

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/4 - Early Dismissal at
1:00 PM

9/7 - School Closed
Labor Day

9/11 - Chapel Resumes

9/13 - Grandparents'
Day

UPCOMING BIRTHDAY'S

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| Ruth S. | 9/4 |
| Mia S. | 9/14 |
| Aubrey P. | 9/16 |
| Grace W. | 9/23 |
| Liliana M. | 9/26 |
| Ms. Isabel | 9/28 |
| Landon C. | 9/29 |

DID YOU KNOW...

September is....

- * Baby Safety Month
- * Hispanic Heritage Month
- * Classical Music Month

9/4 National Wildlife Day

9/6 Read a Book Day

9/8 International Literacy
Day

9/9 Teddy Bear Day

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*"By all these lovely tokens September days are here,
with summer's best of weather and Autumn's best of cheer"*

~Helen Hunt Jackson~



September traditionally signals the beginning of autumn is near. We look forward to the cooler weather. We are at the beginning of our new school year and so much is going on...new students are enrolling, our current students transitioning to new classrooms, and we have a few new teachers. We are blessed and excited to continue to experience the growth of our Grace Family during this troubling time. We are so very grateful and thankful to have you with us. We appreciate your understanding and support tremendously.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! For Your Continuous Support

September is
Baby Safety
Month



September is Baby Safety Month. Baby Safety Month is an annual designation observed in September. Just as we have reviewed and revised our Emergency Preparedness Plan here at school, it is the perfect time for you to review your safety procedures at home.



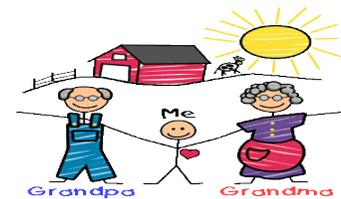
Faith-Based Curriculum

"God in our heads, God in our hearts. God in our hold body."

Chapel will begin on Wednesday, September 9th.

Faith-Based Curriculum lessons! We share faith-based lessons connected to real life experiences that create a culture of caring for each other with our children. They become aware that God is present in our daily lives, and that he loves and cares for each of us.

Our teachers discuss readings and/or various Bible stories, sing in praise together, and guide prayer for our ever-changing world.



*"Grandparents have ears that really listen, arms that
always hug and hold, love that's never ending,
and a heart filled with gold."*

In honor of our grandparents, the teachers will be doing special art projects for the kids to give to their grandparents. We would like to wish all of our Grandmother's and Grandfather's a wonderful and blessed grandparent's day. May your day be filled with love, joy and laughter on Sunday, September 13th



**Early
Dismissal**



On Friday, September 4th we will be closing the school at 1:00 pm (early dismissal) in order to conduct our quarterly spray of the classrooms. Children are not allowed to be on the premises for the spraying. Please make certain that you pick up your child (children) by 1:00 p.m. that day.

Classroom Changes

Dear Parents,

We are excited to welcome our children back after Labor Day, as we seek to get the new school year into full swing. We want to share with you some changes to our floor plan and drop-off/pick-up procedures that we believe will greatly improve our ability to operate continuously and consistently through the duration of the pandemic.

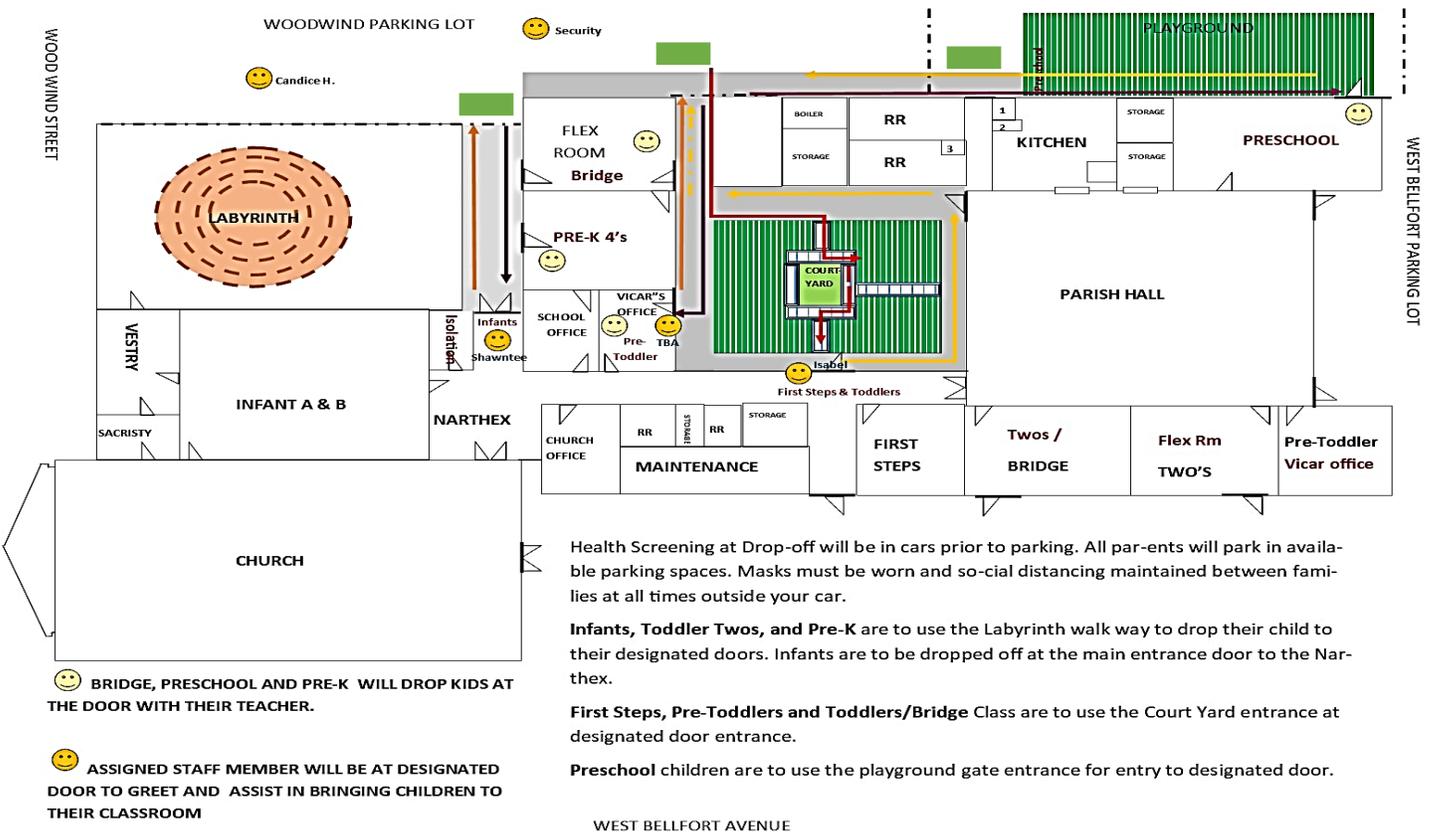
When we first reopened after the lengthy COVID closure between mid-March and the first of June, we instituted a health and safety policy that was our best effort to mitigate the spread of potential coronavirus infections through our school community in the event of a positive case. We wanted our entire community --staff and families -- to have confidence that Grace would make a clean and safe environment our number 1 priority. This remains our number 1 priority.

Perhaps the biggest challenge in our reopening plan was our classroom layout—the way classrooms are spread throughout the building and secure entrances are limited to the Woodwind side of our campus. Because of these limitations, we were forced to reopen with a policy that would respond to any positive COVID19 case with a complete 14-day closure of the school.

Over the Labor Day weekend, two classes will move to rooms with exterior entrances in our secure outside spaces. (Secure outdoor spaces are the Labyrinth Garden, Courtyard, and Playground.) This will leave only three classrooms without direct access to secure exteriors, but all three of those classes are very near to secure entrances.) Below is a diagram that illustrates where our classes will be located for the foreseeable future. For those three classes without direct access, an assigned staff member will meet you at your class's designated door and escort your child to their nearby class.

After clearing your health screening in cars upon first entering the Woodwind parking lot, parents will park and escort their children to the appropriate exterior entrance for their child's. Don't worry -- Security and Staff will be available to help you find the right gate and door. For parents with siblings, you may have two areas to drop your child off, depending on the class.

The positive impact of this change is that our health and safety policy is being updated to require, in the event of a positive COVID19 case, only the 14-day closure of the affected class.



CLASSROOM NEWS

INFANT 'A' BUTTERFLIES

Hello! Infant parents...welcome to our Butterflies class. First, we want to say thank you for your patience, understanding, and staying with us during this difficult time. We are happy to have you back and excited to see everyone especially all of our new friends. For the month of September, we are going to learn about more interesting topics. The month of September, our theme will be "All About Me". For the first two weeks, our babies will enjoy discovering and learning about their body parts – hands, feet, eyes, nose, mouth...among others. We will also be incorporating Five Senses in the third and fourth week of our curriculum accompanied by art projects, Spanish words and sign language and yoga poses. We also have a special art project that we will be working on to celebrate our Grandparents. For story time we will read "When God Made You" by Matthew Paul Turner and David Catrow, "You Are Extraordinary" by Craig and Samantha Johnson, "Eyes, Nose, Fingers and Toes" by Judy Hindly, and "See, Touch, Feel and Taste" by Roger Priddy. During tummy time and music and movement we will listen to Ella Jenkin's cd, "Growing Up".

Parents: Again, thank you for all your support, together we can make your child's time in class a success.

Ms. Julia

Ms. Dina

INFANT 'B' HONEYBEES

Welcome to September Honeybees! The Summer was short but filled with lots of learning about transportation by land, sea and air as we learned about far away states and countries. Our last adventure for the month of August was by air as we discovered Hawaii. The month of September we are on a new adventure as learn about transportation on land, sea and air. We also will be exploring space and walk where no infant has walked before. This month will be filled with learning, fun and adventure. We begin our adventure with transportation learning about different modes of transportation. This is done by reading books like, "Beep! Beep!" Baby touch and feel book and "Truck". Spanish words for transportation will be introduced as well as some fun and interesting yoga poses and our fun and creative arts and crafts. Later in the month of September we will be off to space while we read books "I Want To Be An Astronaut" by Byron Barton and "Man On The Moon" by Anastasia Suen. Our yoga poses and Spanish words for this month are Boat, Airplane, and Train. Spanish words and our arts and crafts. We also will be exploring the solar system.

This is with a heavy but exciting heart that say by to some of our classmates who have moved to First Steps or the Pre Toddlers classroom and we would to welcome our new friends to the honeybees, Ruby, Llwyen, Izzy, Grace, Ruth and Reynolds. We are excited to have our new friends as we learn to walk, crawl, and learn so much more.

Thank you, parents, for your support and may we all have a safe and fun month of September.

Ms. Roxana

Ms. Sylvia



FIRST STEPS KITTENS



Hello First Steps Kittens Family,

For the month of September, our theme will be Zoo Animals. We will venture off to the zoo to discover different animals that are found at the zoo and what they eat, what is a zookeeper, and what sounds zoo animals make. Some of our activities we are looking forward to are reading "Dear Zoo", "The Zoo Crew", and "Baby Bear, Baby Bear What do you see?" during story time; creating a paper bag Giraffe, texture painting the Z for Zebra, paper plate monkeys, for creative art time, going on a bear hunt as we crawl like bears, hop like bunnies, move like elephants for music and movement; and wash zoo animals for science/sensory time. During circle time, we will enjoy a puppet show with different zoo animals as we learn about our colors, shapes, and counting 1-5. I would like to give a warm welcome to Isaac, August, Jed, and Elliot. I am so excited to have them in First Steps and looking forward to wonderful school year. As a little reminder my parents, please label your child's sippy cups, blankets, pacifiers, etc. with their first and last name please. Please do not hesitate to ask us any questions about our classroom routines, we are here to work with you...Thank you!

Ms. April

CLASSROOM NEWS



PRE-TODDLER PUPS



Hello and Welcome Parents to the Pre-Toddler Pups class!

Lars, Logan, and Margaret have transitioned really well and has embrace their new class and getting familiar with their new routine. To start off the new school year, our theme for the month of September will be All About Me. We will use this month to get to know each other and learn more about our class routine and center rules. Some of our activities will be creating a circle of friends' handprint collage, family graphing, body tracing, feelings poster, and creating I Am Special mirror. During circle time, we will learn about the color red, circle shape, Spanish word and American Sign Language for Me, Friend, Mom and Dad. We will also count 1 to 5 and say our A,B,C's in both English and Spanish. We are looking forward to a new and exciting school year.

Ms. Margaret (Maggie)

Ms. Cynthia



TODDLER DOVES



Welcome to the Toddler Doves Class! Our new friends transitioned really well during the month of August. We focused on learning center names and rules, rotating from one center to the next, and potty training. For the month of September. We will be doing all-about-me activities such as all-about-me paper, numbers math activities, worksheets, and learning first and last names. The books we will be reading are "I Like Myself," "Incredible Me," "All by Myself," "I Like Me," and "What About Me." We will be doing flash cards with letters, numbers, shapes, and colors. Children will learn a lot of self-help skills. We will use music and movement to work on our fine motor skills and large motor skills. We will be doing more mathematical thinking while learning to trace letters. We would like to welcome Matthew Ferrante to the Doves class as he has transitioned very well.

Ms. Eva

Ms. Krecent



BRIDGE ROOM TURTLES



September is here! Welcome back to school. The Bridge class has so many exciting things we will be focusing on this month as we start this new school year. This year will be a great opportunity for your child to grow academically and emotionally. For the month of September. We will begin with self-awareness and the things around them. The children will be introduced to self-awareness and how to handle situations socially and emotionally. Introducing the rules of the classroom brings great awareness to the children. We will talk about our five senses and how we use our body parts to experience them with our eyes, ears, nose, mouth, and touch. We will sing many songs and read many books. We will also begin to work on pre-writing skills. Correct posture and holding a writing utensil with the 3-finger grasp. We will begin with circles and straight lines. Sign language will be introduced beginning with thank you and please. In math we will focus on numbers 1-10 the written symbol and concepts. Art will be a lot of color mixing using the primary colors to make a different color. We will also talk about Homes and Families along with how people live in different kind of homes and how many people in their families. We will share many stories and books about this subject. The sounds for the month will be O and S. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you, Bridge Parents, for your support!

Ms. Debbie

Ms. Diana

PRE-K THANKFUL 3'S

Hello and Welcome to the Thankful 3's class! Our classroom is all about facilitating a nurturing, safe and educational environment. We encourage our students to grow areas of development. We promote independence, participation, and self-help skills. Our lessons contain versatile approaches to cater to multiple learning styles. For the month of September, our theme is All About Me. We will learn all about our self-care as we enhance our self-help skills, friends, and family. We will be focusing a lot on our Handwriting Without Tears Program (HWT) and We Can Classroom Management Skills. Our children will be working in their HWT "My First School Booklet" in which every day they will work on a page to help them improve their fine motor skills, language literacy, alphabet recognition and number counting. "We Can" vocabulary cards provide multiple opportunities to enhance language development through the use of will help promote Spanish and American Sign Language (ASL) which teaches conceptual knowledge and helps to manage behavior in and out of the classroom. We look forward to enjoying another fun and exciting school year with our students.

Ms. Jasmine

Ms. Dedic

CLASSROOM NEWS

PRE-K FOUR GIRAFFES

We are so excited to welcome the students to the Pre-K 4 class! Our class is learning the daily schedule, classroom jobs, whole group, small group, and individual assignments as well as classroom rules, routines, and expectations. The Giraffes will follow curriculum goals and social emotional guidelines using the We Can classroom management system. Please help your child at home with sounding out letters and sounds. Make a game out of the sight words...it is important to make learning fun so your little one will want to try new and different subjects. For the month of September, our theme will be on All About me. Thru this theme we will learn all about self-awareness, family, friends, and school. We will also review our numbers from 1-100 and counting by 10's and promoting the correct way of writing with our Handwriting Without Tears Curriculum to help in writing our first and last names. Our tricky words (sight words for this month are (I, See, We, Can, A, This, Is). Letter recognition and phonetic sound for letters (I, T, E, H, A, C). There will be fun science experiments, creative art projects, interesting social studies units, and many other learning experiences. We are looking forward to this learning journey with your child.

Ms. Clementine

Ms. Ruby



Children's Bible Fun



We bid summer farewell and eagerly embrace the new rhythm of Autumn. Like watching the beautiful color of leaves change on the trees, we watched the changes of new growth in your children. Their eyes sparkle and tiny bodies begin to sway and bend with the songs of Jesus. For the month of September, we are looking forward in learning about the House of Prayer (Jesus clears the temple) - There is an instance of Jesus clearing the temple in John 2:13-16, This lesson helps us to know God's house is a house of prayer; special and holy to God. The children will sign note cards and place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant. Review: Last time, we learned Jesus called the disciples to follow Him. What did they do when Jesus called them? (They left everything and followed Him.); The Great Commission - After his resurrection, Jesus spent forty days with his disciples. Before ascending to heaven he gave the apostles important instructions on taking the gospel to the lost...This is the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20. An angel comforted the apostles by reminding them that just as Jesus rose up into the clouds, he will someday come back to earth again; Pentecost - What is Pentecost? This is a very special time in the Bible when the disciples and other Christians received the Holy Spirit. Before I explain why and how this happened there is a few things you need to know first. God didn't just pick any day for this to happen. Like everything God does, he has a specific time, purpose and reason for it; and The Seven Chosen To Serve - The disciples decided to CHOOSE some people who would serve God by helping with the food! They gathered everyone together, and then they chose 7 men who would do this job. They prayed for these seven men and then gave these seven men the job of helping to make sure the food was given out to everyone! God had a special task for these seven men! God CHOSE these seven men to serve him! Guess what... God chooses us to serve Him, too! WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SERVING GOD THIS SCHOOL YEAR!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Julia Tobar has been a teacher at Grace for **20** years! She is a mother of two children, a 13-year-old son and a 24-year old daughter and says her own children influenced her to become a teacher...she loves being around children! Julia is originally from El Salvador and during her limited free time loves to watch movies. Ms. Julia believes teaching builds a relationship between student and teacher. She feels that children learn best in a safe, loving, and nurturing environment. As an early childhood educator, teaching is the most rewarding aspect.

She says she wants to make the children in her care happy and that they make her just as happy. Even if you come to work in a not so happy mood, once you are with the babies...you will be happy, Julia says. Over the years she has enjoyed seeing her babies grow and develop and go from class to class and eventually graduate! A few years ago, she was truly gratified when she saw an 18-year old who had been a child she taught at Grace as a toddler! And once when she was feeding a 13-month old baby his food...the baby said "thank you" to her...one of the most heartwarming stories of her career! We are so blessed and lucky that Julia has been a member of our Grace family for so many years...and hope she will be with us for many more!

THANK YOU Ms. Julia for your dedication and support of the church & school!!