

Grace House Preschool



Tuition is due Nov. 1st!

Upcoming Dates

Every Thursday and Friday are

Grace House colors day!

Wear your green and white!

Nov. 1st - Farm Day

Nov. 11th - No School -
Veteran's Day

Nov. 21st & 22nd -
Thanksgiving Events

Nov. 27th - 29th - No School

Dec. 10th - Teacher
Appreciation Lunch

Dec. 11th - Staff Meeting

Dec. 12th - Christmas Program
at 6:30 pm.

Dec. 23rd - January 3rd -
Christmas Break

January 8th - Staff Meeting

January 20th - No School,
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 23rd & 24th - No
School (WSFC closed)

Happy Thanksgiving!

Abraham Lincoln made a proclamation in 1863 that the last Thursday in November should be a day set aside for thanksgiving. (It was later changed to the fourth Thursday of November.) He said he was inviting all of the American people to set aside the day as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our Father in Heaven. And he recommended that at the same time we humbly ask forgiveness for our disobedience as a nation and commend widows, orphans, mourners, and those who are suffering in our civil strife to God's tender loving care. Then he implored everyone to ask God to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it, in God's timing, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility, and union. Isn't it stunning what a timeless plea this is?

With thankfulness for all of you,
Ms. Lori



Thanksgiving Feasts

This year the families of Grace House will celebrate Thanksgiving together by sharing a light simple meal in the fellowship hall on Thursday, November 21 and Friday, November 22. The "feast" will begin at 11 am. If you are able to contribute to our meal, there will be a sign up sheet in the preschool hallway for needed items. We will also need volunteers to help serve and clean up on both days.

Note: Lunch bunch will still be offered on both days for children that need to stay.



Lunch Bunch

Children in our 2, 3, and 4 year old classes can stay an extra hour each day for lunch bunch for \$5 per day. If you sign up to stay for lunch bunch for the entire month of the days that your child attends GHP, then the rate drops to \$3 per day. Children bring their lunch and a drink and enjoy an extra hour of food and fellowship with their friends. The children that have participated can't wait for the next time! Please remember that lunches must be peanut free and you must sign up on the GHP bulletin board in the hallway. Checks can be made payable to Grace House.

Inclement Weather (Snow Days) Policy

When Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools are closed due to inclement weather, we are closed. If WSFCS are on a one or two hour delay, we open preschool at 10:00 am. If it is raining we do offer carpool under the overhang outside the preschool entrance.

Spring Consignment Sale Dates!

Mark your calendars now, the spring sale will be March 12th and 13th. We will need lots of volunteers to help us all through the week. Please consider being a part of the team. Thanks!



Service Project for November and Angel Tree

At Grace House we want to teach our children that service to others is important so we incorporate preschool appropriate service projects into our year. This month our service project will be making thank

you cards for the special people in our life to show our appreciation.

Also in November and part of December, you will have the opportunity to participate in our annual Angel Tree service project as well. Look for the bulletin board decorated with Christmas ornaments. The ornaments will have the name and Christmas wish of a child from the Kernersville area. This year we are partnering with the local chapter of the Salvation Army as well as with Cash Elementary to serve children whose families are struggling to provide their children with necessities. Instructions will be on the ornament and participation is voluntary. Grace Presbyterian Church will also be partnering with us to fill the Christmas wishes of these precious children.

Mark Your Calendar!

Our annual Christmas program will be Thursday, December 12th 6:30 pm. There will be a cookie reception to follow in the fellowship hall. A sign up sheet will be posted for families to contribute a batch of cookies for this event. Please make sure that your cookies do not contain any nuts. Thank you!

No School Reminder

Grace House follows basically the same calendar as the Winston Salem Forsyth County School system; therefore, there will be no school on Monday, November 11th. In addition, we will be closed from November 27th - 29th for the Thanksgiving holiday. Enjoy your days off!



Volunteers Needed

On Tuesday, December 10th we will be having a Christmas teacher appreciation lunch for the hard working staff at GHP.

Parent volunteers will be needed to help provide food, set up, clean up, and to decorate our fellowship hall. A sign up sheet will be posted on our sign up board with a list of needed items and times to volunteer. Thanks in advance for your help!



Little Peeps (Toddler Class)

Welcome fall! Fall is a great time of year. We will continue to go outside as long as it isn't raining so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately with a coat and shoes. The "Littles" are starting to get the hang of sitting on the line to wait for their name to be called for snack and to sit and wait for their name to be called to go home. This month we will continue to talk about how God made me. We are going to learn about two animals, the llama and the turkey. Our color is yellow. We will continue to encourage the "Littles" to use their words or simple sign language and to also use their ears to follow directions. Please encourage these behaviors at home. We are so proud of our Little Peeps! They have come a long way since our first couple of weeks of school. Thank you for sharing your baby with us.

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

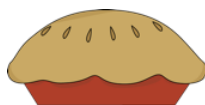


Shooting Stars (2 year Class)

Happy November!! Our Shooting Stars are having a blast each and everyday. It's amazing the progress we have seen in your children since the start of school. We are getting adjusted to being in a classroom environment as well as learning the rules and routines of our classroom. Sharing is a big deal at this age. We work everyday on sharing and using our good listening ears! Our color of this month will be brown, our

shape will be a rectangle. We will learn about turkeys and our letters will be G, H, and I. Our Bible verse will be Hebrews 13:5. We will learn more about leaves, autumn, and Thanksgiving!! We will also talk about what it means to be thankful. Later in the month we will be having a Thanksgiving Feast, look for more details to come! Mrs. Jennifer and myself are looking forward to a great November!! Don't forget to check out Class Dojo!!

Mrs. Kristen & Mrs. Jennifer



Explorers (3 year Class)

In November, the Explorers class will be learning all about Thanksgiving. We have a Thanksgiving Feast on Nov. 21 & 22 with the entire school. Please make plans to join us. Our Bible story this month will focus on Joseph and his coat of many colors and learning about forgiveness. We have lots of fun class activities planned to help the children learn to be thankful for what God has given us. Our letters of the month will be G and H. We will work on the numbers 6-8. Brown is the color and our shape is a rectangle. We are so excited to see that the children now know our class routines. I love to see the joy in their face when they accomplish a task and get a sticker for a job well done. Everyone is always so eager to join us at the table when we are working or creating individually. All the children are working hard on learning the alphabet and numbers. I am amazed at how quickly they learned to recognize their name and their friends' names.

We are going to be focusing on being responsible this month also. Parents please let your child be in charge of their snail mail folders each morning. Please let them remember to get the folder out of their backpack. Learning to zip/unzip is a great skill at this age. Another way to practice this is with their jackets as the weather starts turning cooler.

We hope you have a Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy the holiday with your families. We are so thankful for you and your children.

Ms. Beth and Ms. Mona



Busy Bears (4 year Class)

Happy November Busy Bears! We have accomplished a lot this year already. We are working on our alphabet with letters that have a slant - Yy, Zz, Kk as well as letters with curves - Bb, Cc, Dd, Gg, Jj, Oo, Pp, Qq and Rr. We will then begin a review of all the letters as the year progresses. We are counting to 25 this month but will continue to concentrate on recognizing and writing numbers 1 to 10. We will also be learning to count to 10 in Spanish. Our shape this month will be a triangle and our color will be yellow. Our science lesson will be learning to tell the difference between living and non-living things.

This month we will be talking a lot about thankfulness. We hope that you all will be able to attend our Thanksgiving Feast with your Busy Bear. Our Bible lessons will be about thankfulness. We will hear how Jesus took a small boy's lunch and served 5000 followers. Our Bible verse this month will be 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 " Always be joyful! Never stop praying, be thankful in all circumstances."

We will be reading fairy tails this month as well. Stories like Rumpelstiltskin and Little Red Riding Hood, along with a few others. There will be fun activities and special snacks to go along with each of the stories.

We are looking forward to working with your Busy Bear this month and continuing this journey to prepare them for "big kid school."

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



Art Class

Everyone seems to be enjoying our Friday art class. In October the Explorers and Busy Bears made pictures with watercolor and string. Our Shooting Stars and Little Peeps made art with yarn. Then all classes made the art for our Make A Gift fundraiser. November's project is crumple art. The kids are really proud of their final products. We hope you enjoy them too! Ms. Mona

From the GHP parent handbook regarding our health policy:

For everyone's protection, children should be kept at home if they have had any of the following symptoms in the previous 24 hours:

- heavy nasal discharge
- temperature of 100° or above
- upset stomach, diarrhea, or vomiting
- severe coughing or sore throat
- suspicious rash
- discharge of the eyes, nose, or ears
- head lice
- infected skin patches
- difficult or rapid breathing
- yellow skin or eyes
- gray or white stool and/or dark urine

Children must be able to participate in regular activities. If a child's teacher notices any signs or symptoms of a contagious disease or illness the parent will be notified immediately to pick up the child. This precaution is best for the ill child as well as the other children. The child will be kept in a comfortable location with the Director and away from other children to prevent exposure until the parent arrives.

Children must be free of all symptoms and/or on an antibiotic for at least 24 hours before returning to the Preschool. A release note from the child's physician may also be required before returning to school.



Enrichment (Library)

As we jump into November we will be working hard on practicing for our Christmas program on December 12th at 6:30pm. We will also continue the fall theme. We will hear stories about Thanksgiving, turkeys, and pumpkins and do fun crafts and activities about the books we read. Our Thanksgiving feast will be November 21st and 22nd. I look forward to seeing all of our Grace House families at this event. It is a wonderful way to meet the families of your child's classmates as we gather to celebrate our blessings. A sign up sheet will be in the hallway if you would like to help. Enjoy your Thanksgiving! Ms. Andrea

Helping Children be Thankful

The holidays are a time for families, festivities, traditions, and love. It is also a time when parents can begin to notice how “stuff-focused” their children are sounding, and can start to feel like they are being run over by the commercialization of the holidays. There is no better time than the holidays to emphasize the spirit of giving and the importance of being grateful. There are some ways to help your child get into the habit of being grateful and generous all year long.

- Talk about gratitude every day. Pointing out appreciation for ordinary things helps the concept stick. “We are so lucky to get to see Grandma and Grandpa this weekend.” “Mr. Jones must feel really good inside when he shovels Mrs. Thompson’s sidewalk.” Another way to increase the gratitude in your house is to pick a “thanking” part of the day, whether this means talking about things you are thankful for at dinnertime or working prayer into your nightly routine.
- Allow effort. It can be easy to jump in and help children with tasks and activities, often by doing things for them. However, the more you do for them, the less they appreciate your efforts. Think about how much easier it is to have empathy for people working outside in the cold when you have just been outside shoveling snow yourself. By participating in simple household chores, kids realize that things take effort.
- Give. Help your child brainstorm some ways he or she can help someone else, even if it is simply baking cookies for a lonely neighbor. As you are making the treat or completing the activity, talk about what you are doing for the special person and how good they (the person and your child) will feel. This can also be a time for donation of household items or clothing to those who may be in need.
- Be grateful for your kids. Showing gratitude for our children models that we can be grateful for people simply being in our lives. They will learn from your example and will be grateful for you, and others, in return.

Adapted from an article titled “Teaching Children to be Grateful” by Charlotte Latvala on Parents.com. For more information about Bright Tomorrows, please visit our website at www.brightcac.org.



Make a Gift Fundraiser

Thanks to all of our wonderful families for their support of our Make a Gift fundraiser in October. When the fundraiser wrapped we had raised about \$260.00. We are so excited and grateful for your support.



Does my child need speech?

If you have ever wondered if your child needs speech therapy or any other type of special service he or she may qualify for help from the public school system even at the preschool level. The Preschool Intake team of WSFC schools provides early identification, screening and multidisciplinary evaluations to children ages three and four. Please contact the Special Services Center office at 336-703-4199 for more information.



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