



# Shepherd of the Valley Preschool Newsletter October 2020

*But Jesus called the children to Him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these". Luke 18:16*

The children are settled into their classes and you can hear their sweet voices in the halls of our preschool. We feel so blessed to have your children at our preschool!

## Pumpkin Patch Field Trip



*See Field Trip info sheet for more details*

**Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

Mrs. Morrison & Mrs. Seip

Mrs. Palmaffy

Mrs. Samuel



## October is Fire Safety Month

Due to Covid-19 and the many fires we will not be having an in person visit with the fire department at this time but we will be showing a preschool fire safety video and will make thank you notes for our local Fire Dept Station 22!



**Fire Safety Video!**

**October 26 & 27**



## Safety at SOTV

*Your children are precious to us...help us keep them safe!*



- \* There is NO SPEEDING in the parking lot or driveways.
- \* A LEFT turn out of the exit driveway is ILLEGAL. Remember to look for cars and pedestrians.
- \* Parking next to the playground and fence is not allowed!
- \* Please do NOT leave your children unattended in your car while dropping off students. This is a state law as well as a preschool rule stated in our parent handbook.



## Chapel begins this month!

Chapel time gives our children the opportunity to gather together in the church, hear a bible story, sing praise songs, and learn how much God loves them! They will learn many new songs and stories this year! A Chapel calendar will be in your child's cubby so you will know what story and bible verse we are studying. Each week a "Chapel Highlights" will be placed in your child's cubby so you can go over some teachable lessons with your child. Each new student will receive a bible to take home so that they can continue their learning.

Our Chapel offerings go to C.O.M.E. (Community Outreach Ministry Endeavor). C.O.M.E. distributes food and clothing to needy families with children in downtown San Jose. Our preschool children are encouraged to bring a love-gift offering (1-2 coins) to help others in need on our Chapel days. Please see your class calendar to know what day your child will attend Chapel.

## Music begins this month!



Music is a way for children to express their emotions! We will sing, dance with scarves, play instruments, and be silly in our weekly Music and Movement Class!

## Noah's Ark Parade & Party

Come dressed to school as your favorite animal! We will hear the Noah's Ark lesson in Chapel and have a fun animal party. We have several animal costumes you may borrow for your child or you may also make a simple animal costume! If you would like to borrow a costume, they will be available in the office October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Thursday, October 29th**

Mrs. Seip & Mrs. Morrison



**Friday, October 30th**

Mrs. Seip & Mrs. Morrison

Mrs. P

Mrs. Samuel

At 11:45 our classes will parade around the grass area one class at a time between the church and preschool buildings (weather permitting). More information will be in your child's cubby

## Library Notice

*"There is more treasure in books than in the entire pirate's loot on Treasure Island."  
– Walt Disney*

We are excited to share the love of reading with your children by offering a wide variety of books to borrow from our library. Pick up some books at morning drop off. Please remember to return them (including the bags) within a week!



## We are a NUT Free School!

Please do not to bring nuts of any kind to school.

This includes food for snacks, lunch, birthdays, Family Movie Night, Noah's Ark Parade, and any other holidays. Sunflower butter is a great alternative!

## Birthdays/Treats



We enjoy celebrating your child's birthday at SOTV! Please speak with your child's teacher at least a week before their birthday if you plan on bringing in treats. Children must be offered our provided snack for the day and we encourage them to eat this healthy snack. Please keep treats simple. Examples are: Gogurt, pretzel bag, jello, etc. Pencils and stickers are also good alternatives! Please note that we are not able to have any homemade treats at this time.

**SIGN IN**

## Sign In/Out Procedure

**SIGN OUT**

Please remember to sign your child in and out on your phone or the iPad each day. You may add or delete caregivers from your authorized pick up list by coming into the office and making the change on your child's paperwork.

# Looking Ahead



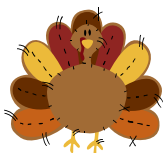
## Preschool Election Day Nov. 2 & 3

Our students will have a fun voting day. Each class will vote on something different. Please dress in RED, WHITE, and BLUE!!

\*See class calendar on when to participate

## No School

Wednesday, November 11 – Veterans Day



## Thanksgiving Sing 11:15

November 16 & 17 – Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Seip

November 18 – Mrs. Samuel

November 20 – Mrs. P

## Thanksgiving Week

November 23<sup>rd</sup>–27<sup>th</sup> there will be no school at SOTV. Our teachers will have In-Service Monday and Tuesday and then will enjoy the holiday with their families the rest of the week!

## Operation Christmas Child

We will show the children a video about giving gifts in shoe boxes to children around the world. If your family would like to make a shoebox of gifts to donate, we will be giving out the boxes at the end of October. May these children understand about God's love as we bless them! The Dollar store is a great place to find small items. More information will come soon!

## A Pumpkin Prayer

Dear God,

As I carve my pumpkin, help me say this prayer.

Open my mind so I can learn about You;

*(cut the top off of the pumpkin)*

Take away all my sin and forgive me of the wrong things I do;

*(clean out the inside)*

Open my eyes so Your love I will see;

*(cut eyes shaped like hearts)*

I'm sorry for turning my nose to all You've given me;

*(cut a nose in the shape of the cross)*

Open my ears so Your word I will hear;

*(cut ears shaped like the Bible)*

Open my mouth so I can tell others You're near;

*(cut a mouth in the shape of a fish)*

Let Your Light shine in all I say and do! Amen *(place a candle inside and light it!)*



# SNACK MENU – OCTOBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Honey Wheat Pretzels, Raisins & Water	2 String Cheese, Cuties & Water
5 Popcorn, Apples & Water	6 Cucumber Rounds, Dip, Crackers & Water	7 Cheese Slices, Ritz Crackers & Water	8 Yogurt, Bananas & Water	9 Apple Sauce Cinnamon Crackers & Water
12 Nutri-grain Bar & Milk	13 String Cheese, Apples & Water	14 Bunny Grahams, Carrots, Dip & Water	15 Kix Cereal & Milk	16 Yogurt, Bel Vita Crackers & Water
19 Wheat Thins, Raisins & Water	20 Carrots, w/ Dip, Crackers & Water	21 Multigrain Cheerios, & Milk	22 Fishy Crackers, Apples & Water	23 Rice Rollers, Bananas & Water
26 Wheat Bagels w/Cream Cheese & Water	27 Cheddar Clouds Melon & Water	28 Chex Squares, Strawberries & Water	29 Noah's Ark Cookies 5 day-Graham Crackers & Milk	30 Noah's Ark Cookies & Milk

