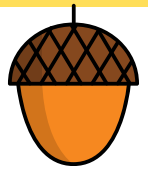




2020
OCTOBER NEWSLETTER
 VALLEY BAPTIST PRESCHOOL



A Message from Melissa

We are so excited to be off to an incredible start for the 2020/21 preschool year. Our month has been filled with new routines, friendships and lots and lots of smiles. Each day your kids have shown any exuberant amount of happiness and eagerness to learn and play. We are so thankful that your family is partnering with us this year.

Thank you for your flexibility, patience and support as we continue to navigate this COVID-19 journey. As we continue to be guided by the CDC and MSDE there will be updates emailed to you regarding our COVID Handbook. Please be sure to review them for the most up to date information.

HAPPENINGS IN OCTOBER

Arrival and Dismissal, Please...

- Bring a thermometer with you and the Brightwheel app open and ready.
- Make sure your approved drop off and pick up people have their codes and know how to work their way through the healthcheck.
- Keep your kids at your side for drop off and pick up. We want to stay on top of our social distancing procedures and keep your kids safe.
- Arrive 9:00 am-9:15 am / Pick-Up 2:15-2:30.
- Drive and park carefully in the parking lot. Please be mindful of any families that may have multiple children in tow.
- Leave the blue dumpster parking spot open so our trash can be picked up at any time.

Preschool Day Reminders

- Please email or Brightwheel message us if your child is absent for the day (including sickness and vacation). We need to have documentation for the MD State Dept. It is important to reference any symptoms or states you visit.
- Keep your child home if there are signs of illness. A doctor's note to return is needed for any sick or telehealth visit. Results and date to return must be noted.
- Check your Brightwheel app for messages and photos.
- Cut up your child's food into bite sized pieces and provide a water bottle.
- Have an extra change of weather appropriate clothing onsite and extra mask for 3s & 4s
- Keep personal toys at home (lovies and binkies are fine)



Birthday Celebrations

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We love celebrating with your kiddos on their big day.

If you want to send in a birthday treat, Please:

- Provide a small serving for each child.
- Make sure it is grocery store bought
- Bring it to preschool in an unopened and ingredient labeled container.
- Our teachers will serve with a gloved hand to make sure each child has a contact-free treat.

Before and After Care

Please let us know if you would like your child to attend our aftercare program. We have room, but can only accept kids who are 2 yrs. and over at this time. We hope to add a class for our 1's at some point this year as our program grows and we can add another teacher. Our cost is very reasonable and this extra time could provide you with some much needed "me" time.

Playground Maintenance Help

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to help us paint our bars and dome on the playground. If you have any experience with scraping and using exterior paint, can you let us know? We'd like to have this project done before it gets really cold. We may also need a hand taking some other items to the dump. Thank you in advance for any time you can give us.

Dates to Remember

- 10/14 & 15 - Picture Day
- 10/16: No Preschool
- 10/29 & 10/30: Harvest Festival During the Preschool Day (no costumes)

CLASSROOM UPDATES

HAPPENINGS IN SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER



Miss Beth & Miss Jessy's Ones Class

WELCOME! We hope everyone had a great summer! It's so nice to meet everyone and put faces with names. We have an exciting and enriching year planned and can't wait.

What We're Working On:

- Getting to know us and the classroom routine
- Smooth transitions
- Learning Themes: I am growing and friends

We are looking forward to a great year! Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. We want to be an encouragement to you and help your child grow as God has planned.

Miss Lisa's Twos/Threes Class

What a great beginning to the school year. The children are settling into routines. We've had fun singing and dancing. The beautiful weather has given us some wonderful playground time! We've started working on art projects and building up our circle time stamina. I can't wait to watch us keep growing!

THIS MONTHS THEMES

- Getting to know our friends
- All about me
- Meet my family
- Pets, Letter A

Miss Jo's Twos/Threes Class

The twos and three have had an incredible few weeks at school. They are already in a routine and it has been wonderful to see the friendships that have already begun.

Theme: Starting School

- learn school routines and procedures.
- read books about characters who started school for the first time, and may have felt a little anxious as well.
- Spent time getting to know our new friends at school.
- participate in fun getting to know you games and songs.

Theme: Shapes and Colors

- learned about different shapes and colors and how to identify them all around our classroom and school.

Theme- Families

- learn that families may look and be different from their own family.
- how to be helpful to their own families at home.
- learn the terms biggest, smallest, and medium.



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Miss Natalie's PreK Class

We're off to a wonderful start this school year! Our class has been busy making new friends, learning and playing together!

On the Focus Wall each week we have a different letter, shape, color and number.

WEEK 1 THEME - School Days

- We learned school rules, our daily schedule, played on the playground and enjoyed meeting new friends.

WEEK 2 THEME - All About Me

- We learned school rules, our daily schedule, played on the playground and enjoyed meeting new friends.

WEEK 3 THEME - Apples

- We learned all about apples, their different parts and how they grow. We also talked about Johnny Appleseed and how he made a difference in the world by planting apple seeds.

WEEK 4 THEME - Fall

- We learned about signs of Fall. We talked about cooler weather, leaves changing colors and fun fall activities. Coming up: Pumpkins, Fire Safety, Farm and Halloween!

Miss Cindy's PreK Class

After we finish learning school routines and rules, we will begin to study numbers and letters. We will discover what makes letters different from numbers, how to write letters and numbers, the proper way to hold a pencil, apple science and finally we will be learning many interesting facts about pirates and their high sea adventures! In our Bible unit, we will talk about names and how we're all God's children and are indeed, special!

WEEKLY THEMES

- Friendship
- Family
- God Made Me
- Apples (Johnny Appleseed)

"A friend loves at all times" (Proverbs 17:17)

SEPTEMBER SONG AND POEM

LEAVES AT PLAY:

Scamper, little leaves, about,
In the Autumn sun. I can hear the old Wind
Shout, laughing, as you run,
And I haven't any doubt, That he likes the fun.
So run on and have your play, Romp with all
your might
Dance across the autumn day, When the sun is
bright.
Soon you'll hear the old Wind say,
Little leaves, good night"



Lets **CELEBRATE**

*Please consult the handbook for guidelines on Special Celebration Treats and see reminders on the first page of the newsletter.

Let's celebrate our friends:

Zoe Holt 8/17
Miss Melissa 9/10
Jack Windsor 9/12
Lucas Funk 9/16
Elena Shomali 9/23
Miss Beth 9/30
Miss Jessy 10/2
Owen Bilmanis 10/3
Vivian Nobelo 10/5
Winston Pearl 10/18
William Thompson 10/20
Camden Manson 10/28

