

Preschool in the Valley

September 2026 Newsletter

Bible Verse this month is: **In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1**

Thank you so much for coming to Open House and bringing your children to their visitation time. This is always a great way for everyone to get to know each other. Hopefully many of your questions have been answered but please feel free to ask me or your classroom teacher any questions you have. We are happy to help you out.

We went over the **carline** procedures during Open House & Visitation. Please drive slowly and take your time when you get to the church parking lot. Thank you in advance for your patience as we all get acquainted with the arrival and dismissal procedures.

The first **ACH (Automatic Clearing House)** withdrawal will happen on October 1st to pay for October's tuition. Everyone pays tuition this way and provided the necessary information as part of the Enrollment & Registration form. The last automatic payment will be on May 1st.

The new app called **Smartcare** is just getting up and running. The purpose for using Smartcare is to offer other forms of payment for extended care and in January use it for registration for next school year. Smartcare offers many features such as the ability to get a receipt or a tax statement. We will not be using Smartcare for real time updates during the school day. This way the teachers can be present with your child and not on their devices.

Each student has a **school envelope** that has a picture on the front. Please return this each day or each time it comes home. This is how we communicate and share all we have done at school.

I am working on the **School Directory** and as soon as it is complete it will be sent home in your child's folder. I do try hard to not make mistakes but if you notice something is incorrect let me know. Keep the directory handy so if you would like to plan a playdate you have contact information.

Extended day will begin on Monday, September 21st. Extended Care ends at 3 pm. If you are interested in signing up for extended day, please stop by my office, call or email. The cost for extended care is \$30 for the 3 hours. Payment for extended day must be received in advance. Pick up for extended day is at the front of the building. Sometimes we are on the playground until the last minute. Feel free to pull around to the back and pick up at the playground if you notice that we are still outside.

New this year **Science on the Go**: This year the 4s classes will have science about once a month. We have Jaimee & Allison from Science on the Go coming to do different science themed activities with the 4 year old classes. We do this at no additional cost to you and is included as part of your regular tuition. The dates are listed on the School Calendar that you received in the mail and can find on the website under forms.

Thank you to the parents who have already expressed interest in being a **Homeroom Parent**. At this time parents should be on the lookout for an email from your Homeroom Parent to meet at the park for a playdate. This is a great time for the kids to get to know each other and for parents to meet each other as well.

If you are interested in **volunteering** in the classroom let your child's teacher know. Some of the opportunities would be mystery reader, making playdough, journal writing in the 4s or puzzle helper in the 3s. Many of you signed up for these opportunities already.

Each classroom has a "Belly Bank" that we use to collect coins to pay for **Wood Jefferson's education in Haiti**. When you send in coins your child will enjoy putting the coins in the "Belly Bank" and watching the coins zig-zag into its "belly"1. Thank you in advance for your generosity. We will be collecting coins all year and the children will see his picture in the classroom and be praying for him throughout the year.

We are so happy to have each one of you as a part of our Preschool Family and are looking forward to another amazing school year.