

Seed to Sprout NEWSLETTER

September 2026



This Month

I am SO excited that our school year has finally started! I can't wait to see where our learning adventures take us and I'm excited to continue getting to know each one of your kiddos!

September is all about building relationships and making connections with one another. We want our classroom to be a place where everyone feels safe and seen.

Seedlings classes will explore the story "The Elves and the Shoemaker" and meet artist Frank Bowling.

Sprouts will focus on moving our bodies to different types of music!



Why Play?

Play isn't just an activity that fills the time. Play is the **catalyst that ignites development** in young children. That's why we choose to use play as the main teaching method in our classroom.

Birthdays

Sept 2—Gemma
Sept 30—Betty



Important Dates

Sept. 7: Labor Day—No school for Sprouts

Sept. 25: Winter Clothing Rental Request Due*

Oct. 6: Winter Clothing from Home Due*

*Seedlings classes only; see page 3 for details

Podcast



Episode 1—What Really Matters in the Early Childhood Years?

Episode 2—Play-focused Learning and Why it Matters

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FAQS



Late drop-off/Early pick up

Please let me know when you will arrive late or need to pick your child up early.

When you arrive, please park on River Heights and walk to the house. Text me when you get here and I will send you a code to unlock the door. Then, just come in and head downstairs to get your child (my husband works in the office at the front of the house, and I know it feels weird to just walk in, but he's used to it!).

Bonus Days

No tuition was charged for August—those days will serve as bonus days if I ever need to take a day off (3 days for Seedlings, 2 for Sprouts).

Occasionally, I may need to start class late or end early. If this would shorten the day to less than two hours (1 hour for Sprouts), class will be canceled and counted as a bonus day.

My youngest is in her final year of elementary school, and I'd like to be able to attend her school programs before she moves on to middle school. Thank you for supporting me in making time for these important family moments!

Parent Question

I received a great question from a parent that I'm sure others may have wondered:

What happens when several children need help at the same time?

I prioritize safety and the most immediate needs first, while helping children learn to wait briefly when appropriate. I may reassure a child that I see they need help and will be with them soon. These everyday moments are also opportunities to practice patience, problem-solving, and independence.

My husband is also available as an extra set of eyes when needed. He is background checked and does not take on a caregiving or teaching role; he is simply there to help supervise the group when I need to give more in-depth attention to an individual child. Thankfully, there is rarely a need for his assistance, but the kids love when Mr. Joe comes down for a visit!

Pictures

Pictures will be added to albums on GroupMe. It does not notify you when new pictures are uploaded, so you'll have to get in the habit of check the gallery occasionally. Feel free to save pictures, of your child, but please do not share photos of other children on your personal social media accounts even if they are private.