

September 2019

Grace House Preschool



**Tuition is late after
September 10th!**

Upcoming Dates:

Sept. 3 - Lunch Bunch begins
Sept. 5 & 6 - New Parent Orientation at 9:15 am
Sept. 7th - Mulch Spreading 8:30 am
Sept. 11 - Staff Meeting 8:15 am
Sept. 11 - Lemonade for Heroes
Sept. 18 - Enrichment Begins
Sept. 23 - Consignment Set Up
Sept. 24 - Consignment Drp Off
Sept. 25 - Consignment Drp Off
Sept. 26 - 28 - Consignment Sale
Sept. 30 - Oct. 1 - Chapel Begins
October 7 & 8 - Fire Dept. Visit
October 10 - Staff Meeting 8:15
October 14 - School Wide Picnic
Oct. 28 & 29 - No School
Oct. 31 & Nov. 1 - Farm Days

Happy New (School) Year!

Welcome! We are so happy that you are a part of our Grace House family. We hope that this year with us will bless your family greatly and that you all feel at home here. We desire a partnership with you to help your child grow and learn while here at Grace House.

To that end, we invite all of our new parents (or those desiring a refresher) to our New Parent Orientation on September 5th and 6th at 9:15 am. This is an opportunity to meet some other Grace House parents as well as get important information about our school.

Also, this year we will continue using the Class Dojo app to help our families feel more connected to what we are doing at Grace House. By downloading the app you will see pictures and get updates about your child's class and the school. If you have not already you will receive an email invitation from your teachers as well as myself to join our school community. All you have to do is register once and you can join multiple classrooms as well as the updates for the school as a whole.

If there is anything we can do for you or questions that you may have, please let your teacher or myself know. Our doors are open.

Ms. Lori

Fall Consignment Sale

Join us for our semi annual consignment sale. Proceeds from previous sales have gone towards needed classroom and preschool capital expenditures and help keep tuition costs down. We are excited to see what God provides this time.

New for the fall sale!

Public Pre Sale Thursday Night from 6 - 8 pm!

Consigner and volunteer pre sale will be Thursday night from 5 to 6 pm.





Consignment Sale (cont.)

We will receive gently used fall/winter kid's and teen clothing, shoes, toys, games, baby equipment, accessories and more beginning Tuesday, September 23rd from 9 am to noon and from 5 to 7 pm and again on Wednesday, September 24th from 9 am to noon and from 5 pm to 7 pm.

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. Tags are for sale in the preschool office and instructions on consigning can be found on our website under the Consignment Sale tab. **Please check the instructions for this sale!**

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.

Sale Dates and Times

Volunteers Only - Sept. 26th 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Volunteers and Consigners Only - Sept. 26th 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Sale Open to Public - Thursday, Sept. 26th 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday, Sept. 27th 9:00 am - 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Saturday, Sept. 28th 8:00 am - Noon

We will have carpool on Friday, September 27th (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 get out of the car. Your child's safety is our priority.

There is a HUGE need for volunteers!

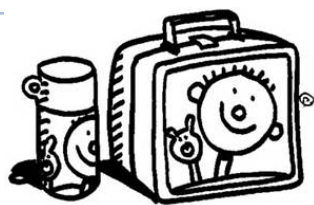
We need all of our GHP families to make the consignment sale a success. This sale is the primary fund raiser for our school. Please consider volunteering your time (a whole or partial shift) and/or your baking expertise. Lunch Bunch is available at no charge to parents who volunteer for Friday's sale. Sign up on the board in the preschool entrance hallway. Thanks for your support!



PEANUT FREE! Lunch Bunch

Children in our 2, 3, and 4 year old programs can stay an extra hour for lunch bunch every day of the week at a cost of \$5 per day. At lunch bunch children eat with the teachers and other students after school and enjoy a little more playtime too. The children that have participated can't wait for the next time! You may sign up for as many days per month as you would like to attend. (There is a max. of 14 children each day.) The sign-up sheet is on the GHP bulletin board in the hallway next to the guinea pig cage. Don't forget to put your child's name on their lunch box. You would be surprised at how many Paw Patrol lunch boxes there are in the world. ☺

If you elect to sign up for the entire month of days that you attend Grace House, the rate per



day drops to \$3 per day. You must sign up by the 25th of the preceding month (by Wednesday, Sept. 4th this month) and payment in full is due by the first of the month (September 10th in Sept.) or the rate will increase to \$5 per day.

If signing up for just one day now and then, please use the WHITE sign up sheet. If signing up for the whole month, please use the COLOR sign up sheet. Here is the cost for the entire month of lunch bunch depending on how many days your child is registered to attend.

Cost for:

M-F Students = 20 days x \$3 per day = \$60

MWF Students = 12 days x \$3 per day = \$36

TTh Students = 8 days x \$3 per day = \$24

Must be paid in full by September 10th.
There are no refunds for missed days.

Due to the number of children with peanut allergies in our school, please do not send any peanut butter or other foods containing peanuts to lunch bunch. Food items that were manufactured in a facility that processes peanuts or items that may contain trace amounts of peanuts or tree nuts are fine to include in your child's lunch. If you send a sandwich with a peanut butter substitute, please label the sandwich peanut free. Following lunch, the children will be required to wash their hands with warm water and soap to reduce the risk of contamination by touching playground and classroom surfaces. Thanks for helping to keep all of our children safe.



Lemonade for Heroes

On September 11th, the children of Grace House Preschool would like to honor all law enforcement, fire and rescue departments, veterans, and the retirees of these agencies with a **free** lemonade stand. If you, or someone you know, is one of our heroes, please join us from 11:00 am to 11:30 am at the main entrance of the building. Feel free to spread the word!

Grace House T-Shirts

We will be placing an order on September 13th for more shirts and sweatshirts. Limited items are available "In Stock" now. New sizes have been added this year, smaller sizes are available in the tie dye style but the color is lime green. There are order forms available for you to order different sizes or colors on the Grace House information table or you can see Lori for one. Car magnets are available for \$3 each and car decals are available for \$2 each.



Scholastic book orders are due September 13th. Take advantage of great prices on books for your home library!

Link your Harris Teeter VIC card to our school's designated code number: 5662, either at the cashier or on





Enrichment

Welcome Grace House families! I am super excited for the upcoming year.

We are going to have so much fun and learning in enrichment. My name is Ms. Andrea and I will be your child's enrichment teacher. This will be my sixth year at Grace House. Grace House is one of my favorite places to be. Your child will attend my class each week where they will hear a story and participate in fun activities. Your child will receive their own library bag and have the opportunity to pick out a book of their choice. They will get to take that book home to share. Books are to be returned the following week on your child's scheduled Enrichment day. Once a book is returned a new book will be checked out. It is always delightful to see who checks out what book.

You will be amazed by how much your child will learn, develop, and grow during their time at Grace House. I can't wait to see everyone. It is going to be a great year!

Ms. Andrea



Little Peeps (Toddlers)

Welcome Little Peeps! Ms. Ally, Ms. Jessica and I are so excited to start the new school year with you. This is a big step for you and we can't wait to see your child grow and explore. We know that for some of you this is a scary transition and for others it is a "walk in the park." Either way, we are here to help you and to make it as easy as we can. This month we are going to learn what it is like to be in a classroom and to be away from Mom and Dad. We will explore the different toys and books in our room. We will also start learning how to function in a classroom environment. We are going to learn appropriate ways of asking for something and how to use an inside voice. We will teach you some sign language and encourage those that can say words to use them. Simple signs for "please" and "more" will be the first ones we learn because manners are also part of our lesson goals. This month we will be introduced to the color red and dogs. Here is a list of items

that you will need to keep in your backpack.

- Diapers
- A sippy cup labeled with your name, with or without a drink
- A comfort object from home
- A change of clothes to keep in the classroom, just in case
- Your Snail Mail folder

Please check your snail mail folder every day.

Sometimes we will write you a note to keep you informed about progress in the classroom or an item of concern. This is going to be a great year!

Ms. Christy, Ms. Ally, and Ms. Jessica



Shooting Stars (2 yr)

Welcome to our Shooting Stars class!

We are so excited to have your child in our class.

We are looking forward to working with you and your child as we teach them to reach for the stars!

This year we will be learning about letters, colors, shapes, numbers, seasons, our Creator, and many countries around the world. Our verse for

September is Genesis 1:1 *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.* Also in the

month of September we 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. This month we will focus on A, B, and C. We will also 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!

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 or concerns you may have!

We are looking forward to a magical year of learning and growing with your little ones!!

Ms. Kristen & Ms. Jennifer



Explorers (3 yr)

Mrs. Mona and I are so excited to start the year with our new Explorers class! We are going to have a great time in the 3's 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 numbers 1 and 2. One of my greatest joys is reading. This year your child will have many opportunities to explore the fun adventures that can be found in reading books as well as finding our name throughout the classroom. Our color of the month is yellow and our shape is a triangle. The Explorers will also learn about God's creativity in creation. The end of September will have our class looking for signs of fall and talking about apples.

Mark your calendars for the consignment sale. Volunteers are always needed. This is a fund raiser for our school. The dates are September 26 - 28. There will be a signup sheet in the hallway. Please volunteer or donate items. Grace House Preschool will have our annual Lemonade for Heroes on Sept. 11. If you know any first responders, please invite them to join us for a glass of lemonade at 11:00 am so we can honor them and thank them for their service.

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

Mrs. Beth, Mrs. Mona



Busy Bears (4 yr)

Welcome to a brand-new school year and welcome to the Busy Bear classroom! We are so excited to continue the journey of preparing

your preschooler for Kindergarten.

It is going to be a very busy first month of school. We will be learning our letters with vowels. We are concentrating on learning those tricky lowercase letters by finding them in our names and in other places in our school environment. Every Monday will be "Math Monday," they will learn a new number every week in English and Spanish. We will be counting and learning to write numbers with fun verses to help them remember. This month our numbers are 1-4 and we will be counting to 10. Math concepts will also include shapes. This month is a circle.

September's themes will begin with "all about me," our 5 senses, our address, and talking about our families. We will also talk about apples and fall. Our color will be brown. Our Bible themes are creation and the fruits of the spirit. We will also have two memory verses this month. The first one is Luke 6:31 and the next one is Galatians 5:22-23.

Every Friday we will have show and tell. Remember that your show and tell object needs to fit into your book bag easily. We do allow special show and tells at times such as pets or special gifts (i.e. birthday and Christmas) we just ask that you make arrangements ahead of time.

We will have a special service project on September 11th at 11:00 am. The children will be serving a special snack to their heroes. We will invite local veterans, active duty military, police, fire and other emergency management members as well as doctors and nurses to join us for cookies and free lemonade. It is our way to say thank you for all that you do for our community and our nation. So please mark this date on your calendar and share with you friends and family that may be in one of these branches of public service.

We are looking forward to a fun year of helping your "Busy Bear" get ready to be the best Kindergartner they can be!

Ms. Christy, Ms. Ann, and Ms. Laura

Grace Presbyterian Church News

Dear Friends,

Grace Presbyterian Church is excited about the start of the school year for Grace House Preschool. Throughout the year the sounds of children in our hallways bring the reminder of the sorts of things Jesus Christ is concerned about—the small and the weak. It is especially a fun time of year for me for the joy and delight I receive in being greeted by your children through their shy hellos and enthusiastic 'high-fives'.

Grace Presbyterian shares with Grace House Jesus' concern for children. If there is, as a church, anything we can do to help you, please let us know. Also, if you are looking for a church home, we would love to have you join us, and I would be happy to speak with you about any questions you may have.

Peace and joy,



Pastor Randy Edwards

Our Grace House family is invited to all of these events.

FALL LADIES BIBLE STUDIES. The morning study will be on *In His Image* by Jen Wilkin beginning Sept. 18th from 9:30am-11:30am at the home of Janie Hughes (610-703-0049), and the evening study will be on *Women of the Word* also by Jen Wilkin from 7:00-8:30pm at the home of Carla Collins (336-972-1354). Please see Lori Dell'Arena for contact information.

LUNCH WITH LEWIS a discussion group on C.S. Lewis' Narnia book, *The Horse and His Boy*, begins Tues, Sept 10 and continues for six weeks from Noon to 1pm at the Paddison Memorial Library.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED, a study on the identity of Jesus, his purpose in coming, and how one responds to his call will be held at the home of Ted and Amy Mead on Weds from 7:--8:30pm. This is a great course to invite a friend to who is interested in what Christianity is all about.

MULCH SPREADING PARTY We have a huge pile of mulch that needs to be spread on the playground to provide a fall cushion for our kids. We will assemble at 8:30 am this Saturday, September 7th. If you can help, please bring a wheelbarrow and/or shovel. Thanks in advance!