



Preschool Dates:

September

6 Labor Day

7/8 First Day of Preschool!

13 Chapel Begins

14-16 **Happy Feet begins** after school-ballet & sports

15-16 **Room Parent Meeting** at 9:20 (you can come to either meeting)

20-24 **Meet-n-Greet** at 9:20 check the calendar for your class date

22-23 **Wear RED Days**

29-30 **Substitute Workshop** at 9:20

29-30 **Wear SCHOOL SHIRT Days**

October

4-15 **Individual & Class Pictures** taken by our new photographer Amy Mikan

7-11 **No School**, fall break

Kid's Scoop



An Exciting Start to Our School

As we begin our twenty first year of preschool ministry, it is fun to meet new faces and reunite with familiar ones. There is excitement in the air! The staff has been busy preparing for another great year. We have attended workshops and completed courses. We did some online classes on a variety of topics, plus had a speaker Donna Moyer come in and give us tips for classroom management and new songs and tricks for making transitions smoother throughout the day. We also had Tom Covington come and renew our CPR and First Aid. We

have planned, copied, die-cut and laminated until we can do no more! It's time for the children to come. Time to play, be challenged, sing, laugh, run, jump, write, paint, do puzzles, slide, skip, pray, color, march, etc. The students are excited and the teachers are ready. We know it is going to be a wonderful year!!

What preschoolers should do... In August we always spend time getting rooms ready and begin planning for the new year. We think about classroom management and discipline. We had

some wonderful new tips and good reminders for teachers and parents. Children like routines. The first few weeks of preschool we work a lot on establishing a routine, following simple steps each day they attend preschool, and what they do when they enter the classroom. They all have a place to put their school bags, folders and lunch boxes and they take ownership of doing these daily tasks, just like they can do things at home. We look forward to a great year as we partner with you to help your child grow this year!

Many Thanks

Although our preschool year begins in September, the preschool staff has been busy preparing for our students since August 16. We attended meetings, workshops, and completed cpr and first aid. We could not have done all this without the help of parent volunteers who watched the staff children. Many thanks go to these parents while we were in the meetings: Tiffani Harrison, Sandra Rijkers, Kelly Everett, Anna Phasavath, Marie Kuhn, Jessica Kiser, Elizabeth & Jake Young, Melissa Bikas, Lisa Fulghum, Chrissy Mealy, Melissa Dunleavy and Lauren Dobek. We appreciate your help so much, you are awesome! Thank you for attending Open House and visiting the book fair. We will buy books for the classrooms with the points we earned from the sale. Thank you for all of the donations and supplies for the classroom.

Carpool We will be doing carpool for everyone at the beginning of the year. The transition is much easier for children (and Moms) and the teacher is able to begin her lesson with all children by 9:20 am. When late, the 2 & 3 year old's miss out on Music and Movement. Each morning please have your carpool tag out and go over the illness policy and do not send your child if they are sick. Leave the car tag in the window so we can see their name as we come and get them out of the car. Please stay in your car, we will get them out and put them in during the afternoon carpool. Drive up to the middle area to buckle up, do not just stop after you get them.

Room Parents If you have signed up to be a room parent please try to attend a meeting on either September 15 or 16 at 9:20. We will just go over the areas where room parents usually help. Come in the door by the flag-

pole and we will direct you to the meeting.

Meet N Greet This is an informal gathering for you to come and meet some of the other parents in your child's class on September 20-24. We will have a couple of classes scheduled each day. See calendar for what day your class meets. This will just be a parent event that will meet upstairs, not in the preschool area. The room parent will hopefully be there to share information with you.

Chapel It will begin on September 13. During chapel we will sing some bible songs and I will teach a short lesson. Our first lesson will be talking about the crosses that are on the children's bags and how they were all prayed over before we started school this year. Each month we will also do a special mission project. Our first mission project will be to collect extra school supplies for children in schools that don't have their own.

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