telling about their families, demonstrating what

friends do, and exploring and experimenting with apples, fruits and vegetables during their first month. Their "Must Do" jobs each week will have them exploring the variety of centers in our classroom - Language/Literacy, Math & Science, Fine Motor, Gross Motor, Dramatic Play and Creative Art. We will be singing and moving/dancing every day, as well. Show & Tell, each Friday, will allow them to share special items of importance to themselves. We are so excited to start the year!!! Dress for Mess!!!

Teresa Schofalvi



2's Class

Welcome to our 2's class! Our two year olds will be exploring our many centers in order to become aware of their new learning environment. We will focus on body parts, apples, fruits and vegetables this month. We will be reading, singing and dancing every week. Caregivers will enjoy the opportunity to put away their phones and be able to engage in their child's activities, connect with each other and share strategies and ideas for continual development of their children. I am excited to get you started on your preschool career!!! Dress for Mess!!!

Teresa Schofalvi



Extended Day

We are starting off the new school year in extended day with All About Me and the community around me! This will include getting to know each other, our friends and families, our community and the people and transportation around us.

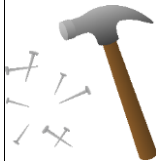
Margie Balog and Lesley Perlberg



Science

Welcome to the start of a new school year! Spiny, our school pet, is excited to come back! Hopefully your children are ready for some (messy) fun in Science. We will be starting off the year learning about animals and what makes them different.

Sally Chapek



Woodshop

We are excited to get back to tinkering in Woodshop! Not only will we be hammering and using screw drivers, but this year we will be trying some new woodworking tools like microplanes for sanding and hand drills for making holes. We will make some classroom games with these tools and items for the learning garden. Your child will have some creative take-home wood creations too.

Sally Chapek and Emily Johnson



Music

We will be starting off the new year exploring the instruments that live in the music room! We will be making beautiful music together as we enjoy the drums, bells, cymbals, maracas and more.

Lesley Perlberg



Creative Movement

Run, skip, hop, and jump! I am looking forward to getting your child moving this year in Creative Movement! We will use fun games to practice balance, coordination, and gross motor skills. I'll bring in pool noodles, balloons, and hula hoops to try new sports and movement patterns. It's physical education with a twist! Be sure to check your classroom calendar for Creative Movement day so that your child has athletic shoes and is ready to burn some energy.

Emily Johnson

Healthy Habits

"Wash your hands!" is a phrase that parents and teachers use multiple times per day. According to the Centers for Disease Control up to 80% of all infections are transmitted by hands. With our preschoolers being in close proximity to each other at school and sharing toys and games, teaching proper hand washing techniques is important to prevent the spread of germs and keep our students healthy. What's the proper technique? It is recommended that you thoroughly wash your hands with warm running water and soap for at least 20 seconds. If clean water is not available, an alcohol-based hand sanitizer can be substituted. Some quick tips to help your preschooler become a better hand washer:

- **Talk about when:** Explain when your child should wash their hands including before you eat, after the bathroom, and after playing outside.
- **Be a role model:** Children are more likely to wash their hands if they see you modeling proper hand washing.
- **Talk about why and how long:** You can explain how hand washing removes germs that make us sick. Show your child the difference between hot and cold water and how much soap to use. To help understand the concept of time, you can sing Happy Birthday or the alphabet song twice while washing hands.
- **Make it fun:** You can buy brightly colored or fruity scented soap that may entice your child to wash their hands more thoroughly.

At Play and Prep Preschool, we wash our hands as a class at the beginning of the day before entering the classroom as well as before snack, after playing outside or using the bathroom. We will work with your children to better hand washers so that we can have a healthy school year!