

PRESCHOOL PRESS

Newsletter for RockPointe Weekday Preschool



October 2018

Cowboy Week

Parents,

This is Cowboy Week at preschool, and the children will celebrate with "**Rodeo Roundup**" this Thursday, the 4th. The students will rotate between activities set up around the campus. This would be a great day for your child to dress the part if he/she has boots, jeans, etc.

Yee haw!!!

Note: the children will be having their photos made with a real pony; please let us know if your child has an allergy to pet dander.



Pick A Punkin'

On **Thursday, October 26th**, all the students will get to visit our own patch of pumpkins here on the RockPointe campus. We'll have loads of small pumpkins for the children to choose from, and they'll get to take one home. ☺

Chick-fil-A

Spirit Day

for RockPointe Weekday Preschool

Wednesday, Oct. 17 10:30a-1:30p

Location at 3040 & 2499

We receive credit only for purchases made at the counter (not the drive-thru), and you must mention **RockPointe** at the time of purchase to help raise funds for our preschool! Gift cards count, too! ☺

Thanks so much for your support!!!

Dress Up Day



Tuesday, October 30 will be Dress Up Day for the 3's and PreK classes at preschool, when the students can wear costumes to school, if they choose. Please do not send your child in a costume that will make it difficult for them to tend to their bathroom hygiene.

(Our youngest classes [18 mos. and 2's] will not be participating since costumes make diapering too difficult.)



Dates for Your Calendar

Parents, mark these important dates coming this semester!

T/Th Nov. 20 & 22 - Thanksgiving Break

Thurs, Dec. 13 - Christmas Program
9:15 Worship Center
Plan to come! Also, it will be the last day of the semester

Handbook Reminders

Here are a couple of reminders from our parent handbook:

- 1) **Athletic-type tennis shoes are required for participation at preschool;** boots, Crocs, slippers, sandals and flip-flops are not appropriate for running on the playground. However, there is one special day when boots will be allowed and even encouraged: next Thursday, at Rodeo Roundup!!
- 2) **3's and 4's classes are expected to attend to their own toilet hygiene needs,** including wiping themselves. Please allow your children to clean up after themselves at home, since that will be the process at preschool, too. Fastening on clothing should be simple enough so the child can use the bathroom with a minimum of assistance. Elastic waistbands are the easiest... 😊

We appreciate your cooperation with these policies.

Age Level News



18 Mos. & Two's

Our 18-month students are eager to play with their friends! We have been learning about colors, shapes and counting to 5. The children are cleaning up their toys after playtime and putting up their own trash after snack...these are beginning steps in responsibility! For reinforcement at home, parents can read with their students, use crayons to color and show them how to put away toys.

This month the two's classes will be learning about our senses: smelling, tasting, seeing, hearing and touching. We're thanking God for giving us our senses as a way to understand this world. The children will also learn about how to take care of their bodies by eating healthy foods. At the end of the month we'll start learning about changes in the fall.

We'll emphasize the colors **orange** and **black**, and learn about *circles* and *squares*.

3 Year Olds

The 3's will have a unit titled "I am Special," when the children will learn about what makes them unique. Our emphasis is that "God made everything---even me!"

We will finish the month with a fun FALL day, having center time outside. We'll have apple relay races and play with/in leaf piles! The children will do an outdoor search for clues of fall. The letters **E**, **H**, **T**, and **U** will be introduced, and the students will practice one-to-one correspondence with the numbers **1**, **2** and **3**.

The 3's are practicing fine motor skills by ripping paper to develop hand & finger strength...getting ready to cut with scissors.

Pre Kindergarten

This month the PreK classes will have "Apple Week" in celebration of autumn. Parents can help by sending in one

apple of any variety on **Tuesday, Oct. 9** and one item made from apples on **Thursday, Oct. 11**.

In October we'll also enjoy learning about God's fall gifts and the students will make leaf-y watercolor prints. All the PreK classes will share a fall center rotation party, where the children will make popcorn, pretend spider webs and dig in the sand for miniature pumpkins. The phonics emphasis this month will be on the letters **Hh**, **Ii**, **Tt** and **Uu**.

Parents can encourage fine motor development by having the children practice cutting paper at home. You can have them cut up your junk mail before you put it in recycling!

✝ Chapel Schedule ✝

Chapel is held on Tuesdays at 9:15 in the "Cabin" room; it is the only time every week when all the classes are gathered together. Plan to be on time on Tuesdays, as chapel is great fun and the children won't want to miss it. Also, students prefer coming into chapel along with their class, rather than walking in alone late to the large group.

This month the children are learning that God tells us to obey, and our Bible stories will be:

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| 2 | Noah & the Flood | Gen. 6-8 |
| 9 | Abraham & God's Promise | Gen. 15 |
| 16 | Joseph & His Brothers | Gen. 37, 45 |
| 24 | Baby Moses | Ex. 2 |
| 31 | Moses & the 10 Commandments | Ex. 20 |

Our memory verse this month is:

Love God...keep His commands" 1 John 5:3



Words are important in the life of a preschooler! As adults, when we correct a child, it's tempting to say, "You need to listen," when actually what we're wanting is for the child to follow through and obey.

This month our chapel stories are all about people from the Bible who obeyed, so it's an opportune time for us to emphasize that terminology with the children, too. We'll be asking them to obey when directions are given; we encourage you to use that same terminology at home!

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