

Preschool in the Valley

October 2026 Newsletter

Bible Verse this month is: **Blessed are those who trust in the Lord. Jeremiah 17:7**

We have been having such a great time getting to know all the children. We have started all our specials. I really enjoy seeing the children during music and chapel. Teacher Jenny is enjoying gym with the children. We have also enjoyed spending time on these beautiful fall days outside on the playground and are so glad that the rain has stopped for now.

During the carline, if you are walking your child in, please hold their hand. We want to keep everyone safe. We generally start dismissal at 11:50 am and try to have dismissal completed by noon or soon after.

Upcoming Dates:

- Wednesday & Thursday, Oct. 7 & 8 – School Picture Days
- Tuesday, Oct. 13 – Book Blast (2-week campaign). Watch for your treasure map & emails.
- Tuesday, Oct. 13 – Science on the Go – 4 year old classes
- Friday, Oct. 23 – No School – Teachers are attending the ACSI conference
- Wednesday & Thursday, Oct. 28 & 29 – Costume Parade at 9:15 am & Harvest Parties

Picture Day: The pictures are taken by Picklepuss Photography. Mary Parnell will contact you directly after picture day through email to order your pictures. If you order quickly the pictures will be delivered to school and there will be no shipping costs. Mary will be taking class pictures as well as individual pictures.

- Wednesday, Oct. 7 – T. Kristy, T. Emily & T. Rachel's classes
- Thursday, Oct. 8 – T. Colleen, T. Lynn & T. Kathleen's classes

Book Blast: On Tuesday, Oct. 13 we will start our Book Blast for 2 weeks. What does this mean? You will receive in your school bag a "Treasure Map" that explains the program. If you would like to participate, you will email invitations to 10 friends or family members. This will give them an opportunity to donate money towards books for your child. The goal is that every child in the school will get a book at the end of the Book Blast. There are prizes for sending the 10 invitations and there are drawings to win prizes as well. Last year every child received the 1st 3 books in their age level collection.

Preschool Costume Parade: On October 28 & 29 we will be having our Harvest Parade and Parties. The Parade will begin at 9:15 am outside in the back parking lot. Costumes are encouraged but not required. We discourage masks, as well as anything scary. Children should come to school in costume, as teachers will not be able to dress everybody. Parents plan to watch the parade, so please stay once you have dropped off your child. Provided the weather is nice, we will have the parade in the parking lot where we have the carline.

Extended Care: We actually have plenty of room for extended care from noon – 3 pm each day. If you would like your child to stay, let me know and you can either pay by check or I can charge you in Smartcare. The cost for extended care is \$30 for the 3 hours. We start extended care with a book and then we head down to the bathrooms to potty & wash hands before lunch. Each child should bring their own lunch, but please do not send any food containing nuts. After lunch we head out to the playground to play. If the weather is nice, we may stay outside until pick up at 3 pm. If it rains, we play games in the gym and play in the classroom. It's a great time for a playdate!

School Directory: Everyone should have received their School Directory last week. Please keep it handy so you can easily reach out to a classmate for a playdate.

Science on the Go: The 4 year old classes will have their first Science on the Go class on Tuesday, October 13th.

Homeroom Parent: Thank you to the parents who have already expressed interest in being a Homeroom Parent. We still need a 2nd homeroom parent in Teacher Lynn's class.

Belly Bank & Haiti Sponsorship: Each classroom has a "Belly Bank" that we use to collect coins to pay for Wood Jefferson's education in Haiti. We have been sponsoring him since he started school and now Wood is 10 years old and in 6th grade. We sponsor Wood through RMI, Reciprocal Ministries International and their HOPE for KIDZ program. We will be collecting coins all year. The children will see his picture in the classroom and be praying for him throughout the year.