

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS PRESCHOOL

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September is...

Sight Seeing on the Preschool Express



Welcome to Shepherd of the Hills Preschool. We look forward to working with your child and acquainting him/her with the joys of learning and making new friends. At the beginning of each month you will receive our newsletter. It has information about the theme of that month, concepts the children will learn, and special visitors that may come to speak to the children.

The staff plans to make the transition from home to school a positive one. We look forward to becoming better acquainted with you and your child. There are many new faces to recognize so please make sure we have received your **CHILD'S SNAPSHOT** to post in the classroom.

TRANSPORTATION

This month we will talk about the different ways of getting from one place to another. Some of the vehicles we will learn about are cars, trains, buses, and planes.

MEET THE STAFF

We are pleased to welcome back all of our staff.

Director

Kathy Webb

Assistant Director

Ms. Tami

Blue Room 4/5 Year Olds

Ms. Kathy M & Ms. Jillian

Yellow Room M-W-F 4/5 Year Olds

Ms. Patti & Ms. Tiffani

Purple Room

3/4 Year Olds

Ms. Stacey

Green Room

3 Year Olds

Ms. Tami

T-Th Extended Care Class

Yellow Room

Ms. Karen

Extended Care

Ms. Ashley/Ms. Alicia

Teacher's Assistant

Ms. Monica

Cherubs

Ms. Tami, Ms. Jillian, Ms. Monica & Ms. Kathy

CLASSROOM NEWS

All classes will begin a unit on colors this month. To help expand on this concept we have planned special art projects and have chosen "colorful" songs as well as planned special snacks. If your child knows his/her colors this will be an enjoyable review for them. The 4/5 Year old classrooms will also be learning shapes, numbers and in September will be starting the Phonics program. A special calendar will be sent home so you will know which concept/concepts are being studied.

CALENDAR

At the beginning of every month you should find, attached to the monthly newsletter, a monthly calendar. Many parents have found this calendar to be helpful in keeping track of the events that are happening in your child's classroom. As the year goes on we will continue to post the colors/shapes/numbers or letters so that you can help reinforce these concepts at home.

BULLETIN BOARDS

Located on the bulletin board is the **SIGN IN/SIGN OUT** sheets. You are *required* by state law to sign your child in and out each day. Also a copy of the newsletter will be posted on the boards each month as well as any announcements for parent participation for special events going on that month.

TUITION

At Shepherd of the Hills Preschool, we do not send out bills. We ask that you pay the tuition **between the 1st and the 15th** of each month. If there is a problem, please talk to the Director directly. There is a payment drop box by the front door.



CHERUBS



This year we will continue our **CHERUBS** program four days per week **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.**

CHERUBS is our after school program which allows your child to bring his/her lunch and stay until 2:00 P.M. You may sign up for one or two days per week. The cost is \$40 per month for the one day a week session and \$80 per month for the two day a week session. We also offer an art

exploration day on Fridays, from 11:30-2:00, which again, your child brings their lunch and does an art project. The 3 day a week session is \$120 per month. We also offer cherubs and the Friday art day on a drop in basis but the price will be \$15.00 per session instead of \$10.00. Drop in cherubs/art will be available on a first come first serve basis and only as space is available. Please see Ms. Tami or Ms. Kathy if you have any questions.

CONFERENCES

At the beginning of every school year we offer parent conferences to those parents who would like to check-in with their child's teacher. The scheduled dates are as follows:

Ms. Kathy & Ms. Jillian

M-W-F Sept. 20 & 22 8:30-11:30 A.M.

T-Th Sept. 21 & 23 8:30-11:30 A.M.

Ms. Patti & Ms. Tiffani

M-W-F Sept. 24 & 27 8:30-11:30 A.M.

Ms. Stacey

T-Th Sept. 28 8:30-11:30 A.M.

M-W-F Sept. 29 8:30-11:30 A.M.

Ms. Tami

T-Th Sept. 30 8:30-11:30 A.M.

M-W-F Oct. 1 8:30-11:30 A.M.

We will have a parent sign-up sheet on the bulletin board with a time set aside for each parent who wishes to attend. The 4/5 year old sign-up sheets will go up first and then we will post the sign-up sheets for the 3/4 year olds. If you cannot attend any of these dates posted and wish to touch base with your child's teacher you can speak with them and set up a time that works for both of you.

SHARING DAYS

Sharing days will only be on the first Tuesday and Friday of every month. It is very helpful if you would send sharing items in a backpack or bag with your child's name on it. The 4/5 year olds will do sharing by themes, so we will send a note home prior to sharing day to let you know what favorite item they should bring in. The 3/4 year olds will have free choice. We do ask that you discourage your child from bringing guns, bows/arrows, or toys that are easily broken. Sharing dates for this month are:



M-W-F	Friday	Sept. 3
T-Th	Tuesday	Sept 7

CHAPEL



We will have chapel every Wednesday and Thursday, beginning September 1st, at 11:15 in the sanctuary. We invite you to come back early these days and join your child for some special chapel time.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY

The preschool and extended care program will be closed on Monday September 6th in honor of Labor Day.

FIRE DRILLS

We practice fire drills once a month here at school so that if we were ever to have to evacuate the building for any reason the children would know exactly what to do. These practice fire drills will start to take place this month so we just wanted to make parents aware so that if your child talks to

you about them, you can reassure them that it is just for practice and everything is okay.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

Back-to-school nights will be held on **Monday, September 27** (for Mon., Wed., Fri. classes) and **Tuesday, September 28** (for Tues., Thurs. classes) at 6:30 P.M. This is a good time to let your child show off his/her classroom to their family members. We will wrap up the evening with an ice cream social.

M-W-F	Sept 27	6:30 P.M.
T-Th	Sept 28	6:30 P.M.

LIFETOUCH PICTURES

<u>T-Th</u>	Thurs.	Oct. 21st
<u>M-W-F</u>	Friday	Oct. 22nd

THANK YOU

Thank you for sharing your child with us at Shepherd of the Hills Preschool. The staff looks forward to sharing an enjoyable happy school experience with each child.



Sincerely,

Your Preschool Staff~

