



## October 2023

### Mt. Pisgah Preschool News

Our school year is off to a great start! We've enjoyed exploring our classrooms, learning routines, and bonding with our teachers and friends. Our school is filled with smiles and laughter, and we are so thankful for the opportunity to partner with your family to help your child achieve wonderful things! We love our preschool community and are thankful you are a part of it!

**Preschool Chapel:** "Preschool Chapel" starts next week! This dedicated weekly experience offers our children the opportunity to experience a worship setting and learn about the goodness of God from one of our church staff. Miss Sarah will kick off "Preschool Chapel" teaching the songs we sing each week and sharing the book "I Am God's Dream." In subsequent weeks, the children will hear a Bible lesson from Pastor Michael, Director of Children's Ministries' Miss Kay, and Director of Youth Ministries' Mr. Andy on a rotating basis. We will also continue the tradition of celebrating birthdays at "Preschool Chapel." When it is time to celebrate your child's birthday in "Preschool Chapel" you will receive an invitation to celebrate with us.

**Music Class:** Beginning in October, our students will head to the music classroom once a week for a lesson from Miss Melissa, our music teacher. This year we are continuing to partner with Little Sunshine Music Studio to provide our music classes, and we couldn't be more excited to watch our students enjoy their time in music.

**Speech & OT Screenings:** The early childhood years are the best time to assess development and address any areas that might need extra supports. That is why we have partnered with The Speech Path and First Priority Occupational Therapy to offer screenings in our preschool on **Wednesday and Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>**. These professionals have been a tremendous support to our staff through professional developments and consults. To sign up for screenings, please complete the Permission Forms sent home through your child's folder and submit it to the preschool office along with a separate \$30 check for each screening. All permission forms and payments are due Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's classroom teacher or Miss Sarah to talk through if your child could benefit from a screening.

**Afternoon Explorers:** Our extended day program is off to a great start. We have spots available if you are interested in exploring this extended day experience now that your child is acclimated to the new school year. Afternoon Explorers has availability Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30-2:30pm, and registration forms are available on the credenza in the main preschool hallway. If you are interested in a drop-in spot, just email the preschool office to confirm availability then submit your \$30 payment.

**Fall Pictures:** It was so fun seeing all the smiles last week! A paper was sent home with your child on picture day with a unique QR code that links to their proofs. Please scan this and enter your information so that you will be notified when your proofs are ready. Our photographer offers free shipping if you would like to have your pictures sent to preschool in one bulk order. Proofs should be released this week, and the free bulk shipping cut off will be 7 days after release day. If you have any questions about this process or timeline, you can reach out to Meg, our photographer, at [portraitsbymeegwinston@gmail.com](mailto:portraitsbymeegwinston@gmail.com).

**Tuition Reminder:** Tuition installments are due by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. Checks should be made out to "Mt. Pisgah Preschool" and placed in the tuition drop box outside the preschool office. If you pay by cash, please pay in person to get a receipt. Thank you for paying on time; late fees are applied after 1:00pm the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**Thanks for Giving Wheel-A-Thon:** Stay tuned! Our "Thanks for Giving Wheel-A-Thon" is our preschool's main fundraiser each school year, and we are excited that this cherished tradition continues! We will need your help in making this fundraiser a success. Our event will take place November 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, so save the date. Be on the lookout in late October for details on how your family can participate and give back to our program!

**Trunk or Treat:**

Mt. Pisgah UMC invites you to join in on the fun at "Trunk or Treat" coming up on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. We can't wait to see you there!



## **Important Fall Calendar Dates:**

### **October 2023**

1	Tuition Due
2	Chapel Begins
4	Music Begins
4-5	Speech and OT Screenings
13	Preschool Closed (PACED Conference Professional Development)
23-27	Fall Spirit Week (more information to come)
28	Trunk or Treat (2:00-4:00pm)

### **November 2023**

1	Tuition Due
6-7	Preschool Closed
13-14	Wheel-A-Thon
22-24	Preschool Closed for Thanksgiving

### **December 2023**

1	Tuition Due
2	Gingerbread Festival 10:00 – 11:30am in CFLC
11	Registration Begins for 2024-2025 School Year
18-19	Jingle Jammie Christmas – school-wide pajama days
20-21	Family Christmas Chapel – 12:00pm in CFLC; invitations to come