



Presbyterian Enrichment Preschool ~ October 2021 Newsletter

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October's Themes: Colors and Shapes, Bears, Halloween

Our school is off to a great start with a wonderful group of children. At times, separation anxiety that has not shown during the first month can appear other times of the year. Please be loving but firm in bringing your child to the door and then leaving. Usually the child is fine after a few minutes of adjustment and special attention from one of the teachers. If anxiety should persist, we will give you a call.

Parent/Teacher Phone Conferences – October 5 & 7, 6 & 8

For the Tu/Th class, we will call on Oct. 5th or 7th.

For the MWF classes, we will call on Oct. 6th or 8th.

We will have regularly scheduled classes on Oct. 7 & 8 instead of 'No school' as listed on the original PEP calendar. One of our teachers will call you during your child's regular class time for a 10-minute conference. If this time is not convenient for you or if you need your conference at a specific time, please let us know.

Please be sure to complete and return the Child Development Form that was placed in your child's folder on 9/21 in order for the teachers to prepare for the conferences.

Introducing "Letter of the Week" (M/W/F AM and PM classes):

Each week we will introduce a new "Letter of the Week" in our M/W/F classes. Letter Day will be on Monday each week beginning October 4. Example: Letter B, button, boy, box, bird, balloon, etc. This is a very important developmental exercise that will help in developing pre-reading skills for your child. Please help your child remember: "Letter Day is Monday." We will not bring items in to PEP at this time but we will continue our letter day book and discussion of letter items. Families can post on our Facebook page if they like.

October 4	A is for apple
October 18	B is for butterfly
October 25	C is for crayon

Tuition Reminder:

Monthly tuition (\$225 for Tu/Th, \$295 for MWF a.m. and \$255 for MWF p.m.) is due on the 1st of each month and considered delinquent on the 10th of that month and will be assessed a \$10 late fee. Please call or email Mary Lou in the PEP office if you have questions regarding tuition (448-1626). Please make your tuition checks payable to CPC (Community Presbyterian Church). Cash is ok, too.

To pay your child's PEP tuition through your online banking:

- 1) Have the check made payable to:
CPC
425 Hemlock Street
Vacaville, CA 95688
- 2) Checks should arrive by the 10th of each month. You can arrange for automatic payments now through April, as May tuition was prepaid this summer.
- 3) In the account line, BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR CHILD'S LAST NAME AND FIRST INITIAL/PEP
Ex: Harris, M./PEP. It must include both your child's name AND PEP so that it can be posted correctly to your child's account.

Bible Story Time ...

...will be introduced to our classes starting October 5 & 6. Brendan Kavanagh, Children's and Family Ministries Director, and/or Brigitte Aton, will give the children a Bible story once each week. We appreciate them sharing this special time with us!

Tu/Th class children will have their Bible Story Time in the classroom, while the M/W/F classes will go to the sanctuary for their Bible Story Time. We invite you to join us for Bible Story Time in the sanctuary. Immediately following Bible Story Time, the children will be dismissed from the classroom or sanctuary. Please be sure to sign your children out and check their folders (just outside the sanctuary for the M/W/F classes). Occasionally, we will reschedule or have Bible Story Time in the classroom. The white board will keep you informed.

Bible Story Times:

Tu/Th Class, Tuesday, 11:20 a.m.
MWF AM Class, Wednesday, 11:20 a.m.
MWF PM Class, Wednesday, 3:20 p.m.

Scholastic Book Orders

Approximately once a month you will receive Scholastic Book orders in your child's folder. This is a way for you to order quality books at a great price. However, it is not mandatory to participate. Simply order online or complete the order form(s), attach the payment (checks only, please) and give it to one of our staff prior to the deadline date that is stamped on the order form. We would like to thank Miss Cara for organizing Scholastic orders for all of our classes.

Reminders!

- Please remember to keep your emergency numbers updated in your child's file, new cell phone numbers, new contact person, etc. Please contact Mary Lou in the PEP Office to make changes.
- Keep brightwheel updated with parent cell numbers in your child's profile.
- For PEP drop off and pick up, please use the gate area at the north end of the building. Park in the large parking lot, please.
- You can always access the newsletter at www.communitypresbyterian.com
Our e-mail address is pep@communitypresbyterian.com
- Join our Facebook page for more information



Halloween Parties

Tu/Th AM class party will be Thursday, October 28.
M/W/F AM and PM class parties will be Friday, October 29.

We will be having a Halloween Parade approximately 15 minutes after the children arrive to class. We will let you know that morning what your best area for videotaping, picture taking will be. We will stop there briefly to sing a couple of Halloween songs. Please remember to socially distance as best you can.

Halloween can be a frightening time for some children. We ask that you take this into consideration when deciding on a costume for your child to wear to school. **Please remember** that guns, swords or other weapons are **not** acceptable in our classroom even if they are part of a child's costume.

A Halloween Party help list will be posted on the cart for party donation sign-ups.



Pick-up Reminder: Please pick your child up from preschool **promptly at dismissal time**. If you have an emergency and are running late, please call the school (448-1626) so that we can let your child know that you will be late. It can be frightening to your child to be the only one left after all other children have been picked up.

Please remember our late pick-up policy. A \$10.00 late charge will be assessed to anyone more than 15 minutes late picking up his/her child unless there is an emergency and the school has been informed. An additional \$10.00 will be added to each 15 minutes thereafter.

Absence: It is not mandatory but helpful if you call (448-1626) to inform us your child will be absent from school. If your child is ill with a contagious disease, we use that information to inform the other parents. Please keep your child home when there are signs of a cold, fever or diarrhea. They should not return to school until they are free of these symptoms for 24 hours.

Snack: Your child will be scheduled to bring snack and drink to share with the class 2-3 times during the school year. If your child is scheduled on an inconvenient date, please inform Mary Lou in the PEP office for rescheduling. **Only those children scheduled to bring snack will receive the snack calendar with their name highlighted.**

Coming in November:

November 1: Christmas Wish donations begin

November 11: No School. Veterans' Day.

November 18: Thanksgiving for Tu/Th AM class.

November 19: Thanksgiving for M/W/F classes.

November 22-26: No School, Thanksgiving Vacation.

October at a Glance

Tu/Th AM Class

Every Tuesday is Bible Time at 11:20 in the classroom

5 & 7: Parent/Teacher phone conferences.

28: Halloween Party!

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M/W/F AM & PM Classes

Every Monday is Letter Day ~ Every Wednesday is Bible Story Time in the classroom

4: Letter A day

6 & 8: Parent/Teacher phone conferences.

11: No PEP School - Columbus Day.

18: Letter B day

25: Letter C day

29: Halloween Party!