



## Parent Handbook

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### Introduction

New Horizon Preschool is dedicated to fostering a love for learning and nurturing the success of your child for years to come. Grounded in our Christ-centered approach, we prioritize school readiness through hands-on learning experiences. With a philosophy centered on play-based learning, your child will engage in a variety of activities designed to promote academic, social, emotional, and physical growth. From exploring math and science concepts to delving into music and art, we provide a comprehensive educational experience to prepare your child for the journey ahead.

### The Mission of New Horizon Preschool

Our mission is to partner with parents in nurturing children to develop a deep love for God, a profound understanding of His teachings, and to deliver outstanding educational experiences that prepare them for their next level of education.

### The Values of New Horizon Preschool

1. Academic excellence
2. Biblical worldview
3. Affordability

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## The Goals that Support Our Values

1. Our dedicated educators, equipped with creativity and passion, cultivate an atmosphere of purpose, achievement, and reassurance, inspiring academic growth in our students.
2. To infuse a biblical perspective into every facet of the preschool day, delivering impactful biblical instruction to instill practical applications of God's truth and love to each child.
3. At New Horizon Preschool, we prioritize affordability, ensuring accessibility for both current and prospective students, enabling every child to benefit from our enriching educational environment.

## Threes Class

Our Threes Class offers a nurturing and engaging environment where your child will thrive. Through age-appropriate activities and tailored curriculum, we focus on fostering social skills, emotional development, and cognitive growth. Your little one will learn the foundational basics of numbers, letters, shapes, and colors while developing important life skills such as independence and cooperation. With a blend of structured learning and playful exploration, our program ensures that each child receives the support they need to succeed academically and socially. Join us in providing your child with the perfect foundation for their educational journey.

### Readiness Goals for our Threes Class

By the time your child is ready to enter the 4's Class, he or she will meet or exceed the following goals:

- Recognize his/her name.
- Recognize letters A-Z.
- Recognize basic shapes.
- Recognize 10 colors.
- Count by rote to 10.
- Play cooperatively with peers.
- Verbally communicate his/her needs.
- Follow a 2-step direction.
- Begin to hold a pencil properly.
- Draw straight lines and simple shapes.
- Turn a single page in a book.
- Build a tower of 5+ blocks.
- Put together a 4-5 piece puzzle.
- Aim and kick a ball forward toward a target.
- Balance on one foot for 10 seconds.
- Have an 8-10 minute attention span.

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## Fours Class

Our Fours class offers a comprehensive and stimulating educational experience tailored to prepare your child for 5's Class and beyond. Through a balanced curriculum, we focus on enhancing academic skills such as literacy, numeracy, and critical thinking, while also nurturing social-emotional development and fostering a love for learning. Our teachers create a supportive and engaging environment where children are encouraged to explore, discover, and grow at their own pace. With a strong emphasis on kindergarten readiness, our 4's class equips children with the confidence, skills, and knowledge they need to excel in school and in life.

### Readiness Goals for our Fours Class

By the time your child is ready to enter 5's Class, he or she will meet or exceed the following goals:

- Write his/her name with directional accuracy.
- Recognize and write all uppercase letters.
- Recognize all lowercase letters.
- Recognize words that rhyme.
- Recognize and write numbers 1-10.
- Count by rote to 30.
- Recognize an ordinal number pattern.
- Cut with safety scissors on a wide line.
- Copy basic shapes.
- Color inside the lines.
- Play cooperatively with peers.
- Verbally communicate his/her needs.
- Follow a 3-step direction.
- Listen without interrupting.
- Master basic self-help skills, such as putting on his/her own shoes or jacket, zipping, and buttoning.
- Understand and identify basic concepts, such as up/down, left/right, big/little, and others.
- Draw a person with at least 7 characteristics, i.e., head, body, arms, eyes, mouth, ears, etc.
- Describe an item and compare it to another.
- Skip rhythmically.
- Balance and hop on either foot for a minimum of 20 seconds or 4-6 times.
- Catch a ball with two hands.
- Have a 15-20-minute attention span.

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## Fives Class

Our Fives class offers an engaging learning environment designed to help your child build essential skills needed to succeed both inside and out of the classroom. Through a fun and interactive curriculum, we focus on developing academic abilities in reading, math, and critical thinking, while also promoting social-emotional growth and a love for learning. Students are encouraged to work at their own pace, but given personalized challenges to build their foundation and help them grow. We ensure that every child is prepared for the next steps in their education, building the foundation for success in 6's class and beyond.

**By the end of Fives Class, we aim to help each child meet these key goals:**

- Recognize and name all uppercase and lowercase letters of the alphabet.
- Produce and recognize the sounds of each letter.
- Blend sounds together to read simple words and sentences.
- Cooperate with peers, take turns, and share materials.
- Understand and retell key details from a story.
- Express their needs and feelings in a respectful manner.
- Recognize and read high-frequency words (e.g., "the," "and," "is").
- Understand and follow classroom rules and routines.
- Write their name using correct letter formation.
- Show empathy and kindness toward others.
- Write a sentence with appropriate spacing and basic punctuation.
- Follow simple, multi-step directions.
- Draw pictures and write simple words to convey a story or idea.
- Listen attentively to others and respond appropriately.
- Count to 100 by ones and tens.
- Recognize and write numbers from 0 to 20.
- Use scissors safely to cut along a line.
- Solve simple addition and subtraction problems within 10.
- Demonstrate fine motor skills by drawing basic shapes and writing letters.
- Understand the concepts of "more" and "less" through counting objects.
- Speak clearly and share ideas or stories with peers and teachers.
- Participate in physical activities that require coordination, such as hopping, skipping, and balancing.
- Recognize basic shapes (e.g., circles, squares, triangles) and identify their properties.
- Catch and throw a ball with increasing accuracy.

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## Daily Schedules

### Threes Class

#### 9:00 am-12:00 pm

8:55 am Welcome and sign into class!  
9:00 am Free play  
9:15 am Circle Time (songs, attendance, calendar, prayer)  
9:30 am Chapel Time  
9:45 am Learning activity  
10:00 am Snack  
10:15 am Puzzle time  
10:30 am Bathroom time  
10:40 am Recess  
11:00 am 2nd Circle time (stories)  
11:15 am Small group/ free play  
11:40 am Pack up  
11:45 am 3rd Circle time (review)  
12:00 pm Dismissal

### Fours Class

#### 9:00 am-12:00 pm

8:55 am Welcome and sign into class!  
9:00 am Learning centers/ free play  
9:15 am Chapel time  
9:40 am Circle time  
10:00 am Bathroom break and book time  
10:10 am Recess  
10:35 am Snack Time  
10:50 am Read Aloud  
11:05 am Main Lesson  
11:30 am Art & Craft  
11:50 am Last rug time  
12:00 pm Dismissal

### Fives Class

#### 8:30 am-12:15 pm

8:30 am Welcome & Circle Time  
8:55 am Math Block  
9:35 am Literacy Block/Chapel  
10:05 am Bathroom Break  
10:15 am Snack  
10:30 am Writing/Reading Block  
11:00 am Recess  
11:20 am Science/SS/Art  
12:00 pm Circle time  
12:15 pm Pack/ Dismissal

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## Tuition and Fees

### Registration Fees

First time registration (\$115)

Returning student re-enrollment fee (\$65)

### Threes Class Tuition

Four days per week (Monday through Thursday) at \$345.00 per month

Two days per week (Monday & Wednesday) at \$260.00 per month

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### Fours Class Tuition

Four days per week (Monday through Thursday) at \$365.00 per month

Two days per week (Monday & Wednesday) at \$275.00 per month

Two days per week (Tuesday & Thursday) at \$275.00 per month

### Fives and Sixes Tuition

Five days per week (Monday through Friday) at \$470.00 per month

Curriculum fee: (One-time payment, billed in August)

We offer a discount for families with multiple children enrolled. A discount of 10% will be applied to the monthly tuition of each additional child.

### Additional costs that may arise throughout the year (not due at enrollment)

Price varies: School supplies (twice/year)

Price varies: Picture day (Fall and Spring opportunities)

Price varies: Potential field trip(s)

\$25: Graduation fee (yearbook, invites, cap and gown, etc.)

For your convenience, we offer the option to pay online.

\*Prices quoted are for the 2026-2027 school year. Pricing is reviewed annually and may be adjusted for the next school year.

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## Financial Agreement

1. **Tuition payments are due on the 1st of each month.** New Horizon Preschool reserves the right to assess a \$25 late fee for payments made after the 5th of the month.
2. New Horizon Preschool reserves the right to assess a \$25 fee for any check returned by the bank for insufficient funds. If two checks are returned, all future payments must be made in cash or online on or before the due date.
3. Nonpayment of tuition for two consecutive months could result in the forfeiture of the child's enrollment. Records cannot be forwarded to a new school until the outstanding balance is paid in full.
4. **The Threes and Fours Classes end at 12:00 pm. The Fives Class ends at 12:15 pm. A \$10 late fee will be assessed beginning 15 minutes after dismissal and will continue at \$10 for every additional 5 minutes.**
5. No refunds or deductions will be made for temporary absences or illness. A two-week notice to the Director is required if your child will be withdrawing from New Horizon Preschool. If your child is withdrawn from the school, consideration may be made for possible proration of any remaining balance.
6. Parent/ guardian is responsible for notifying New Horizon Preschool of any circumstances that will affect the timely payment of the amount due for tuition.

## Communication

At New Horizon Preschool, we prioritize communication between parents, considering it an essential element for fostering a supportive and collaborative partnership. Here are some effective ways New Horizon Preschool communicates with parents:

1. **Email Newsletters:** New Horizon Preschool sends out informative newsletters via email to keep parents updated on upcoming events, curriculum enhancements, classroom activities, and important announcements.
2. **Communication Apps:** New Horizon Preschool utilizes online platforms for seamless communication, providing updates, sharing photos and parent resources, announcing upcoming events, and facilitating group texts.

By implementing these communication strategies, New Horizon Preschool can ensure that parents will feel informed, involved, and supported in their child's early education journey.

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## Standards of Conduct Policy

New Horizon Preschool staff are committed to upholding a Standard of Conduct in their interactions with children, as mandated by Washington State law. In instances where a teacher perceives a child's behavior as unacceptable, a method known as the "thinking chair" will be employed. The child exhibiting undesirable behavior will be gently directed to sit aside from the class for a brief period, allowing them time to reflect on their actions. Following this, the teacher will discuss with the child why the behavior is deemed unacceptable and encourage them to consider alternative responses. Emphasis will be placed on fostering positive behaviors through encouragement and praise, cultivating a mindset in children that promotes making constructive choices.

We recognize that children may occasionally engage in undesirable behaviors such as biting, hitting, or kicking as they learn and grow. Behaviors that pose a threat to the safety and well-being of others will prompt immediate action for the protection of all students and staff members. For the protection and safety of students, the teacher will gently guide the student away from others to a quiet area where they can calm down. If unwelcome behaviors continue to occur, the Preschool Director may arrange a conference with the parent or guardian to address any concerns regarding the child's behavior. Collaboration between school administrators and parents/guardians will be prioritized to support the child in achieving success. Persistent occurrences of disruptive behavior may result in a suspension period, and if these behaviors consistently disturb the learning environment, the child may be withdrawn from school.

At New Horizon Preschool, proactive measures will be taken to keep children engaged, including redirection of behavior, clarification of expectations, and the teaching of social and emotional skills to aid in decision-making. It is emphasized that no form of corporal punishment, such as spanking, frightening, or humiliating, will be tolerated.

We have provided a variety of ways you can support your child's well-being and behavior as a resource below.

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## Authorization for Student Pickup Policy

New Horizon Preschool values the safety of your child. We strictly adhere to the following student pickup policies. This ensures that your child is only handed over to you or individuals you've authorized below. For your child to be picked up by someone other than you, we require your written permission. Additionally, please be aware that we will require photo identification from any unfamiliar individuals before releasing your child. These precautions for releasing students are to ensure the safety of your child and are not intended to inconvenience parents or guardians in any way. You can make changes to the list of authorized pickups at any time by notifying the Preschool Director.

## Wellness Policy

A healthy child is a happy child. We strive to provide a clean and germ-free environment in our school. Classrooms are cleaned daily to help ensure a healthy environment. We ask that any child with contagious symptoms stay at home.

Symptoms include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Runny nose (clear or yellow)
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Rash
- Lethargy
- Pink Eye
- Lice

**If your child has been vomiting, he/she must wait 24 hours after the vomiting has stopped BEFORE returning to school.**

**If your child experienced a fever, he/she must have a normal temperature (98.6 degrees) for 24 hours BEFORE returning to school.**

New Horizon Preschool reserves the right to send a child home if there is any reasonable concern of illness listed above or otherwise.

If your child is found to have a contagious illness or rash, please notify the Preschool Director so we can sanitize the classroom and notify other parents. Examples may include hand, foot, and mouth disease, COVID-19, strep throat, lice, and chickenpox. Your child's name will remain anonymous unless medically necessary.

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## Sex and Gender Statement

New Horizon Preschool is a ministry of New Horizon Church. We are a faith-based organization and view the family through a Biblical worldview. We recognize that God created male and female and that He ordained that a portion of our fulfillment comes through those biological expressions, chosen for us, not chosen by us. Therefore, at New Horizon Preschool, we will recognize people according to their biological sex. We will encourage expressions consistent with biological sex and use pronouns consistent with biological sex.

## Replacement Items Policy

At New Horizon Preschool, we love that your little ones are learning and playing with all the items we provide. If any of these items are intentionally damaged or destroyed, the parent/guardian will be asked to replace the item(s) or to provide a monetary reimbursement reflecting the repair or replacement cost.

## Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

1. Providing all required enrollment and health forms promptly.
2. Ensuring timely payment of tuition fees.
3. Arriving between 8:50 and 9:00 am to ensure a safe and uninterrupted learning environment.
4. **Ensuring your child brings a backpack, change of clothes, and water bottle.**
5. Notifying the preschool in advance of any absences or tardiness.
6. Updating the preschool with any changes to contact information, custody arrangements, or emergency contacts.
7. Participating in parent-teacher conferences or meetings as required.
8. Supporting and adhering to the preschool's policies, procedures, and safety guidelines.
9. Maintaining open communication with preschool staff regarding your child's development, behavior, and any concerns.
10. Encouraging and supporting the child's learning and participation in preschool activities.
11. Participating in school events, performances, and fundraisers when possible.

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## New Horizon Preschool Responsibilities

1. **Providing a Safe Environment:** Ensuring the safety and well-being of all children in our care is our highest priority. This includes maintaining a clean and child-friendly environment, implementing safety protocols, and conducting regular safety drills.
2. **Implementing Educational Curriculum:** We have a well-designed educational curriculum that focuses on age-appropriate learning experiences, social-emotional development, cognitive skills, and physical activities. Parents will be informed about the curriculum goals, learning objectives, and how their child's progress will be assessed.
3. **Communication with Parents:** We aim to maintain open and effective communication with parents. This includes sharing information about daily activities, upcoming events, and any concerns or milestones related to the child's development. Parents are welcome to communicate with preschool staff with any questions or concerns and can expect updates about their child's progress.
4. **Promoting Positive Behavior:** Preschool plays a crucial role in promoting positive behavior and social skills in children. We have clear expectations for behavior and discipline policies that are communicated to parents.
5. **Providing Opportunities for Parent Involvement:** New Horizon Preschool offers opportunities for parent involvement such as parent-teacher conferences, volunteer opportunities, workshops, or family events. Parents will be informed about these opportunities and encouraged to participate in their child's preschool experience.
6. **Ensuring Quality Staff:** Our teachers are creative, passionate, and committed to exemplifying Christ in the classroom. All staff members complete background and reference checks to ensure the safety of all children. Ongoing training and professional development support continual growth and excellence.
7. **Maintaining Confidentiality of Forms:** New Horizon Preschool is responsible for keeping all completed forms confidential and secure. This includes personal information provided by parents, medical records, emergency contact details, and any other sensitive documentation.