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# Grace Preschool News



Important Preschool Dates

<u>Sept. 5</u> Preschool Begins

<u>Sept. 10</u> Tuition and Supply Fee Due

<u>Sept. 14</u> T-shirt Orders Due

<u>Sept. 25-Oct. 5</u> Nothing Bundt Cakes Fundraiser

<u>Oct. 8-14</u> Fire Safety Week

<u>Oct. 12</u> Nothing Bundt Cake Pickup (Info to come)

<u>Oct. 23</u> Lever Farms, 4s

<u>Oct. 30</u> Fall Celebration M/W 2s

<u>Oct. 31</u> Fall Celebrations T/TH 2s, 3s, 4s



Reese - Sept. 11 Wyatt - Sept. 11 Silas - Sept. 19 Riley - Sept. 27

# Ms. Robin's Preschool Classes

We are very excited and looking forward to a great year. Our main focus this month will be to get to know your children, earning their trust, encouraging them to make new friends, and assuring them that you will be back to pick them up.

We will also begin learning our alphabet with the letters S, A, and

T; our color of the month will be red; our shape will be the circle, and our Bible study will be on Creation.

We would like to thank you for sharing your special gifts from God, your children, with us. We look forward to a year of fun and learning experiences.

Ms. Robin and Ms. Jessica

# Ms. Robbie's Preschool Class

Hello, everyone! We are so excited about starting our new school year and having all of you here to help us enjoy it!



As the year begins we are looking forward to many new and rewarding experiences. This month we will be studying about Creation. We will also be studying me and friends, apples, and fall. Our color of the month is orange; our shape is the circle; our letters are A and L; and our numbers are 1 and 2. We will be doing activities related to all of these things.

It looks like an exciting time ahead, so let the fun begin!

Ms. Robbie and Ms. Stephanie

# Ms. Abby's Preschool Class



As we begin a new school year, we look forward to our walk with Jesus while preparing for kindergarten. September will be devoted to getting to know each other and learning new rules.

We will study the color orange, shape circle, numbers 1 and 2, and letters A and L. We will begin working with scissors and learning to recognize our names. Four-yearolds will also be writing their names and learning their addresses.

Our Bible verse this month is "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart." (Colossians 3:23)

Thank you again for your special gift to us.

## Welcome to Grace

We are very glad to have your child and your family as part of our Preschool family and part of our family at Grace Lutheran



Church. Please like our Facebook page at Grace Lutheran Church ELCA. We share Preschool information such as closings, events, and registration information on this page. In addition, you may visit our website at graceluth.org and view our Preschool page. Pastor Jane is Grace's interim pastor and will be leading Preschool Chapel. She can be reached at pjmitcham@gmail.com or 803 -530-2045.

## Faith At Home: Starting Preschool



Going off to Preschool or Kindergarten or First Grade for the first time is an exciting milestone for children and their families. As children prepare to venture out from home and begin a new routine at school, they need to hear Jesus' promise to be with them always.

#### Activity Plan

Say this prayer aloud to begin:

Dear God, we thank you for (child's name). Soon she will start going to school! Be with us as we hear from the Bible how much Jesus loves (child's name). Amen.

• Have your child sit in your lap or right next to you. Read Mark 10:13-16.

• After reading the story, hand gestures and tell this simple version of the story while acting it out.

People were bringing their children to Jesus (move your arms like you're running).

The disciples said: STOP! (put your hand out, palm forward).

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me" (motion with your hand moving toward you).

Jesus picked up the children, hugged them, put his hands on their heads, and blessed them.

## Monthly Tuition Payments



Our tuition is a yearly tuition that is divided into nine equal payments (September-May). Tuition is normally due by the 10th of each month. The one-time supply fee is also due by Sept. 10.

Preschool accepts cash, checks, or money orders.

If at any time you have an issue making a payment by its due date, please speak with Administrator Chop Cooper, Director Robin Romano, or your child's teacher. We will work with you to arrange a payment schedule that meets your need.

## (Give your child a big hug.)

• Tell your child that Jesus loves her just like he loved the children in the Bible story. He sends his love to her through the hugs that Mom, Dad, and other loved ones give her. On the first day of school, family members or other loved ones will give her a big hug before she gets on the bus or goes into her classroom. Jesus' love is in those hugs, too.

• Point out his school bag or backpack. Your child will take Jesus' love with him, just like he takes his bag or backpack, as he begins each new school day.

• Give your child a blessing. Have each member of the family take turns putting their hands on the child's head, as Jesus did in the Bible story. Say the blessing, "Remember, Jesus is with you wherever you go. Jesus loves you and so do I."

• Finish with a prayer:

Dear God, be with (child's name) on his first day of school. Be with his teacher (teacher's name) and his friends. Give them all a great start to their school year together. Help (child's name) to remember that Jesus loves him and to share that love with others wherever he goes. Amen.

### PRESCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Administrator: Chop Cooper PS Director: Robin Romano Board Chair: Sarah Eargle Interim Pastor: Rev. Jane Mitcham Preschool Teachers: Robbie Hunter Abby Lasater Robin Romano

Preschool Chapel: Pastor Jane Mitcham



Preschool Aides: Stephanie Barry Cheryl Mitchell Jessica Ringer

Preschool Music: Shelby Felker