

September 2020

It's back to school time and we have a busy and fun filled month planned for our students! We want this year to be as "normal" as possible for you and your child when it comes to school here.

Your child will be experiencing easel painting, building with blocks, cutting, drawing, sand and water table activities, listening to new stories, reading picture books, journaling, playing outdoors and SO much more! These and other experiences are designed to help your preschooler learn pre-reading and pre-writing skills, become familiar with basic math and science concepts, and most important, gain social & self-help skills that will benefit them now in and in future years. Sounds like fun, right?!

Well, it should be! Studies show that young children learn best by experimenting, exploring, and playing. This also helps establish a positive attitude toward school later in life.

We are looking forward to teaching your child this year, and we thank you for being part of our family here at the GCC Preschool.

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Our units of study for September are:

- Back to school
- School routines

Dates to Remember

September 8th & 9th

September 10th-18th

September 21st & 22nd

October 5th

October 12th

October 29th & 30th

Open houses 9-11 a.m. (parents must stay)

All classes this week are from 9- 11 a.m.

MWF class until 12 noon and T/Th class til 11:30 am

No school- Columbus Day

Parent- Teacher Conferences -PM (more info to follow)

Fall Festival Parties (more info to follow)



BACK TO SCHOOL TIPS

1. When saying goodbye to your child, esp. the first few class sessions, remind them that you will be back after they have snack. Giving them a time reference and a big hug and walking away will help ease them into the "good-bye" routine each time. If your child is crying, let one of us help you! We are here to make sure that this transition time goes as smoothly as possible.
2. Practice washing hands with your child at home! As silly as this sounds, children love to just stand with their hands under the running water and not rub them together! Please show them how to use soap and how to rub the germs away and how to dry them with a paper towel.
3. Children should wear rubber sole shoes or tennis shoes at preschool for outdoor and gym fun!
4. Preschool is messy!!! Please dress your child in play clothes to come to school.
5. Please make sure your child gets a full night of sleep and that they eat a good breakfast in the morning before school!
6. During nice weather, we will be going outside to play on the playground. As you know, the temperature can change dramatically in a short time so it's better to be prepared by sending a jacket or sweater with your child.
7. When your child is ill or if on vacation, please phone the preschool and let us know your child will be absent. You can call the church at 847-336-2392 and leave a message at our extension #208 at anytime.
8. Don't forget to check by your child's "animal" and their cubby each day to take home their special art projects and any important notes for Mom and Dad.
9. Each month your newsletter comes home with important dates and units of study. ***Please read it!!*** Remember tuition is due by the 10th of each month regardless of attendance. You can pay with check or cash in person or go online to www.gcchome.org to pay with a credit card.
10. Remember, we serve snack each day to your child. If you would like to celebrate a birthday and bring in a treat, please see one of us to "sign up" for that day. That will eliminate 2 birthdays on the same day. (store bought treats only)