



# Welcome to Tilden Community Preschool!



Hello Preschool Families!

We are looking forward to working with you and your child in the upcoming 2023-24 school year!

**Please read the following important information regarding the school year.**

- **Preschool classes** start the week of Sept. 11, 2023.
- **Meet and Greets** is a time prior to school starting where you and your child can meet your child's teachers and visit the classroom. These are scheduled individually with families and will be held Sept. 5-7th. Scheduling information will be coming from your child's teacher the week of Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>.
- **Communication** is mainly done through the Seesaw app and/or email. Your child's teacher will give information on how to set up you Seesaw account.
- **Drop off and pick-up** information is detailed on another document that you will be receiving.
- **Immunizations** must be turned in prior to the start of school. State mandate requires immunization forms to be completed and turned in before your child starts school. They can be emailed, dropped off or mailed to 310 River St..
- **Authorized Pick-Up Permission** must be added to your account on the Hastings Community Education website. We will **NOT** send your child with someone who is not on this list unless permission is communicated with us prior to the pick-up. This can be done through an email, phone call or note. Additionally, a identification will be asked of the individual picking up your child as part of our safety protocol.
- **Daily classroom schedule** will include large group activities with stories, games, table work, art activities, music and movement, and a free choice time when children can play and learn with blocks, cars, kitchen area, dress-up clothes, playdoh, sensory table, writing center, books, puzzles etc. Active play is in the gym or outdoors.
- **Sections 1 through 10 have snack time every day.** Be sure snacks are nut-free and in their original packaging. Teachers will be communicating their plans with you regarding snacks for the school year.
- **Sections 9 and 10 lunch is provided every day by the child's parent.** Your child's teacher will provide specific information regarding lunch and the all-day classroom expectations.
- **Please notify** your child's teacher if your child will be absent from school.
- **Please do not send your child to school** if a fever is present or your child has vomited within 24 hours of coming to school. If they are on medication for an infection or illness, please check with your doctor about when it is safe to bring them near other children.
- **If your child becomes sick at school, you or your emergency contact will be notified immediately to pick-up your child.** Be sure that the person you list as an emergency contact is someone who can actually come to school if you are unable to do so.

- **Parent involvement** is a key factor in your child's education now and in years to come! You will be encouraged and welcomed into your child's classroom through a variety of opportunities. Please consider becoming a member of the Early Learning Advisory Board (ELAC).
- **Family events and classroom visits/volunteering** will be held throughout the year. More information will be available during the year from your child's teacher.
- **Early childhood calendar** is specifically for early childhood programming. It is aligned with the school district in terms of holidays, breaks, and staff development/workshop days. However, some days are specific to just early childhood. Please reference the early childhood calendar for more information.
- **Parent Teacher Conferences** will be held twice during the year. Please see the school calendar for specific dates.
- **Tuition Assistance** is available to all families who qualify. If this is a need, fill out a fee assistance form on our website.
- **Tuition Payments –Due the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month September-May**  
*Three ways to complete your payment:*
  1. MasterCard and Visa card payments can be accepted by phone at 651-480-7670
  2. Online at [www.hastingscommunityed.com](http://www.hastingscommunityed.com) (auto-pay can be set up here as well)
  3. Make payments in the office or mail them to Tilden Community Center
  4. Please read our Early Childhood Handbook for specific information regarding late payments.
- **School Supplies:** A backpack, 1 wide-lined notebook, 1 folder, and 1 box of Kleenex.
- **Label items** with your child's name on it, such as backpacks, jackets, hats, mittens boots, etc. to help at dismissal and to avoid lost items.
- **School closings** are announced on Hastings Public School website, KDWA radio (1460 AM) and if possible, through email communications.
- **Please reference the Early Childhood Handbook** located on our website for more detailed information on program policies and procedures.
- **If you have general programming needs or questions,** you can reach your child's teacher through Seesaw and/or email. You can also contact Angie McGinnis at 651-480-7678 or [amcginnis@isd200.org](mailto:amcginnis@isd200.org)

Our program provides learning experiences that foster growth in all areas of development including; cognitive, social/emotional, speech/language, fine and gross motor. We value the development of the whole child!

On behalf of the entire staff at Tilden Community Preschool, welcome to the 2023-24 school year! We look forward to partnering with you in your child's education.

Sincerely,

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