

GRACE HOUSE PRESCHOOL



Upcoming Dates:

- Sept. 6 Labor Day, no school
- Sept. 12 Lunch Bunch begins
- Sept. 15,16 Muffins for Mom
- Sept. 20 Enrichment Begins
- Sept. 22,23 Doughnuts for Dad
- Sept. 27 Consignment Drp Off
- Sept. 28 Consignment Drp Off
- Sept. 30 & October 1 Consignment Sale
- October 6,7 Chapel Begins
- October 12 Staff Meeting
- October 27,28 Farm Day
- Oct. 26 Fall Break, no school
- Nov. 3,4 School Pictures
- Nov. 8 No School
- Nov. 11 No School
- Nov. 21 & 22 Thanks and Giving Event
- Nov. 23 - 25 Thanksgiving Break, no school
- Dec. 8 - Christmas Program at 6:30 pm.

Welcome!

There was a commercial for Office Depot several years ago that played "It's The Most Wonderful Time of The Year" during their back to school ads. You see the dad gleefully putting the school supplies in the shopping cart while the children are just glaring or looking at him with no expression on their face. Obviously, these were not preschool children. The start of school in preschool really is the most wonderful time of the year. Yes, there will be some tears from the students (and the parents) but once we get going most all preschoolers will love coming to school. That is one of the greatest joys for both myself and the staff, the eagerness of preschoolers to learn. Their minds are fresh and untainted by the world's cynicism. Everything is new to them. It is an honor for us to be the second teacher in their lives, second only to you. We hope and pray that these children learn not only their alphabet and numbers while they are here but the most important lesson of all, "Jesus loves me, this I know. For the Bible tells me so," while they are here.

Lori Dell'Arena

2016-2017 Registration

There are still a few spots available at Grace House for the 2016-2017 school year. Space is limited. Registration forms are available on our website at gracehousepreschool.org or the preschool office. Please tell your friends and family about our school.

Lunch Bunch

Beginning next week, children in our 2, 3, and 4 year old program can stay an extra hour for lunch bunch. Children bring their lunch and a drink with \$5 in their lunch box and enjoy an extra hour of food and fellowship with their friends. The children that have participated can't wait for the next time! You must sign up on the





A friend may be waiting behind a stranger's face.

-Maya Angelou

Muffins for Mom

Grace Presbyterian's Women's Ministry would like to treat all of Grace House moms and their children to coffee (or juice) and a yummy muffin. Join us beginning at 9:00 am on September 15th and 16th and enjoy a little sweet before class. Our hope is that you will get acquainted with one another and your friendships will grow throughout the year. We hope you will join us.

Doughnuts for Dad

Dads need friends too! Join us beginning at 9 am on September 22nd and 23rd for Doughnuts for Dad. Dads and their children can enjoy a little sweet treat before school and hopefully meet one another and their kid's friends. We love our Grace House dads!

DAD

A son's first hero
A daughter's first love

GHP bulletin board in the hallway. There are a certain number of spaces available per day. Checks can be made payable to Grace House.

Please note: GHP is not responsible for food sent in for lunch bunch. Parents of children with specific food allergies, please be aware you are taking responsibility for signing up and allowing your child to attend lunch bunch. According to our policies, no food may be shared from one lunch to another. For this reason, please do not plan to celebrate birthdays at lunch bunch.

Fall Consignment Sale

Friday, September 30th

9 am to 1 pm and 4 pm to 7 pm

Saturday, October 1st

8 am to Noon



Join us for our semi annual consignment sale. Proceeds we have earned from previous years have gone towards needed classroom and preschool capital expenditures and scholarships. We are excited to see what God provides this time.

We will receive gently used fall/winter kid's clothing, shoes, toys, games, baby equipment, accessories and more beginning Tuesday, September 27th from 9 am to noon. On Wednesday, September 28th you may drop off from 9 am to noon and from 5 pm to 7 pm. **There will be no Thursday morning drop off for this sale.** Consigners will receive 60% of the proceeds from the sale of their items, with the other 40% being a tax deductible gift to the preschool. Receipts will be given to each consignor along with their checks.

If the idea of pricing all that stuff is daunting, the preschool is happy to accept donated items. The team will price these items and 100% of the proceeds will benefit the preschool. Tags are for sale in the preschool office and instructions on consigning can be found on our website under the Special Events/Consignment Sale tab. **Please check the instructions for this sale we have some new guidelines regarding filling out your tags!** You may also sign up to volunteer on our website or on the board in the hallway.

We will have carpool on Friday, September 30th (rain or shine) due to the consignment sale. Please drive through the overhang and we will get your child to class and then bring them out to the car and buckle them up at pick up time. No need to even get out of the car. Your child's safety is our priority.



GHP Fundraising News - No cost opportunities to help!



Grace House Preschool has partnered with Harris Teeter's Together In Education program. Simply link your VIC card to our school's designated code number: 5662 either at the cashier or on harristeeter.com and our school will earn a portion of the sales of Harris Teeter brand products. You can also give Ms. Lori your VIC number and she will be happy to add it to our list. From now until September 20th we can earn double on all Harris Teeter brand cereal.



Keep collecting soup labels if you have them. This year only UPCs with the *Labels For Education* logo will be accepted and redeemed for points as the program is winding to a close. They are in the process of removing the logo and expect that only a limited number of products that contain these labels will remain in stores through August 1, 2017. Once all logos have been removed from the products, UPCs will no longer be accepted. These labels can still be found on Campbell's, Pace, Pepperidge Farm, Spaghettios, Swanson, V8, V8 Splash and V8 Fusion products. A collection box is on the preschool hallway table.



Turn your online shopping and searching into donations for Grace House Preschool

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iGive.com is totally free. Plus, you get access to free shipping deals and exclusive coupons, on top of the great deals you'll find every day through the network of 1,700+ stores. Stores include: Walmart, Pottery Barn, REI, Staples, Petco, Expedia, Best Buy, QVC and many more. Best of all, up to 26% of your purchase at each store is donated to Grace House Preschool. Raise a Penny Per Search at www.iGive.com! Why not raise money every time you search the web? Try iGive's search engine and enjoy free, easy fundraising for a good cause.

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- Using links in the iGive **Newsletters**
- Search the Web via iSearchiGive.com

After using an iGive link to the store's website, you shop as you normally would. There are no extra steps, no iGive notifications when making payments. The donations happen behind the scenes, and often the store's support teams are unaware of the iGive Affiliate Program.

Create your own list of favorite stores under My Stores.

*NOTE: Use only iGive.com Deals & Coupons. **The use of a non-iGive coupon will void the cause donation.** We have direct feeds from the stores providing you with all the latest offers and savings. All other known exceptions are posted on the stores' detail page.*



Grace House is partnering with **FundingFactory**, the leading fundraising-through-recycling company in the continental United States. FundingFactory is simple: there's nothing to sell, no paperwork to fill out, and no deadline. The program runs year-round, accumulating constant income for our efforts, but we won't get very far without your support. Here's how you can help:

FundingFactory cont.

Drop off empty name-brand toner and inkjet printer cartridges to Grace House and we'll take it from there! Another way is to ask your employer about donating its used name-brand toner and inkjet printer cartridges through FundingFactory's Business Support program. Businesses can ship recyclables directly to FundingFactory with our free UPS shipping labels and boxes, or bring them here. If you work for a company that may be interested in supporting us, please call FundingFactory toll-free at 888/883-8237. Give the customer service representative our school identification number, #376956 and they'll set you up to support our account... it's that easy!

Dismissal Due To Non-Payment and Absence Policy Changes

Please note our new policy for non payment and absences in your parent handbook.

A late fee of \$10 will be added to tuition if payment has not been received by the 10th of the month. An additional late fee of \$10 will be added to tuition if payment has not been received by the first of the following month. If your family is experiencing financial difficulty due to extenuating circumstances, please notify the director and the Preschool will make every effort to work with you until the issue is resolved. Failure to make two consecutive tuition payments will result in the withdrawal of you child from the preschool.

If your child is absent, please notify your child's teacher or the Director. If your child is absent for more than 5 consecutive days for the 5 day, 4 day and 3 day a week schedules or 3 consecutive days for 2 day and 1 day schedules with NO notification to the preschool as to the nature of the absence and/or your child's intention to return, your child will be withdrawn from the preschool program.



Enrichment

Hello! My name is Pam Williams and I am looking forward to meeting and working with your children in the Enrichment classroom this year. I graduated from UNCG with a degree in marketing. I have two beautiful children, Hunter and Haley. I have worked as a volunteer in their classrooms, school, and with their sports organizations. I love working with children and helping them to learn and create.

After our GHP children have gotten settled into their classrooms, they will begin enrichment on September 20th and 21st. This month we will observe, pretend, and create as we read books about starting preschool and our morning routines. At the end of the month we will learn about Johnny Appleseed and how he introduced beautiful apple trees by planting them along his journey out west. He would tell stories to children and spread the gospel to adults along the way. During class, your child will also be able to check out a book from the school library. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to gain independence and grow in their love of reading as they choose books that interest and excite them. Ms. Pam



Little Peeps (Toddlers)

Welcome Little Peeps to Grace House Preschool and welcome to the Little Peeps room! Mrs. Kristen and I are so excited to begin the new school year. I

am sure there are a lot of emotions with this new adventurer for your family. Ms. Kristen and I will be there with lots of hugs to help you all adjust. This month our color is red and our animal is dogs. Our letter is A and our number is 1. Our Bible verse is "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14 We can't wait to paint, color, and do some science experiments and play, play, play.

Doodlebugs (MWF 2s and M-F 2s)

Welcome Doodlebugs! We are so excited about this

school year! Children learn and grow so much at this age and it is our pleasure to partner with you during this formative year.

This year we will be learning about the alphabet, colors, shapes, numbers, seasons, our Creator, and many countries around the world! We will practice playing nicely together, following directions, and using



our manners. A big project for the year is to partner with you in the potty training phase!

In the month of September we will focus on the Creation story while we also will learn about circles, fall, and the color red. We will be counting to 10 and practicing our ABC's continuously throughout the school year, although this month we will focus on A, B, and C. This year we will also focus on a different country from around the world every month.

While summer is still upon us, please remember to put sunscreen on your children in the mornings. Also, please make sure that their backpack includes a complete change of clothes, and extra diapers, pull-ups, or underwear. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have! We are so excited about this year and we are looking forward to all of the fun and learning that will take place! - Mrs. Leah & Mrs. April

Tiny Turtles (T/Th 2s)

Welcome to the Tiny Turtles. Our curriculum for the year will include numbers, colors, shapes, alphabet, weather,



seasons and holidays. We will use games, songs and hands-on activities to help learn the different concepts. We will work on fine motor skills through playing with play dough, puzzles, finger play, art project and songs. We will have directed physical activities such as running, jumping, hopping and climbing to improve gross motor skills. Our circle time each day will include stories, listening and sharing. For the month of September, our numbers will be 1 and 2; our letters will be A, B, and C; our color is yellow; and our shape is the circle. Our theme for the month is the creation and how God made each one of us special. We will count 1 and 2 stars, make circles for the sun, paint yellow stars and see if we can 'hang' the moon. Our songs will be: You are my Sunshine; Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star; and I am Special.

We will work with you in the "potty training" phase of their development as they are ready. They will need to have a complete 'change of clothes'; 3-4 diapers or pull-ups and a sippy cup in their backpack. Our outdoor time is early on our schedule so please remember to put sunscreen on your child for the first few weeks while the sun is still hot.

Ms. Charity and I are excited about meeting our child, having fun with them and watching them learn and grow. Mrs. Mona

Explorers (3s)

We are so excited to start the year with our new Explorers class! We are going to have a great time in the 3 year old class as we learn and grow together. This year we will practice following instructions, playing and sharing with friends, and becoming familiar with our letters and numbers. We will work on small/large motor skills, eye hand coordination and practice cutting with scissors. The Explorers will be participating in many hands on activities this year.

In September, we will learn the classroom rules and routines and get to know each other. Our class will begin to learn the alphabet with letters A and B. We will begin learning about number 1. One of my favorite stories is Chicka Chicka Boom Boom. We will be doing a fun craft with this. Our color of the month is yellow and our shape will be a triangle. Recognizing our name is very important. There will be many opportunities daily to work on finding our name throughout the classroom. The Explorers will also learn about God's creativity (seen all around us) and we will celebrate Johnny Appleseed's birthday with a yummy taste test. The end of September will have our class looking for signs of fall.

Each month Grace House Preschool will learn about a different country. I hope this will be an opportunity for your child to see that kids all over the world are really just like us except we may celebrate and learn in different ways.

We look forward to a great year with your children and thank you for sharing them with us. This is a fun age and we love being a part of it!

Mrs. Beth, Ms. Ann and Mrs. Robin

Super Starfish (4s)



Welcome to the Starfish. We are very excited about starting a new school year. As we prepare for kindergarten, we will continue learning numbers, letters, shapes and colors.

Each day we will covering calendar skills including the date, month, days of week and discussing the weather.

We will also discuss 'the fruit of the spirit' and how we should follow it in our speech and actions as we work and play. This year as we begin our letters we will start with the lower case letters. When we have a few finished, we will work on sight words using those letters. We will also learn the upper case letters later. Our Bible story and theme for the month will be about God's creation and all the things that God made. We will talk about ourselves and our five senses. We will discuss ways we are all alike and the things that make us different. We will work on numbers 1-5; also using those numbers to do simple math problems. The letters will be s, a, and t. Our shape for the month is the circle and our color is yellow. Each week we will do an activity that includes cutting, pasting, and matching. Check out the "What we did today" posted outside the classroom or go to the website to see it there. Our activities will be based on all these topics. Our closing circle time will include stories, songs and show and tell. They may share something each day or tell about something. If they bring an item to share from home, it needs to fit in their backpack. At the end of the month we will celebrate the birthday of Johnny Appleseed and continue into next month with "apple things" and the fall season. We will also celebrate each student's birthday as close to their special day as possible. Please use the "Snail Mail" folder to communicate with us about any issues. We are looking forward to a very busy and fun year! Mrs. Mona and Mrs. Pam



Busy Bears (4s)

Welcome to a brand new school year and to the Busy Bear Classroom! We are so excited to begin a journey with you all to

prepare your preschooler for Kindergarten. We have so many fun things planned for the month of September. Each week we will work on a letter of the alphabet, beginning with the letter s. We will continue with the letters a, t and then i this month. Each Monday will be our Math Monday. We will work on our shapes and number recognition. Our shape for this month will be the circle. We will count 1-10 and work on recognizing 1-5.

Each week will have a theme. It will be noted on the calendar in your child's snail mail folder. There will also be a daily activity listed. Check out our "What we did

today" list outside our classroom for a more detailed description of what we accomplish each day. Themes for the month of September are: All About Me, My 5 Senses, Fall and Apples. Our Bible story for the month will be Creation. We will also begin learning a bible verse for each month. We will have "Show and Tell" each Friday afternoon at 11:45. Every child is welcome to bring an item from home to share with the class. We really like to see things that go with our theme or letter of the week. We also ask that the item fit easily in their backpack. This way your child can easily put the item back in their bags themselves to help build their self-help skills. We understand that sometimes they may want to bring bigger items in because they are really excited like a new birthday or Christmas gift or a something special such as a pet. This is ok as long as arrangements are made prior to Friday. We are looking forward to a great year. Helping your "Busy Bear" get ready to be the best kindergartner they can be!

Grace House T-Shirts

We will be placing an order on September 16th for more shirts and sweatshirts. Limited items are available "in stock" now. There are order forms available for you to order different sizes or colors of t-shirts or sweatshirts on the Grace House information table or you can see Lori for one. Car magnets are available for \$5 each. We will have school color days every Thursday and Friday when we will all try to wear green and white.

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September Birthdays

Adventurers

21st Freya

Discoverers

4th Preston

30th Jude

Explorers

14th Abbie

23rd Emma