



# Shepherd of the Valley Preschool Newsletter October 2023

*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



10:00 am

**Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

Mrs. Meyers TTh

Mrs. McManus

**Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

Mrs. Meyers MWF

Mrs. Quast

Mrs. Palmaffy

Miss Morrella



Your Pumpkin Patch field trip information sheet and permission slip will be placed in your child's cubby. Children will need a parent or care giver to drive and stay with them on the trip. There will not be class after the trip.



## Chapel Begins October 11 & 12

**Wednesday's - Mrs. Meyers, Mrs. Quast, Mrs. P, Miss Morrella**

**Thursday's- Mrs. Meyers and Mrs. McManus**

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! 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.

Our preschool children are encouraged to bring a love-gift offering (1-2 coins) to help others in need on our Chapel days.

## Music and Movement Class Begins this month!



**Wednesday's - Mrs. Meyers, Mrs. Quast, Mrs. Palmaffy, Miss Morrella**  
**Thursday's- Mrs. Meyers and Mrs. McManus**

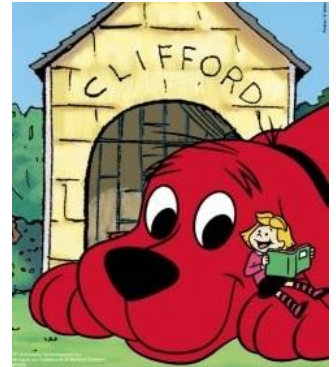
Music is a way for children to express their emotions! We will sing, dance with scarves, play instruments, and be silly in our weekly Music and Movement Class.

## Scholastic Book Fair October 9-13

We are excited to host our Scholastic Book Fair. The Fair is a perfect opportunity to purchase new reading material. Books also make great Christmas gifts!

**E-Wallet starts Sept 18:**

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/shepherdvalleypreschool1>



## Movie Night

**Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm**

Join us for a fun evening! Come in your pajamas for a short **Clifford the BIG Red Dog** movie, songs, a bedtime snack and to check out our book fair. Bring the family!

## 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 23rd.

### **Monday, October 30th**

Mrs. Meyers MWF – 13

Mrs. Quast – 15

Miss Morrella – 18



### **Tuesday, October 31st**

Mrs. Meyers – 13

Mrs. McManus – 13

Join us as our classes parade around the grass area between the church and preschool at 11:30 (weather permitting). Your child can bring an individually wrapped treat or non-edible item to share with their friends.

\*Please no nut products. See numbers above for how many students per class.



# 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 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, 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 so please keep treats simple. Examples are: Gogurt, pretzel bag, Jello, etc. Pencils and stickers are also good alternatives!

**SIGN IN**

## Sign In/Out Procedure

**SIGN OUT**

Please remember to sign your child in and out on your Brightwheel app on your phone or the iPad each day.

### Finding your Pin on the Brightwheel App

If you forget your PIN, you can find it on your app by clicking on the three lines on the top left. Next, click "edit profile" and scroll down for your PIN.



# Winter Fundraiser See's CANDIES.

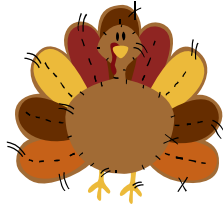


DATES: September 25 – December 1

Online Ordering Only

Send emails to your family and friends, candy ships right to them!

Links will come out Sept 25 – Check your Brightwheel messages!



# Looking Ahead



## No School

Friday, November 10 – Veterans Day

## Thanksgiving Sing & Feast 10:30

November 15 – Mrs. Meyers MWF, Mrs. Palmaffy, Mrs. Quast

November 16 – Mrs. Meyers TTh, Mrs. McManus, Miss Morrella (Mrs. Morrella MWF students can come on Thurs)

## Thanksgiving Week

November 20-24 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!

## Progress Reports

We will give you a progress report at the end of November. Our progress reports are a tool we use to help us work together in ensuring that each child receives the support and guidance they need to grow to their greatest potential.

We very much value parent/teacher communication daily so please let us know if you have any questions or suggestions as we partner together!

## 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
2 Wheat Bagels w/Cream Cheese & Water	3 Cheddar Clouds Melon & Water	4 Chex Squares, Strawberries & Water	5 Rice Cakes Cucumbers & Water	6 String Cheese Cuties & Water
9 Popcorn Apples & Water	10 Wheat Thins Blueberries & Water	11 Cheese Slices Crackers & Water	12 Yogurt Bananas & Water	13 Apple Sauce Cinnamon Crackers & Water
16 Granola Bar & Milk	17 String Cheese Apples & Water	18 Teddy Grahams Carrots & Water	19 Kix Cereal & Milk	20 Yogurt Bel Vita Crackers & Water
23 Wheat Thins Raisins & Water	24 Carrots Crackers & Water	25 Multigrain Cheerios & Milk	26 Goldfish Apples & Water	27 Rice Rollers Bananas & Water
30 Class Party- Pumpkin Cookies & Milk Graham Crackers for other Classes	31 Class Party- Pumpkin Cookies & Milk Graham Crackers for other Classes			

## Are you receiving Brightwheel Messages?

Make sure your notifications are turned on in the Brightwheel app and also in your phone settings. We will be sending important information through the app.

Also, is all your data updated?

- Authorized Pick Up
- Emergency Contact Information
- Child's Birthday
- Child's Allergies



**Thank you!**





It is a happy talent  
to know how  
to play.  
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

