



# Grace Preschool News



## Important Preschool Dates

Oct. 6

Nothing Bundt Cakes  
Pickup

Oct. 10-13

Fire Safety Week

Oct. 17

No School

Oct. 19

Combo Class/ 4s  
Field Trip - Lever Farms

Oct. 26-27

St. Jude Trike-a-Thon

Oct. 27

Fall Class Celebrations  
for T/TH 2s

Oct. 31

Fall Celebrations for  
M/W 2s, 3s, 3/4s, 4s

Oct. 31

Grace Trunk or Treat  
5 - 6:30 p.m.

## Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to our  
students and staff with  
October birthdays!

## 2-Year-Old Preschool Class



We have had a great beginning for this year. We are getting to know each other and learning to share. The children have made progress and are eager to learn.

In October, we will learn about Joseph and Moses and the color black. The shape will be the triangle, and our letters will be I, P,

and N. Our numbers will be 2 and 3.

We will also enjoy our Fall party.

Please remember to check your child's bookbag for updates and the new snack calendar.

Thank you for sharing your wonderful gift of God with us, your child.

Ms. Robin and Ms. Jessica

## 3-Year-Old Preschool Class

The month of October is here, and our three-year-olds will be very busy during the upcoming weeks. Our little ones will be focusing on woodland animals, God's Helpers and Fire Safety, Farms and Harvest. In addition to these activities, we will also look closely at the fall season and celebrating Halloween safely and without fear.



Our special colors for the month will be black and orange. The number will be 3, and the shape for the month will be the triangle. We will continue with our faith-building stories and activities.

We will also have many important events going on during the month. Please watch your folders daily for the exciting events and visitors that will join our children for some fun.

Ms. Robbie and Ms. Dawn

## 3/4-Year-Old Combo Preschool Class

This month we will be learning about Feelings/Emotions, Fire Safety, and Fall. Our Bible Study will be Joseph and the 10 Commandments. We will



be studying the number 3; the shape triangle; and the color black. Our letters will be D, B, and F.

Please remember to check your child's folder daily to keep up.

Ms. Andrea and Ms. Cheryl

## 4-Year-Old Preschool Class



Our year is off to a great start. We are anxious to start the month of October. We are planning a trip to the Pumpkin Patch (Lever Farms) on Oct. 19. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to join us on this field trip.

Our units for the month are: Woodland Animals, Fire Safety

and God's Helpers, Farms, Harvest and Cowboys.

We will study the color black, shape triangle and number 3. Our letters are C, R, F, and P. We will continue working with scissors and talking about opposites.

Our Bible verse this month is "For the Lord your God will bless

you in all your harvest." (Deut. 16:15) Our Bible lesson is "Noah."

Please check and clean out your child's folder daily. Please work on name writing and addresses.

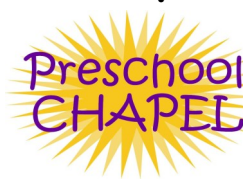
Ms. Abby and Ms. Cheryl

## Preschool Trike-A-Thon for St. Jude Oct. 26-27

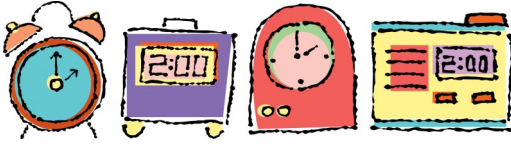


Grace Preschool is sponsoring a Trike-A-Thon for St. Jude Children's Hospital during the Oct. 26-27. Please look for more information to come home in your child's folder in the coming weeks.

## Chapel With Pastor Jane



Each Tuesday, Pastor Jane will lead Chapel for our Preschool students in Grace's Sanctuary. Four-year-olds will have Chapel at 10:40 a.m.; 2-year-olds at 10:55 a.m.; and 3-year-olds at 11:10 a.m. Chapel Change Offering will be received during Chapel.



### Pick Up Time Reminder

Pickup for 2s and 3s begins from 11:30-11:40 a.m.  
4s Begin Dismissing at 11:45 p.m.  
All children must be picked up by 11:55 a.m. due to DSS regulations.



### Trunk or Treat

**Monday, Oct. 31**  
**5-6:30 p.m.**



Bring your children and their friends for a fun and safe Trunk or Treat on Monday, Oct. 31 from 5-6:30 p.m. in the Grace parking lot. If you would like to participate by decorating your vehicle and handing out treats, please see Chop Cooper or Andrea Hawkins. **Donations of candy** are also appreciated as hundreds of children come each year!

## Faith At Home: Lighting the Darkness



Halloween can be a scary time for young children. Masks on otherwise familiar people and scary decorations in the neighborhood or in stores can make this fun holiday a fearful time for little ones. Remind them that the light of God is always with them with this activity.

**Needed:** Bible, nightlight, pumpkin, carving supplies, candle or battery-operated candle

- Gather the family. Darken the room and plug in the nightlight. Read Psalm 18:28 from your Bible, or use this text:  
For it is you who light my lamp;  
the Lord my God lightens my darkness.
- Say, "No matter where we go or what we do, God is always with us, holding our hand so we don't need to be afraid." (Plug in a nightlight the next time you are putting your child to bed. Point to the light and say, "See, the light reminds us that God is with us.")
- Visit a pumpkin patch or display of pumpkins in a store. Tell your child(ren) that one of the pumpkins has a light inside that will light up the night on Halloween. You might

help them look for this pumpkin by asking each one if it has the light inside. After you choose a pumpkin, exclaim that you have found the one with the light inside.

4. When you get home, carve your pumpkin with as much help from younger family members as is age appropriate. Preschoolers or toddlers can help you scoop out the goo inside. You can put some pumpkin goop on a high chair tray for a baby to touch. (Remove all seeds first.) Carve a happy face, cross, dove, or butterfly into your pumpkin instead of a more traditional jack-o-lantern face.

5. Put the finished jack-o-lantern on the table, put a candle inside, and light it. Dim the lights and say the following blessing: Bless this pumpkin

That God made to grow.  
Glowing brightly in the darkness,  
It reminds us that God is always here.

6. Sing **My Pumpkin Has a Light** (Tune: "Oh, A Hunting We Will Go")

O, pumpkin has a light,	O, God is with me here.
My pumpkin has a light,	God is with me here.
The Light of God	The Light means that
is right inside.	the Lord is here.
My pumpkin has a light.	God is with me here.

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### PRESCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Administrator: Chop Cooper  
PS Director: Andrea Hawkins  
Board Chair: Sarah Eargle  
Interim Pastor: Rev. Jane Mitcham

2-Year-Olds:  
Robin Romano  
Jessica Ringer

3-Year-Olds:  
Robbie Hunter  
Dawn James



3/4 Combo Class:  
Andrea Hawkins  
Cheryl Mitchell

4-Year-Olds:  
Abby Lasater  
Cheryl Mitchell