

October 2021

tuition An Introduction to the Basics

Tuition for October will be due in a few days. To jog your memory, tuition payments are **due between the 1st and the 9th** of each month. A late fee of \$10.00 per day begins accruing on the 10th of the month and includes weekends and holidays so don't let that happen!

Tuition payments can be made in the following ways:

1. Set up bill pay through your bank. Release your payment before the end of the month to ensure that it arrives at the preschool before the 9th. (I actually get a hard copy of a check from your bank which takes 7-10 days to arrive once your payment has been released.)
2. Put your check in one of the Tuition Payment Boxes. Tuition boxes are located on the little table where you sign your child in and out of their class and on the bookcase just inside the preschool office.
3. Hand it to Miss Du

Please include your child's name and their classroom on your payment.



Getting the Routines Down

The kids are slowly adjusting to the new routines that go along with having an enjoyable time at preschool. Parents are doing a pretty good job too! Here are a couple of reminders, parents, that will make the processes go smoothly and will help to keep one another safe.

- **Signing-in and signing-out** – this seems to be going well! We'll adjust the placement of the tables as the weather dictates.
- **The exit gate** – please remember to exit only through the gate on the south side of the preschool
- **Lining up outside the classrooms** – to help facilitate the smooth drop-off and pick-up of your child at their classroom door, please remember to line up, socially distanced, from north to south (from the classroom door to across the lawn)



Fire Drills

Expect to hear your little one talk about a really loud bell and covering their ears. In October we'll begin running mandatory fire drills each month. The first fire drill of the year is a little like herding ferrets but the kids adjust well once they've done it a time or two.



Halloween at FNS

Because your kids most likely won't do much (if any) trick or treating this year, the teachers and I would like to do something a little different, a little special, for your kids. We're going to have a Halloween parade! We'll trick or treat from classroom to classroom and visit the workstations of some of the Fremont Church staff. When all is said and done the kids might take home 10 pieces of individually wrapped candy that have been provided by the preschool. Here's the plan:

- We'll have 2 days of parades; Thursday, Oct. 28th & Friday, Oct. 29th
 - The Halloween parade for Classroom B and Classroom C will be on Thursday, Oct. 28th.
 - The Halloween parade for Classroom A, Classroom C, & Classroom D will be on Friday, Oct. 29th.
- As an art project at the beginning of the week, the kids will decorate a white lunch bag to be used as their trick or treat bag on their parade day.
- Children enrolled in a class for 4/5 year olds may wear their costume or Halloween themed clothing. Please, nothing spooky and nothing that covers their face! And yes, the kids will still wear their regular face masks.
- Children enrolled in a class for 3 year olds won't wear a costume (too difficult to get off when they need to go potty!) but they'll make a special headband during class time to wear for their parade. The 3s will also wear their regular face masks.
- To protect costumes and headbands, we'll play in the gym on parade days.
- At 11:45 a.m., just before pick-up time, we'll go on a Halloween Parade for parents! **Please arrive before 11:45 to sign your child out then line up around the outside of the fence. The sign-out sheets will be on little tables outside Miss Du's office.** Each table will have a sign identifying the proper place to sign your child out, i.e., Classroom A, Classroom B, etc. The kids will parade around the inside of the fence and when they've returned to their classroom, you may line up as you normally do across the grass.
- Look for a sign-up sheet outside your child's class for ways that you can help with a special Halloween snack.



The Fruit of the Spirit

During the month of October the children will be learning about the Fruit of the Spirit of Goodness. The children will learn about Goodness as the teachers read and discuss the book [The Storm Whale](#) by Benji Davies. They'll also engage in conversations during Circle Time about things we can all do and say that are good and right. "Don't get tired of doing what is good. Don't get discouraged and give up." Galatians 6:9



Funny Farm Petting Zoo

"All God's creatures got a place in the choir!..." On Friday, October 15th God's creatures from Funny Farm Petting Zoo will be here for our 4s and 5s classes to enjoy! Happily, FNS has been able to offer this on-site field trip to our older students since 2016 (well, last year doesn't count!) and we look forward to having the animals and their informative caretakers with us again this year! It's a toss-up for who enjoys this visit the most – the wonder filled kids or the wonderful animals! Due to the terms of the contract, our visit from Funny Farm is open only to our students, parents and siblings may not visit the animals.



Lost and Found

Have your child's three favorite hoodies vanished like a chameleon on a rock? Do you distinctly remember putting *two* shoes on your child this morning and now, as you're leaving preschool, they have only *one* shoe? Our lost and found is located on top of the outside shoe cubbies near Classroom C. Oh! And be sure to write your child's name somewhere on their clothing!



Fall Ideas to Share

Will you be carving a pumpkin? If so, take your child's picture with their jack-o-lantern and then let them bring in the picture to share with the class! How about looking for signs of fall? If you go on a walk in your neighborhood and you find interesting and beautiful signs of fall, collect one item and let your child bring the item in and add it to their class science table.