

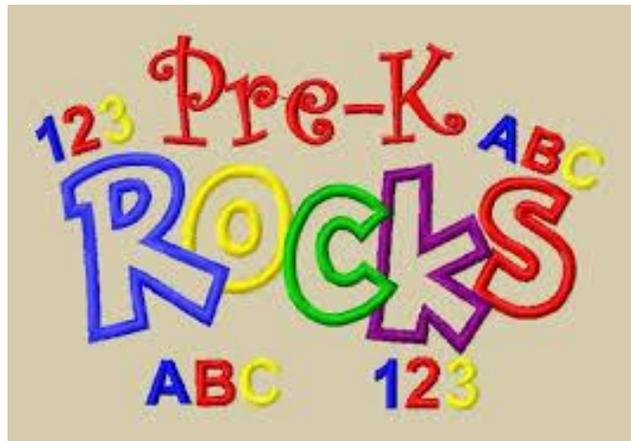
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Pre-Kindergarten Handbook

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You are each different and so special. Please ask Mama or Daddy to read this poem to you soon.

People are Different

It is exciting to meet so many different people in school.
Some will be tall or short, thin or big, but each child will be **Someone Special**.

Some children will learn quickly, and others will learn slowly.
A few will run very fast, and others will lag behind, but each child will be **Someone Special**.

Maybe there will be children in your classroom who have a different color skin than you have.
Some might be dark or light, their hair might be long, short,
Blond, black, brown, or red, but each child will be **Someone Special**.

Some children will get angry easily, a few will talk loudly,
Some will talk so softly you can barely hear them, but each child will be **Someone Special**.

No two children will be the same.
No one will be exactly like you.
You won't be exactly like anyone else.
There are different children where you live and where you go to church.
Now you will meet many more.

Do you ever wonder why God made us so different?
Aren't you glad He did?
Now you can meet 10 or 20 new people.
It will be interesting to know new people.
Each child will be **Someone Special**.

Jesus loved the little children.
That's why he held them closely.
"Then He took the children into His arms." (Mark 10:16, TLB)

by William L. Coleman, *GETTING READY FOR MY FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL*





MISSION STATEMENT

As a Christ-centered college preparatory school, Northpoint Christian School enables our students to:

- **know and honor Jesus Christ**
- **grow in knowledge and wisdom**
- **reach their God-given potential**



Checklist for Beginning Pre-Kindergarten

Beginning school is an exciting time in your child's life. It can also be a very traumatic time for them and you as many adjustments are being made in your family's life. Many parents wonder what their child should be able to do consistently before entering the Pre-Kindergarten program at Northpoint Christian School. The list below should help you to make a decision if your child is ready to begin our program. Please read it over and if your child does not meet these requirements, you may want to think about allowing your child to have a "gift of time" in another situation before entering school. Please remember that Northpoint Christian School is a school setting and not childcare. We hope that the items mentioned below will help you as you make your choice about the place for your child this year

- **All children need to be 3 years old on or before August 1st.**
- **All children need to be "fully potty-trained" before entering school.**
- All children need to be consistently performing independent toilet training habits. (cleaning themselves, etc.)
- Children need to be able to sit in large group time for a 15 minute period.
- Children need to be able to stay in their chair at lunch and snack time.
- Children need to be able to feed themselves. Teachers will be happy to open items they have for lunch.
- Children need to be able to speak in sentences.
- Children need to be able to follow directions and complete an activity.
- Children need to respect authority figures.
- Children need to be able to get along with other children without aggressive behavior. (biting, hitting, kicking, pinching, etc.)
- Children need to be able to rest with the class at naptime.

Each child entering Pre-K will be observed for 2 weeks to make sure that Northpoint Christian School is the place for them to begin their education. You will be notified by their teacher if your child does not seem to be able to adjust normally to this setting.

We look forward to loving and nurturing your child at Northpoint Christian School. Please let us know if there is any way that we can help you through the year.

LANAGUAGE SKILLS

Language skills should be developing at a rapid rate at this age. Children should be using complete sentences and able to verbally communicate to the teacher and the children in an understandable way. Parents need to encourage verbal communication by allowing them to demonstrate these skills at home. Children learn by example.

TEACHERS AND STAFF

The NCS kindergarten teachers are degreed and dedicated early childhood development professionals with whom you have entrusted the care of your child for a large part of the day. Your child's ATTITUDE toward the teachers and school in general will be largely influenced by the RESPECT and DIGNITY your child sees in your comments and conduct toward the teachers and staff.

DAILY CLASS TIMES

Parents are expected to walk their children to their designated class daily and pick up from the classroom at dismissal times.

The PK tuition covers anytime your child is attending scheduled school days from 7 am - 6 pm. Class is from 8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. except on Wednesdays when they are dismissed at 2:30 p.m. for teacher faculty meetings. Trojan Care is available from 7:00 a.m. and until 6:00 p.m. each regular school day. There is care available on certain school holidays for an additional fee. You must reserve the holiday by returning the note sent home to allow for staffing. If you sign up for a holiday you are required to pay for that day.

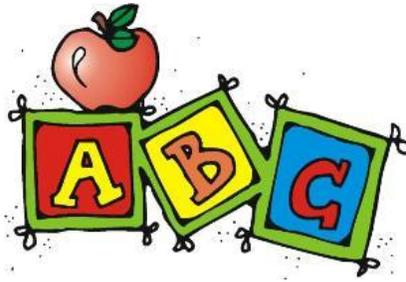
Although the preschool staff may be in the building please do not enter the building until 7:00 a.m. Additional late fees will apply for pick up after 6:05 p.m.

CHECK OUT

If it is necessary for your child to LEAVE SCHOOL OTHER THAN AT NORMAL TIMES, please report to the Preschool Reception Desk for check out. Students will be released only to their parents or a previously designated person. Do not go directly to the classroom. The teacher and student will be notified. If the child returns the same day, the student or parent should report to the Preschool Reception Desk to check back in.

PICK-UP OF CHILDREN

The pick-up of kindergarten children is controlled and monitored by the Preschool Reception Desk. Only the ones authorized on your online Contract of Enrollment will be allowed to pick up your child. Please send a note to the teacher if a different person other than ones previously listed will be picking up. A PHOTO ID WILL BE REQUIRED WHEN PICKING UP.



TROJAN CARE for PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Hours are 7:00 am - 6:00 pm. The class time is 8:15 am- 3:00 pm (2:45 on Wednesday). PK students are covered on regular school days from 7 am - 6 pm. There is no additional childcare needed.

Trojan Care students will receive a snack after school. Students will play outside (weather permitting) participate in crafts, coloring, puzzles, circle time, etc. after 3:00 pm dismissal.

Trojan Care is also offered on Fall Break, two days at Thanksgiving, Christmas Break (not Christmas Eve or Christmas Day), Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day, Spring Break, and Easter Monday. You will receive a note for the opportunity to reserve a place for your child during school holidays. Parents must reserve a spot in advance for staffing purposes on these holidays and are responsible for payment of the days requested.

CLOSINGS

TROJAN CARE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

New Year's Day
Good Friday
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day

Day Before Thanksgiving
Thanksgiving Day
Day After Thanksgiving
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day



REQUIRED FORMS

A copy of a certified birth certificate and current Mississippi #121 immunization form are required **prior to** the first day of school. If there has been a delay, contact the school nurse. The forms must be submitted to the office **NO LATER** than one week after the beginning of school. If additional booster shots or inoculations are given, please send us a copy of the updated immunization form, signed by the health care giver, so that our files can remain current.

CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGES

Please make sure that your child's teacher is aware of any phone number or address changes immediately. This is very important especially in the event of an emergency. If information has changed since the online contract was completed, please contact the school office with the up-to-date information.

LIFE AT HOME

Be sure to let us know if there is an emotional disturbance or physical problem that might influence your child's school life and performance.

LEGAL DECISIONS

Legal decisions regarding issues of *CHILD CUSTODY* will be respected. In fairness to parents and children, legal documentation of the rights of each parent is required to be on file in the office in order to restrict pickup of a child.

CONFERENCES

FEEL FREE TO CALL whenever you feel a conference would be beneficial to you, and we will do the same. We encourage you to confer with the teacher concerning your child, but please do not do so in his/her presence. Be supportive and positive in your conversations about your child's school and teacher and he will be confident and positive also.

POTTY TRAINING

We require that each child be *FULLY POTTY TRAINED* before entering Pre-K (this means no pull-ups worn at school). The child should not need assistance in cleaning himself/herself. If accidents occur on a regular basis, the situation will be evaluated by the Administration regarding further attendance at Northpoint.

NAP TIME

PK students will need a 1"x19"x45" mat which folds to 10"x19" for compact storage. All mats must be covered with a mat cover for comfort and sanitary reasons. Also, send a small blanket and a small crib size pillow. We have very limited storage space and appreciate your cooperation. **PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH A PERMANENT MARKER.** The mat covers, blankets and pillow cases will be sent home the last day of each week to be washed and returned the following school day. Please refrain sending nap toys with your child.

SCHOOL PROPERTY

We strive to maintain the school facilities and property in the most attractive and usable condition, and we expect students to assist in this effort. The parents of any student known to deface or destroy school property will be assessed the full cost of repairs and the student will be subject to discipline.

CLOTHING AND PERSONAL ITEMS

Smocks are provided for activities such as painting. A change of uniform clothing will need to be left at school for each child (seasonal, i.e. shorts-summer, pants-winter) and placed in a labeled zip-lock bag. PLEASE LABEL ALL CLOTHING ITEMS ESPECIALLY SWEATSHIRTS AND JACKETS.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Beginning with the school year 2018-2019, all students in grades PK, JK, and SK must wear standardized uniform dress clothes purchased at Dennis Uniform. This includes all tops, pants, skirts, skorts and all outerwear that is worn in the building during the school day. Any coat may be worn to and from school and also on the playground. The specific items must be purchased from one vendor - Dennis School Uniforms. Additional guidelines are as follows:

- Preschool may wear NCS t-shirts and sweatshirts (that can be purchased in elementary office) along with their uniform bottoms.
- Hair must be neat at all times and such that it does not interfere with normal school activities.
- Boys' hair must be off the collar above the eyebrows, and a portion of the ear must show. Fads such as unusual color, cut or style (including Mohawks or "faux Mohawks) are not allowed.

NCS volunteers manage a Consignment Store where you may purchase slightly used uniforms and/or you may sell your child's uniforms as they out grow them. Dates and times will be announced in the INTOUCH, our weekly emailed newsletter.

NOTE: No dress code can address every issue, fad, or style that may arise; therefore, final authority for clarifying any issue rests with the Administration.



DISCIPLINE

In the matter of discipline and child management, we want to help the child manage himself/herself in a positive way, always working toward self-control and good self-esteem. We respect the individual development of each child. Our teachers will use their best judgment when dealing with the children, understanding that individual personalities and situations require special methods and attention. When teachers need to help a child with his behavior, two basic ways are used - redirection (distraction) and time out (removal from the group). If these two things do not work, it may become necessary to confer with the parents.

All serious discipline problems will be discussed with the parents (ex: biting, hitting, fighting or any harmful acts towards others.) A parent-teacher conference will be requested if deemed necessary to discuss the best way to handle the situation. If the behavior does not improve, the child may be placed on probation for a 2 week period. At the end of this period, the child will be re-evaluated to determine progress made during this time. Please remember that the PK program and the Trojan Care Program at Northpoint is a school setting not a childcare. Northpoint reserves the right to dismiss any child if after entering he/she seems unable to participate in a group setting.

Any pre-kindergarten student receiving two out of four conduct grades of "N" or "U" on his/her skills checklist or who has received discipline by the faculty or administration for a pattern of three or more major offenses will be placed on behavioral probation with the possibility of suspension or dismissal from school should the behavior not improve.

If your child registers at Northpoint after the first 9 weeks of the school year, he/she will be admitted on a probationary basis. After a week of observation by the teacher and assistants, the decision will be made on whether the child is developmentally ready for the academic program that we offer.



COMMUNICATION

CALENDARS will be sent home monthly with important information. Please post these on your refrigerator or bulletin board. The Bible verse being studied each week will be on the calendar. The children are to memorize this verse each week. Please help them each day at home so they will feel good about themselves and be confident when it is their turn to say it on Friday. The calendars will also give the alphabetical letter being studied for the week, the units of study, special happenings, and field trips (dates, times, etc). The calendar will also give the reading sound being studied for the week, the units of study, special happenings, field trips (dates and times) and parent helps. We think you will find the calendar a great source of information.

TAKE HOME FOLDER will be sent home each day with their work and notes. Please be sure this folder comes back to school each day. Occasionally, your child will bring home notices about special school or class events. Please read the notes and let you child know you have read them. Sometimes messages need to be returned. Be sure that the child know about the notice and is reminded to give it to the teacher.

It is very important that forms needing your signature be returned promptly. It saves time when we do not have to call to remind.

LEAVE TOYS AT HOME PLEASE. Please encourage your child to leave toys at home. Do not allow your child to bring toys of violence. Also, small cars, stuffed animals and cartoon characters are easily lost and should be left at home. If your child has something of real educational value, he/she may bring it. We provide many items to help aide in their education. Toys are easily lost or damaged and it is very difficult to control this in a classroom environment. PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR DAMAGED ITEMS.

SKILLS CHECKLISTS are given four times during the school year recording the specific achievements and developmental levels of your child. If we feel that any child needs a "Gift of Time" to grow another year before entering junior kindergarten, this will be shared with you. We want to work hand in hand with you in giving your child the best opportunity for having a successful and rewarding school experience.

IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER will be sent to the email addresses of the parents each Wednesday. The newsletter is also available weekly at www.ncstrojans.com/NEWS/INTOUCH.

TROJAN TEXT is an opt-in program. Parents must text 'ncstrojans' to 955-77. You will receive a text confirming you succeeded registration. NCS will send texts alerting parents of school closings, special announcements, reminders, etc. This is the quickest way to hear important news from the school.

ONLINE PAYMENTS - Throughout the year there may be items offered for purchase like homecoming t-shirts and paying for a field trip parents want to attend. You will log into your SMART Tuition account and look for the "Purchase Optional Items" and search for the item and pay for the activity there.

SNACKS

TREATS AND SNACKS may be brought from home to be shared when there is enough for the entire class. Snacks are especially appreciated when they are related to a sound which they are studying. We suggest that a special snack be sent to celebrate your child's birthday. Please bring as nutrition-minded as possible with the special refreshments. Examples are cheese cut with cookie cutters and can be decorated to become a fun and healthy snack. Also, apples, small oranges, popcorn, pretzels, nachos and dip, fruit juice in different combinations make a fascinating snack.

LUNCHES

Lunch is from 11:15 am - 12:00 pm. Please send a nutritious lunch, high in protein and vitamins. We recommend sending sandwiches, soups, pastas, fruits, and cut up vegetables. A small container of dip could be included. Please send a minimum of sweets. Send hot or cold things in a thermos. You may send a beverage in a thermos, i.e., fruit juice, but milk is provided. Please do not send soft drinks. Cut sandwiches in $\frac{1}{4}$'s. We find that the children will more readily eat the smaller portions. A neat note saying, "I love you and hope you're having a nice day," also adds joy to the members of the lunch bunch.

***A hot meal or a sandwich option is available through the school cafeteria and may be purchased on a monthly basis. Order form and payment must be received in advance. Late payments are not accepted. The cafeteria handles all payments and inquiries about the meal plan. These meals are served in their classroom when the school cafeteria is open.

During holidays from school or $\frac{1}{2}$ day dismissals meals are not served and a lunch must be brought from home.

PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK WITH TEACHERS ABOUT ANY FOOD ALLERGIES IN THEIR CLASSES.
Please let the school know if your child has a food allergy.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **CLASS ROOM PARTIES** include: Pumpkin Patch, Thanksgiving Festival, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter Egg Hunt and End of School.
- The **KINDERGARTEN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** will involve all the children in PK, JK and SK and will be held during the morning hours in December. A Christmas tea time will follow the program. You will be notified of the exact date, time and location of the Christmas program.



GUIDELINES FOR FIELD TRIPS, PARTIES, AND CELEBRATIONS

PARENTS ARE ASKED TO SIGN IN AT THE PRESCHOOL RECEPTION DESK WHERE THEY WILL BE GIVEN A NAMETAG TO WEAR WHILE VISITING NORTHPOINT.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK IS REQUIRED

Parents must complete a criminal background check (cost is \$20 for five years) in order to be involved in the classroom with the students or go on field trips. Form is available in the Elementary Office. You may pay online through your SMART Tuition Management account.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS' FORM

Each parent who will be driving on a field trip will need to submit a completed Volunteer Drivers' Form along with a copy of valid drivers' license and a copy of the insurance card. The license and insurance form are only required if you are carrying other students in your car.

OVERALL ROOM CHAIRMAN

Each class will have an overall room chairman. The classroom teacher determines the responsibilities for this person. Some of the responsibilities may include:

- To contact parents to help plan and help with class parties.
- To contact drivers for field trips.
- To assist with school fundraisers.

PARTY AND FIELD TRIP PARTICIPATION

We believe that having a schedule will enable us to be as organized as possible, have better planned class events and eliminate having some parents do everything while others feel left out. Please let the teacher or overall room chairman know with which parties you will help and on which field trips you can chaperone! If your work schedule doesn't allow you to participate by being here in person, please help by sending items for parties or perhaps by making party favors and sending them to school. You may volunteer these items or the overall room chairman may contact you.

Your involvement will be welcomed and greatly appreciated!



Field Trip!

Things learned through a variety of life experiences are often more valuable than what is learned in an academic setting alone, especially at the kindergarten and primary levels. What may appear to be merely a trip to the zoo or pumpkin patch is an important part of language development. For example, studies show one of the most important factors in reading comprehension is that students be exposed to a broad range of activities and experiences strategically planned. Field trips can also supplement other areas of the curriculum, including math, social studies, and science as well as social skills. You will be notified of the dates and times of field trips. Times will be posted on the scheduled day of each month's calendar. Let the teacher know if you are interested in signing up as a driver for the field trip. If you would like to attend any of the field trips and are not scheduled to drive, let the teacher know and please feel free to join us.

IT WILL BE BEST IF SIBLINGS ARE NOT BROUGHT ON FIELD TRIPS, AS THEY CAN DIVIDE ATTENTION FROM THE STUDENTS. Also, later when the younger siblings are in this grade, the field trip will not be special for them.

A. Safety Rules to Enforce During Transportation

1. Students are to wear the class Northpoint T-Shirts for identification.
2. Students must remain seated in their car seat.
3. Students must keep hands, heads, or belongings away from windows.
4. Students must return from the trip with the same driver/vehicle unless other arrangements are made with the teacher.

B. Parent-Chaperone/Drivers Responsibilities:

1. Please refrain from purchasing items (toys, food, etc.) for yourself or your child when others have none on field trips. The teacher will make provisions for purchases of this nature prior to the trip, if this is to be done.
2. You might be entrusted with the care of several children. Keep these students with you at all times. Please continually "count heads" to make certain your group is intact.
3. Please return promptly to school following every field trip. There should not be any extra stops when you are transporting others to and from field trips. (ex. McDonald's, Wal-Mart, banks, gas stations, etc.) Please plan ahead so no unnecessary stops will be needed.
4. An adult must accompany children into restrooms. If you need to take a child to the restroom, ask a nearby chaperone to watch the remainder of your group or take the whole group with you.
5. Please refrain from smoking while on field trips or playing loud music in the car.
6. Assume the role of the teacher and talk with your group about things being seen in such a way that the trip will have been a good learning experience for the children.
7. Always check in the extra children you are transporting with a teacher upon arrival at the school.

IMPORTANT MEMO FOR CHILD SAFETY

TO: NORTHPOINT PARENTS, GRADES PreK-6th GRADE
FROM: Allison Moffett, Elementary Principal
RE: BOOSTER SEAT LAW

[Mississippi Dept. of Health site simply states](#), "children under the age of 7 years are now required to ride in a **properly-fitting child restraint** at all times."

The actual statute says:

- Children under the age of 4 year must be protected by properly using a child passenger restraint device or system meeting applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards.
- Children at least 4 years of age but less than 7 and who measure less than 4'9" or weigh less than 65 pounds shall use a belt positioning booster seat system meeting applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards. *Please note: Although the RideSafer® does properly position the vehicle's seat belt system it is not technically a booster seat. (The RideSafer brings the seat belt down to the child vs "boosting" them up.) However, the manufacturer, Safe Traffic System, will be releasing a booster seat which has been tested with the RideSafer® just for such cases. This would allow parents the additional safety of the energy absorbing materials of the vest while working within the letter of the law in the few states where the language actually does say "booster seat" rather than a more inclusive language of "child restraint".*

For the sake of consistency, all field trips that grades PreK-3rd grade take, whether in Tennessee or Mississippi, will require that all affected students (age 3 through age 8 and under 5 feet in height) be in a booster seat in the rear seat of your automobile. Likewise, all field trips that grades 4-6 take into the State of Tennessee or Mississippi will require that students be in a seat belt system in the rear seat.

The driver of the car is responsible for making sure those children under the age of sixteen are properly restrained and may be charged and fined \$50.00 for violation of the law. If the child's parent or legal guardian is present in the car but not driving, the parent or legal guardian is responsible for making sure that the child is properly transported and may be fined for non-compliance. This law applies to all automobiles that are driven in the State of Tennessee or Mississippi, whether your car is licensed in Tennessee or Mississippi.

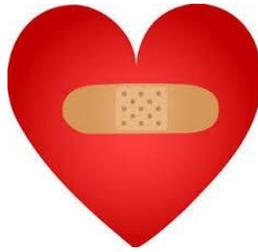
On the day of a field trip for students in grades Pre-K -3rd grade (for those students affected), parents will be asked to bring or send the booster seats to school. If a student does not have his/her booster seat, they will not be allowed to go on the field trip.

ACCIDENTS - INSURANCE

Student Accident Insurance Coverage

NCS has purchased the IS/IT Student Accident Insurance Coverage for each student which covers students in an accidental injury sustained while he/she is under the care and direction of the school. Claim forms and additional information is available in the school nurse's office

In case of an accident or illness to the child, the school nurse/ worker will promptly take such reasonable measures as are, in their judgment, in the best interest of the child and will notify the parent as soon as possible.



ILLNESS OF THE CHILD

We are not able to keep any child who is sick. You would not want us to let someone else's sick child infect yours. You are urged to keep your child at home if he/she shows signs of illness. If a child has a fever of 100 degrees or more, he should not come to school. The child must be free of fever (without the aid of medication like Tylenol) for 24 hours. You are urged to keep your child at home.

If there are excessive amounts of yellowish green nasal discharge, severe or persistent cough, or a sore throat with swollen lymph nodes the child should be kept at home or see a doctor. The child needs to be free of symptoms or have clinical clearance to return to school.

Untreated, watery or draining eyes need clinical clearance to return to school.

If vomiting and diarrhea (two or more loose, watery stools) child must be free of symptoms for 24 hours without the aid of medication before returning to school.

Untreated, exposed, and draining skin lesions should be covered with a clean dry bandage and taped on all four sides or have clinical clearance to return to school.

When your child stays home, please call and let us know the reason for the absence. Please send a note explaining his absence upon his return. Should the child have a serious and contagious illness, we need be notified immediately. The child will not be allowed to return until all danger of contagion is past.



Certain diseases or medical conditions may require the attention of a physician. We want to be notified of this illness.

- **Impetigo** - a skin infection consisting of blisters, surrounded by a reddened area.
- **Conjunctivitis** - an eye infection commonly referred to as "pink-eye". The eye will have unexplained redness and there may be a thick yellow drainage. The child may return when treated and free of symptoms.
- **Strep throat** - a serious throat infection usually accompanied by fever and requiring antibiotics. The child may return after fever is gone for at least 24 hours and the medication has been taken for 24 hours.
- **Chicken Pox, measles, mumps, rubella** and other childhood contagious diseases require careful monitoring and treatment. Children with chicken pox may return when the eruptions have dried and scabbed over.
- **Head lice** - a parasitic infection unrelated to cleanliness or quality of care. The child may return after receiving treatment, provided that the child is free of all "nits" in their hair.
- **Pinworms** - an intestinal parasite, the child may become restless and irritable and complain or be observed as having rectal itching. Children may return after treatment with prescription medications.
- **Bronchitis** - a condition characterized by a severe continuous cough that interferes with activity and well-being.
- **Fifth Disease** - A contagious virus usually occurring in the spring in which intense rosy cheeks may be the only symptom. A doctor's visit may be necessary to rule out scarlet fever. There may be a low grade fever and usually there is intense itching. The rash will disappear in 5 - 10 days. If a pregnant woman becomes infected, it can harm her unborn baby. Your child may return when fever free for 24 hours without the aid of medication.

SHOULD YOUR CHILD BECOME SICK DURING THE SCHOOL DAY YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED.



GUIDELINES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS AT NORTHPOINT

Medications should be limited to those required during school hours and necessary to maintain the student in school. The following guidelines are to protect the safety of your child.

- All medications, both prescription and over the counter, must have written parental consent.
- NO medications will be administered at school without written consent. Handwritten notes from home are not acceptable. The necessary authorization forms are provided in the nursing office and it is the parent's responsibility to complete the form and return it to the school nurse. These forms must be updated every school year and anytime a medication or dosage changes, you must submit an updated form. No changes in the administration of medication will be made until the form is submitted. A physician's signature is required on the authorization form for prescription medications.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS

Prescription medications must be brought to school in the original pharmacy labeled container.

The container shall display:

- Student's name
- Prescription number
- Medication name and dosage
- Administration route or other directions
- Date of expiration
- Licensed prescriber's name
- Pharmacy name, address, and phone number

NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS

All non-prescription medications must be in the original container with a label identifying the medication and dosage schedules listed on the container. No medication may be brought to school in a zip lock bag.

The child's name, grade, and teacher must be affixed to the container.

Please send a note if your child needs to stay in the room during our playground time. Otherwise he/she will be required to go outside. We feel outdoor play is important. We go out weather permitting as long as the temperature is 40 degrees or above.



A Pre-Kindergarten Day

7:00 - 8:00	Greeting, arrival in large group room, play activities
8:00 - 8:40	Free Choice of Activities: puzzles, playdough, coloring, Legos
8:40 - 9:15	Circle or group time: calendar, weather, pledges to flags, devotions, songs, finger plays, letter of the week, number, shape, unit lesson
9:15 - 9:40	Snack and Restroom Break
9:40 - 10:45	Math, science, language arts, manipulatives done in small groups that rotate
10:45 - 11:15	Restroom Break and Outside Play
11:15 - 12:00	Lunch and restroom break
12:00 -12:30	Story time, puzzles music, games/layout nap mats
12:30 - 2:30	Naptime
2:30 - 3:00	Put away nap mats, restroom break, water, and snack
3:00 - 3:15	Review the day, Treasure Chest
3:00	Dismissal except for Wednesday and dismissal is at 2:30
3:00 - 6:00	After school activities begin

*Music and Library classes meet weekly

CHAPEL IS 8:45 AM ON THURSDAY

We ask students to bring \$.25 weekly for mission money. Elementary chooses a different missionary each month to support with our missions money.



PARTIIPATE IN THESE SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES TO HELP NORTHPOINT



- Box Tops for Education - We collect the Box Tops of Education found on many General Mills products. Simply cut out the special labels and send them to the teacher. We have some competitions between grades throughout the year. Each label is worth \$.10 for NCS. Ask your family and friends to clip the box tops also.



- Register your Kroger Plus Shoppers Card and choose Northpoint Christian School as the school to receive funds through their Community Rewards Program. This is the link to the Kroger website to register your card: <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>. Cards must be re-enrolled each year. The school name is notated on the bottom of your Kroger receipts.
- Collect nature items for science areas so that we can change displays frequently and keep the area interesting.
- Collect recyclable items for art and other projects. Any of the following would be helpful: computer paper, yarn, scraps of rickrack or any items that you might think safe and educationally useful. We also recycle "Happy Meal" toys and similar items for the treat box.



PARENTS ARE VERY, VERY IMPORTANT PEOPLE

Dear V.V.I.P.:

It has been said, there are only two lasting bequests we can give our children. One is **ROOTS** and the other is **WINGS**. (copied)

HELPS FOR WING BUILDERS:

Be math conscious. Count objects, assigning one number to each object as your count. Add and subtract using concrete objects like beans, buttons or larger objects the child happens to be interested in.

Read, read, read to your child at home. Talk about the story as you read. Ask questions about the stories to develop listening comprehension.

Please screen the television programs that your child watches. We see so much evidence of the violence to which they are exposed and influenced on television and movies.

Bedtime: Most children are happier the next day if they have bedtime around 8:00 p.m.

Read to your child each night.

Help your child learn about his environment. Take him on trips to the fair, parks, farms, historical places, museums, and other places of interest. Don't overlook your own backyard!

Develop self-confidence and social interaction by visiting friends and having friends over.

Give them tasks to do at home such as taking care of clothing, books and toys, helping with simple housekeeping chores, and maybe helping to care for a pet.

Use clear, correct speech. Encourage your child to speak plainly and clearly.

When your child draws a picture, ask him about it by saying "tell me about your picture." (don't say, "what is that?"). It's an implied put-down, since you've said you can't see what it is.)

When letters begin to appear on their pictures, they are beginning written language. Accept their spelling. Ask them to tell you what their letters say, explaining that sometimes adults don't understand children's words, but that is okay. You might even ask them if they'd like you to write what they've written in another way. The important thing is not to tie down their creative thinking and expression to "accurate adult spelling". It is enough that they are beginning to put sounds together; often just beginning, sometimes ending, and occasionally a middle sound. Display the children's work. Grow a good self-concept in your child!

Answer the child's questions. This is one of his ways of finding out about the world around him.

Begin each day with a good breakfast and encourage your child to brush his teeth after every meal.

Teach your child their name, birthday, address and phone number.

Teach your child to dress himself and to be independent in his toilet habits.

Teach your child to tie his/her own shoes.

Take time with your child. Nothing can be a substitute for this. Affirm good expectations in your child. Be realistic, but positive in your expectations of him. Build good self- esteem. At this point he becomes free to learn.

Talk with your child so that he will look forward with pleasure to his new adventure in school. Have a positive attitude about school with your child. Please do not adopt the attitude that "it's just kindergarten", and casually let him miss school. School begins with kindergarten, and each day is important.

Teach him first and foremost at a very young age this basic truth for all living and learning:

"THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THINE HEART, AND WITH ALL THY SOUL AND WITH ALL THY MIGHT." Deuteronomy 6:5

PARKING LOT PROCEDURES

ATTENTION PARENTS! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

For the safety of your children, please read and follow these rules for the parking lot.

We must have the cooperation of parents, students, and all others responsible for picking up or dropping off students.

Please refrain from cell phone use when loading or unloading passengers. Do not wait in the lanes between the parking spaces.

*There is only one crosswalk at the center walkway. No students or parents should cross traffic in any area other than the crosswalk.

*You may load or unload passengers only in the three lanes closest to the building or in a designated parking space.

*Obey teachers on duty at all times.

*Maximum speed limit on the property is 15 mph.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION AND COOPERATION IN THIS AREA.