



# St. John's Preschool Newsletter

## October 2023



### CALENDAR

#### October

9th Professional Day for Teachers - NO SCHOOL

30th Halloween Parade 9:30 am Children (and staff) are invited to wear costumes. They will walk around square in front of school (5-10 minutes). Parents are invited to watch, cheer and take pictures.

#### November

20th Thanksgiving Chapel 11:30 (children will be dismissed immediately following program)

22nd-24th Thanksgiving holiday - NO SCHOOL

27th Classes Resume

### Community service



Throughout the year St. John's Christian Preschool will support our neighbors through community service efforts. For the month of October we are working with the church and their Nurture Thy Neighbor program and will be **collecting gently used children's books from October 3<sup>rd</sup> through October 13<sup>th</sup>.** Please place them in blue bin at entry way.

## **PRESCHOOL INFO**

### **Bathroom stop**

Please have your child stop by the bathroom prior to going into the classroom and starting their day.

### **Nut Free**

Remember that we are nut free. Please do not send your child to school with any nut products.

### **Missing Paperwork**

Please submit any missing paperwork that has been requested. We need to have all files complete no later than October 7.

### **Fire Drills**

We are required to conduct monthly fire drills. Today was our first fire drill and we did it as a walk through without any alarm / whistle (in the future we will use a whistle to alert students to a drill).

### **ROUTINES AND CONSISTENCY**

Research has demonstrated the crucial role of routines in nurturing the healthy social and emotional development of children. The regular engagement of children in well-planned routines, both at home and in school, fosters the development of self-regulation skills, which in turn, contributes significantly to their social and emotional well-being.

The predictability offered by routines is a powerful tool in alleviating and mitigating feelings of fear, discomfort, uncertainty, and frustration in young children. Knowing what to expect and when to expect it provides them with a comforting framework that enhances their emotional security.

In the school environment, our objective is to complement and build upon the routines established at home. We aim to cultivate a sense of comfortable anticipation that allows room for growth and exploration. You may have noticed the posted schedules outside your child's classroom, and while there may be occasional deviations, we strive to adhere to it as closely as possible. This consistency provides students with both a reassuring structure and a clear sense of expectation, such as knowing when it's time for snacks or recess 😊. In situations where deviations are necessary, such as chapel days or additional outdoor activities, we make every effort to communicate these changes in advance, giving children the opportunity to prepare for the alteration.

Consider reflecting on your daily schedule and contemplate areas where you can incorporate routines. Also, feel free to share with your teachers any special routines or activities that you do as a family.



**St. John's Lutheran Church Services**

*You are invited to come share with the congregation on Sundays at 10:00.*

*You may join in person or virtually!*

## JUST FOR FUN

***As the school year starts, let's take some time to get to know your St. John's Christian Preschool Team. Can you guess who enjoys what?***

TEACHER	Favorite movie/tv show	Favorite dessert	Favorite Children's Book	Favorite Animal	Favorite game
Ms. Hines (2s)	The Color Purple	Rum Raisin ice cream	Pete's Chair	Elephant	The Sims
Ms. S (3s)	The Village in the Jungle	Pudding	My City Speaks	Chicken	Carron
Ms. Shin (3s)	Extraordinary attorney Woo	Bread Pudding	The Kissing Hand for Chester Raccoon	Giraffe	Monopoly
Ms. Taylor (4s)	The Sound of Music	Hot Fudge Sundae	Charlotte's Web	Cardinal	Scrabble
Ms. Mott (4s)	Abbott Elementary	Brownies	Going on a Bear Hunt	Dog	Scrabble
Ms. Cooke (sub)	Jeopardy	Cake and Ice cream	The Little Engine that Could	Dog	Sudoku
Ms. Jackson	Mary Tyler Moore Show	Chocolate Lava Cake	The Year We Learned to Fly	Giraffe	Scrabble

### FAVORITE THINGS

#### TV SHOW / MOVIE

1. Mary Tyler Moore Show 2. The Color Purple 3. Extraordinary Attorney Woo 4. The Sound of Music 5. The Village in the Jungle 6. Abbott Elementary 7. Jeopardy

#### DESSERT

1. Rum Raisin ice cream 2. Chocolate Lava Cake 3. Cake and ice cream 4. Hot Fudge Sundae 5. Brownies 6. Bread Pudding 7. Pudding

#### CHILDREN'S BOOK

1. Going on a Bear Hunt 2. The Kissing Hand For Chester Raccoon 3. My City Speaks 4. The Year We learned to fly 5. Charlotte's Web 6. The Little Engine That Could 7. Pete's Chair

#### ANIMAL

1. Giraffe 2. Chicken 3. Dog 4. Dog 5. Giraffe 6. Cardinal 7. Elephant

#### GAME

1. Scrabble 2. Monopoly 3. Scrabble 4. The Sims 5. Scrabble 6. Sodoku 7. Carron