



Shepherd of the Valley Preschool Newsletter August/September 2023

This Year's Bible Verse:
Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own
understanding. Proverbs 3:5

Welcome to Preschool!

We have been busy getting the classrooms ready
and are looking forward to a wonderful year with your children!



* Home Visits *

Your child's teacher will contact you to set up a time to meet your child in the comfort of their home to get familiar with their teacher before school begins. *At school visit is also an option.

* Open House *

Come meet our staff, find your child's classroom, try your Brightwheel app, practice using the bathroom, find your cubby, have a snack, and meet some friends!

Sunday, August 20th 11:00-12:00

You are also welcome to come to our church service at 9:30 where our staff
will be recognized and prayed for before our Open House!



* First Regular Days of School *

MWF & M-F Students - Monday, August 21

8:45-11:45 or 8:45-2:45

T/TH Students - Tuesday, August 22

8:45-11:45 or 8:45-2:45

So nice to meet you

Monthly Newsletters

This newsletter will be placed in your child's cubby (and was also sent out by email.) **Please make sure you receive the email copy so you know you are receiving emails from the office.** If you have an update to your email address please let the office know as soon as possible.



School Holiday

Monday, September 4th Labor Day

THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL THIS DAY!

SOTV Clothing

Each child will be given an SOTV shirt to wear on Field Trips and as they would like during the school year. Additional shirts and sweatshirts are available for purchase in the office.

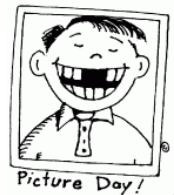
T-Shirts - \$10.00 Sweatshirts - \$15.00



Fall Portraits

September 14th and 15th

Our Photographer will be here to photograph your child.
More information will be in your child's cubby.



Fire, Earthquake & Lockdown Drills



We will be talking to our students and practicing our procedures in case of an emergency monthly. This is a great time to also talk to your child about the plan in your home!



Locked Doors

Please note that as a safety and precautionary measure, we keep the preschool doors locked between the hours of 9:15-11:30am and 12-2:30pm. If you are late in the morning, or need to pick your child up early, you must come to the office so that we may unlock the doors for you. Your child's safety is our priority!

Sign-In Procedure

1. Park in the large parking lot and hold your child's hand as you walk through the gate.
2. Put all of your child's belongings away and help them wash their hands.
3. Sign in on Brightwheel on an iPad by your child's classroom door.
4. Say goodbye at the classroom door.

Sign-Out Procedure

1. Gather your child's belongings from their cubby.
2. Sign out your child on an iPad by your child's classroom door.
3. Meet in the gym outside of your child's classroom door and wait for your child to be dismissed.



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Breakfast Bunch

SOTV offers a before school program from 8:00-8:45 a.m., Monday – Friday. The cost is \$2.00 for every 15 minutes and you will be billed through Brightwheel at the end of the month for time used. Please meet in the gym if you are coming to school early to play!



Extended Classes

SOTV offers an extended program from 8:45am-2:45pm. If you're interested in signing up for the program please contact the office. Drop-in may also be available; however, space is limited. Please check with the office or email Tania to check on availability.

August/September Snacks

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
August 21 Teddy Grahams & Milk	August 22 Ritz Crackers Cheese & Water	August 23 Goldfish Crackers Apples & Water	August 24 Popcorn Cuties & Water	August 25 Yogurt Bananas & Water
August 28 Pita Crackers Carrots & Water	August 29 Wheat Thins Raisins & Water	August 30 Rice Rollers Pears & Water	August 31 Cheerios & Milk	1 Cucumbers Pretzels & Water
4 No School	5 Apples String Cheese & Water	6 Cantaloupe Crackers & Water	7 Nutri-Grain Bar & Milk	8 Goldfish Carrots & Water
11 Veggie Straws Cuties & Water	12 Wheat Bagel Cream Cheese & Milk	13 Pretzels Cucumbers & Water	14 Crackers Watermelon & Water	15 Apples String Cheese & Water
18 Granola Bar & Milk	19 Wheat Crackers Carrots & Water	20 Chex Squares Berries & Water	21 Popcorn Raisins & Water	22 Cheese Slices Crackers & Water
25 Graham Crackers & Milk	26 Cheese Its Apples & Water	27 Rice Rollers Mixed Fruit & Water	28 Yogurt Bananas & Water	29 Apple Sauce Crackers & Water

* Water and 1% Milk will be served. We do not serve juice.

* All crackers, cereal and pasta will be whole wheat if available.

* Please talk to your child's teacher to make accommodations if your child has food allergies.



Playground Policy

We strive to make our preschool a safe place to learn and play. To keep your children safe; our playground is only open during preschool hours when our trained staff is able to supervise and maintain the safety of the children. We encourage you to set up play dates at a nearby park if your child would like to continue to play after school with their classmates. We are thankful for the wonderful families at SOTV and the safety of your precious children is our priority.



We are excited for another year at SOTV! Gymsters is a fun and innovative additional PE class on Monday's. We bring 3 fun motor developing activities per class.

Monday's 11:45-12:15 – Movement Class

12:20-12:35 – Lunch time

After class, children go back to their room to finish up rest time or are picked up by their parents at 12:35.

Gymsters is a year around, on-going program. We break up the payments throughout the year on a seven-week cycle. Our first cycle will begin Sept. 11-Oct. 23rd Cost: 101.50. If you decide you want to cancel Gymsters after you sign up you can email us at: Gymsters22@gmail.com

Students that have never been enrolled in the program can request a free trial class on September 11th.

To register your student to join the Gymsters Program, go to our website- Gymsterspe.com

Choose your school and register. Payments can be made through Venmo at: @Gymsters

Students can join our program any time, we can always pro-rate. Space is limited.



TROMBONE, VIOLIN, SAXOPHONE ... OH MY!

We're excited to bring even more music to SOTV with the Meet the Orchestra series presented by the Almaden Academy of Music. AAM is visiting every other month to give all classes an up-close look at the instruments of the orchestra. Your little one will also develop listening skills and vocabulary, and they might leave humming a Classical tune! Included with SOTV tuition. More info about AAM at www.AlmadenAcademyofMusic.com.

Check out our Preschool Web Site Page!

www.shepherdofthevalleypreschool.org



Check out our Facebook Page!

<https://www.facebook.com/SOTVPreschool>



♥ We look forward to a wonderful year ahead filled with God's Grace!



*Dear God, bless the littles...
and those who teach and protect them.*

