



Word of Life Preschool

October is here and we are ready to play, learn, and celebrate the fall season!

**Word of Life
Lutheran Preschool**

October, 2016

The school year is off to a great beginning. The children are settling into their classroom routines. We are busy working on getting to know each others names, using appropriate language to communicate our wants and needs, sharing, and using good manners. Our big focus in September was on socialization and adjusting to our new classrooms, classmates, and teachers.

We hope that you were able to thoroughly read through the parent orientation folder that was distributed on the first day of class. If you did not receive the folder, including the parent handbook, please ask the Director for one. This handbook was created to keep parents informed about our policies and to help our school run smoothly.

Parents can help us by:

- ◆ Children washing hands upon arrival (this is a DCFS requirement).
 - ◆ Signing your children in and out each day.
 - ◆ Check your child's mailbox daily along with the mailboxes of other children you are transporting.
 - ◆ Check the top shelf of the cubbies for projects completed in class.
 - ◆ Make sure you have provided us with a complete change of clothes (include: pants, shirt, underwear, and socks).
 - ◆ Send your child with a jacket or a sweater.
 - ◆ Wear tennis shoes or gym shoes and play clothes.
- ◆ Keep the school up-to-date if there has been any changes to your emergency contact numbers.

SAFETY & COURTESY REMINDERS

- ◆ Please **do not** park or drive through the road in front of the church entrance while school is in session.
- ◆ Please **do not** talk on cell phones or text in school parking lot while driving.
- ◆ Please **do not** let the children touch the church materials while waiting in the entryway including the plants and brochures, and outdoor fountain.

We appreciate your kindness and understanding!

COMING EVENTS

- Oct. 1-Fall Family Festival
- Oct. 4 & 5Picture Day
- Oct.1-3 Tuition due
- Oct 10 NO SCHOOL- Columbus Day
- Oct 18 & 20 T-shirt Day
- Oct. 27-Family Fun Night Nature's Best Café

Nature's Best

Join us on Oct. 27th for our 2nd annual fun night and mini-Fundraiser. Family, friends, & anyone else is welcome to attend. You can go have a snack anytime throughout the day or join the teachers from 5-7 PM

See the Flier for more details.



Handwriting Without Tears

Word of Life Preschool uses the Handwriting Without Tears program. This is a multi-sensory approach to developing fine motor skills and letter formation. It uses a combination of music, hands on manipulation of shapes and letter pieces, and handwriting instruction to help students learn how to draw and write. Though some of our public schools use the D'Nealian style of writing, research shows that children learn best using the simpler block style print.

The Teddy Bears and Guppies will work on introducing upper case letters only. Upper case letters are easier to form and all start at

the top on the page. The Turtles and Penguin classes are reviewing the upper case letters and will be working on teaching the lower case letters.

All classes will be using MatMan, an interactive method for teaching children how to draw people.

Included in this newsletter is an article entitled "Help Me Write My Name" which provides guidelines for parents to help their children learn to write their names. Using this method will reinforce the method we are using in our classrooms.



WOL T-Shirts



T-shirts are available in the Director's office for \$10. WOL will have t-shirt days listed on the calendar to help booster school spirit.

See Mrs. Grisenthwaite if you wish to purchase a shirt.

Birthday Book Club

Would you like to be part of the Birthday Book club? This is a special way to honor your child on his or her birthday and help build our school library. If you are interested stop by the preschool office to purchase a book from the birthday book box.



Your child's name will be placed in the book so we will remember their special day.

A picture will be taken of your child and added to our birthday cake in the hallway.

The book will be read by the teacher and added to the classroom library.



See Mrs. G in the preschool office if you would like to participate in the Birthday Book Club

October's Bible Verse

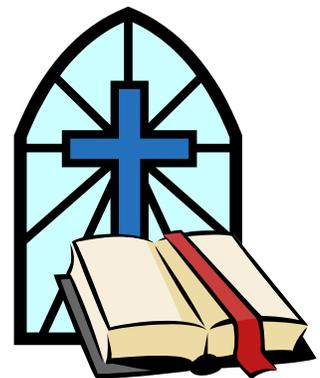
As fall approaches we look forward to all the celebrations and traditions in store.

Word of Life Preschool remembers to put God first and hopes our monthly Bible verse will help others do the same.

Feel free to email Bible Verse suggestions to the Director at Director@wordoflife.net

Daniel 2:21

He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.



Guest Reading Program Begins In October

As we mentioned at Parent Orientation and in the parent packet, we will begin our Guest Reader Program in all our classes in October.

Moms, Dads, Grandmas, Grandpas or other treasured adults are invited to volunteer to become a guest reader in our classrooms.

The guest reader will come to class for the first half hour (9:00-9:30 for the AM classes; 12:30-1:00 for the PM classes). They will sit in the reading center and read to a small group of children. Research has shown that reading

to children in small groups increases their vocabulary and helps develop phonemic awareness. The teachers will have specific books picked out to read.

What qualifications do you need to participate:

- An enthusiastic spirit and passion for reading.
- The ability to sit with a small group of children.



Once upon a time...

On your volunteer day enter the classroom with your child please stop by the sink to wash your hands and turn off your cell phone. The teachers will then assist you in getting settled in the reading center.

(The nursery room is available to use for younger siblings if you can coordinate with another Mom in your class. Our license does not allow for siblings to be in the classroom.

We appreciate your time and willingness to be apart of our guest reader program!



Fall Celebrations - Crazy Hat Day

Halloween can be an exciting time for children, costumes and candy are all parts of the celebration. At Word of Life Preschool we take a very low-key approach to this holiday. We celebrate all the fun things that go along with fall and harvest.

Our fall celebrations are called Crazy Hat Day. On this day we invite your child to wear a crazy hat. **No costumes** are allowed at school.

The children can wear a favorite hat, cowboy hats, baseball hats, tiaras, Mickey Mouse ears, headpieces to their costumes, etc., or something you made at home. Please check your snack calendars to see what day your child's class is celebrating Crazy Hat Day. If you are the snack helper on this day, you may bring in a special treat (items that are allowed for birthdays. Please consult your child's teacher for assistance).



Remember no costumes for Halloween. We celebrate Crazy Hat Day!



Fall Family Festival-October 1st 10:30-1

Please head over to Word of Life Preschool between 10:30 and 1 to celebrate Fall and all the beauty God creates within this new season.

Everyone is welcome and the event is free. There will be games, a bouncer, a petting zoo, and lots of food.

Volunteers are needed. Please see the sign up sheet in the shirt lobby if you are able to help with a station or donate items.

Older children (preferably 12 and up) are welcome to help with this event as well.



Our Wishes Come True With You!

Many thanks to our generous families who grant our wishes by donating so many of the items needed at our school! We go through many supplies and appreciate all the help and support provided by our preschool families.

If you are able to help with supplies in the next few months we extend our gratitude and provide a list of essential items that would be of great use to the preschool.

Thank you for
your
generosity!

Thank you for helping to make play dough for WOL Preschool as well. This is a great asset to the preschool.



WISH LIST

- ◆ Paper towels
- ◆ Napkins
- ◆ Foam Hand Sanitizer
- ◆ Tissues
- ◆ Clorox Wipes
- ◆ Clorox Anywhere Spray
- ◆ Glue Sticks
- ◆ Baby wipes
- ◆ Batteries (AA and AAA)
- ◆ Stamps

Don't forget to wash your hands

Please remember that DCFS and the Health Department requires all children wash their hands before entering the classroom.

This requirement helps decrease the spread of germs and the potential for cross contamination of allergens.

The cold and flu season will be upon us soon and these rules are in place to keep our school safe. We ask that you make sure that your child uses soap and water when washing their hands and thoroughly dries them as well.



Hand Washing Song
Fronts and backs, Fronts and backs.
In between, in between.
This is how we wash our hands, This
how we wash our hands
Now they're clean
Now they're clean

It's My Snack Day!

Thank you to all the families who brought snack in September. There are so many rules and regulations concerning snack that we thought we would take this opportunity to highlight a few of them.



We have plenty
of Juice!

- ◆ Snacks do not have to be individually wrapped. It is often less expensive to buy one large box rather than individual bags.
- ◆ If you are unsure about quantities please check with the teachers.
- ◆ Birthday treats may be a special treat. Please see your child's teacher for a list of appropriate birthday snacks.
- ◆ All snacks must be commercially prepared and in the original containers (we need to be able to read the ingredients on the outside of the box).
- ◆ If your child is sick on their snack day please do not worry about bringing snack to school. We will pull a snack from our pantry.
- ◆ Please be sure snack is not processed in a factory that contains nuts or we will have to send it back home.
- ◆ Please do not let children or siblings eat in the hallways and be sure backpacks do not contain food or drinks.

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It is so hard to believe that our first month of school is almost over. How wonderful to have the classrooms filled with children. For some children the transition was easy and they bound into school. For others it has been more difficult, as they enter their first school experience. Each child is developing at their own speed. We will work with each child to make them feel comfortable and confident in their class. If you have any concerns about your child please do not hesitate to talk to your child's teacher or call the school and leave a message. The teachers will get back to you as soon as possible.

Our monthly newsletter is full of information of upcoming events. Please take time each month to read through it. Also remember your best source of information on what is going on in class is the weekly newsletter written by your child's teacher. You can use this newsletter to talk to your child about the things they are learning in the classroom. It is better to ask specific questions such as "What story did you read?" or "Tell me about the art project you made today". Often if you ask "What did you do today?" the response you get will be "Nothing". The classrooms are full of learning experiences, take a look around when you drop your child off so you can talk to them about the things in the classroom.

Please remember if you ever have any concerns my door is always open. A quick reminder if you ever need to enter the school during the day just use the intercom located to the left of the double doors. If you come back early and would like to observe just give the intercom a buzz. It may take a minute to answer the door if I have a phone call or meeting but you can also ask the church office for assistance if need be. We are looking forward to a great year at Word of Life Preschool.

Jacqui Grisenthwaite, Director

WOL Church News

Interested in Attending?

Pastor Homan is the current Pastor at Word of Life Church. He is an interim pastor, helping the church build relationships and find a permanent pastor who can be a great fit and help the church blossom and grow.

Pastor Homan, along with the church members, welcomes you all to visit Word of Life Church.

Sunday Schedule

8:30 Traditional Worship Service

9:40 Sunday School

9:45 Adult Bible Study

10:45 Praise Service

5 PM House of Zion Bible Study

Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship Bible Study meets on Wednesday's at 7:15 PM.

For any other events please access the calendar online at

<http://wordoflife.net/calendar.php>