



# Newsletter

October, 2009

## A Word from the Director

Dear Parents,

The month of September is coming to an end, and we are beginning to feel the cooler weather of October. The children are settling into their routines, making new friends, and getting to know their teachers and assistants. Those children who were here last year, seem to have grown by leaps and bounds over the summer. Once they were babies, and now they are independent toddlers!

Thank you to all the parents for your kinds thoughts and prayers during my recuperation. It feels so good to be back and see the smiling faces of the children each day.

Our before and after school programs, Early Birds and Next Steps have room for more children this year. Next Steps is on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 12-2. Miss Maria and Miss Mary are the teachers for the program. Children can come 1, 2 or 3 days per week. If you would like to leave your child for one day on an "as-need" basis, the cost is \$10. As soon as the children are potty trained, they can come to this program.

Early Birds is a new program we are starting this year at the request of a few parents. The program will start on October 5 on Mondays and Wednesdays. The cost of the program is \$70/month. If you would like to drop your child off sporadically, the cost is \$10/day. Miss Maria and Miss Mary will be the teachers of this program. You can drop your child off as early as 8 a.m. We will add more days as the need exists. Any age child may attend this program.

Our two preschool parents on the board are always coming up with great ideas to make our preschool even better. We try to accommodate the needs of our parents with our special programs like Shopping Days for Moms at Christmas, Summer Camp, Early Birds, and Next Steps. If you have other needs, please talk to me or one of the board members. Our two preschool board members are Christy Moore and Angela Mandel. We will always try and be as flexible as possible to meet your needs. I am anticipating a great year with our wonderful parents, fun-loving children, and a tremendous staff and School Board!

Pat

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### Special points of interest:

*Children can be dropped off at 8:55 a.m.*

*Pickup time is 12 noon*

*Please check you child's backpack every day for art projects or important reminders from the school*

*Picture orders should be returned by Monday, October 6.*

*T-shirts for Halloween parties can be purchased at Michaels for \$2.*

## Wish Lists

A recommendation of the School Board this year was to have the teachers prepare a wish list of items that are not needed in the classroom but would be great to have! Thank you to the parents who offered to purchase one of the wish list items. There are still a few available. Ask the teacher of your child if you would like to participate. The wish list items will be available at the Halloween Parties.

The parents in Mary's two's class volunteered to purchase a 4-child buggy for the classroom. We have a 6-child buggy, however, Mary has 10 children in her class so a few have to ride in a stroller. The Board has agreed to pay for half of the buggy which is \$700 if the parents can come up with the other half.

## GODLY PLAY



Godly Play which is the religious component of our curriculum will begin the week of October 5.

3's M-W-F	Monday, 9:30-10:00
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PreK	Wednesday, 10:00—10:30

Pastor Zach and Associate Pastor Claire will be presenting a lesson to the children in the Sanctuary once a month also.

Monday, October 5	Godly Play begins
Friday, October 9	No school, Georgia Preschool Conv.
Monday, October 12	No School, Columbus Day
Wednesday, October 14	Fire Dept. 9:30
Friday, October 16	Police Department, 10:00
Wednesday, October 21	Sanctuary, 10:00, Pastor Zach
Tuesday, October 27	Presbytery—Be careful in parking lot
Wednesday, October 28	Sanctuary, 10:00, Parish Associate Claire
Friday, October 30	Halloween Parties, 11:00, Liston Hall



## HALLOWEEN PARTIES FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

10:30—Movie in Liston Hall

11:00—Parade around school and offices

11:15—Parties in classrooms

Bring a white T-shirt from Michaels for your child to decorate by October 9

No costumes

Miss Kathy's class party, Thursday, October 29, 11:15

