



Welcome



Dear CCS Preschool Friend,

Hello! My name is Mrs. VanValkenburg but you can call me Mrs. V, I am your preschool teacher this year. And I am so excited to get to know you. A little about myself, I am a proud momma to 3 boys, ages 29, 11 and 6. I am also a doting grandmother to 3 amazing grandchildren. I have worked with children for more than 30 years and have acquired my Child Development Associates (CDA) for preschool. I love to have lots of fun and do lots of hands on activities. I hope you had an awesome summer!

I cannot wait to learn all about you and your family this year! We are going to learn so much together, and make lots of new friends, learn lots about Jesus, and of course you will learn all about your letters, numbers and even how to write your name. Our incredible journey will start soon and I am so excited 😊

New Preschool Families, here is a list of things needed for preschool:

- **Extra Clothes:** Accidents do occur at this age. Please place in a Ziploc baggie with your child's name on it. This will stay in their locker to have it on hand, these will need to be changed seasonally or if clothes are used.
- **Gym Shoes:** We are asking for all Kindergartens students have separate gym shoes to leave at school. We will be participating in gym class Mondays and Wednesdays
- **Backpack:** While the little ones are cute, they tend to crumple papers that come home, so a regular size one is best. The first week, we will place a plastic folder in their backpacks to keep papers tidy. Please remove papers **daily** but keep the folder in their backpack. **Note:** No art supplies are needed, we purchase these as needed as part of the Supply Fee you paid at the time of enrollment.
- **Family Picture:** We will hang this in our classroom after showing all our new friends in class (a copy, not the original is preferred).
- **Water Bottle:** Please provide one daily and label it with their name. Every day the new date will need to be changed. They will be sent home every day to be washed and cleaned and ready to be brought back the next day.
- **Naptime Things:** A SMALL pillow (one that will fit in their backpack) and ONE small stuffed animal, is optional or if you feel it's needed. Cots and a blanket will be provided to rest on. Please do not send a stuffed animal that your child cannot sleep without at night. You may consider purchasing a special one just for school! Children use the same cot all year, we sanitize cots and wash school blankets weekly. We will send all nap items from home on Friday to be washed and brought back on Monday.

- **Cold Lunch and Drink:** If you choose to send in a cold lunch, please provide all the utensils needed for that lunch. Cold lunches will be set on a cart and placed in our preschool fridge so please label with new date daily. A hot lunch will be available to order monthly on our Facts system.
- **Daily Snacks:** We are asking that 2 snacks are provided from home each day for your preschooler. We will have a snack time at about 9:00 a.m and also a snack after rest time at about 2:00p.m. We will provide a zippered reusable bag for the snacks so that its easy for you to just place snacks in and send back to school each day. We ask that you please try to remember this snack daily, as we do not keep snacks readily available and might not have snack to provide if forgotten. If your child has any food allergies or sensitivities please let us know.
- **A big smile!** I sure hope you are as excited as I am!

Please, make sure that whatever your child brings to school, **put their name on it.** We try hard, but teachers don't always know what belongs to whom and kids get things mixed up too!

Our school day begins at 8:00 a.m., the doors will open at 7:45 a.m. Please enter and exit through our preschool entrance on the north side of the building for drop off. Pick up is at 2:40 p.m. on the wall by the preschool entrance at the back of the school in the parking lot. We ask that you park and walk up to pick up your student so that you can sign your preschooler out on our iPad sign in/out system.

Our first day of school is Monday, August 24, 2026, with dismissal at 11:20 a.m. We do not have school Friday, September 4 or Monday, September 7.

Please note that any missing forms from your child's file will need to be turned in **PRIOR to the first day of school** in compliance with Michigan regulations. Forms include *Health appraisals* and *Immunization forms*. Unfortunately, they may not start school without these forms on file.

Feel free to contact me anytime if you ever have any questions, concerns or even prayer requests. I love open communication and don't mind at all. Thank you in advance for your support as well. I am honored and feel very blessed to be a part of your family's lives. I look forward to getting to know you and working with you to "train up (your) child in the way they should go so when he is old, he will not depart from it" Proverbs 22:6. **Please find and request to join our Preschool Facebook group CCS Beginnergarten 2026-2027.** We will be posting pictures, upcoming events, and updates. Although we love all extended family members, this page is for parents only to keep our preschool friends safe and secure.

Can't wait to start our amazing year! With God all things are possible.

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