



November 2023 Mt. Pisgah Preschool News

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances”
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

As we turn the calendar to November, we are naturally reminded of the importance of thankfulness. Life is often filled with unpredictable circumstances, but we know that we can give thanks for the blessings present in the midst of the challenges. Families, we want you to know that our preschool staff is dedicated to approaching each day with a focus on gratitude. We are thankful that we **“get to”** work with our young learners and make a difference in our preschool community each day. Your children come to school filled with such joy, and that drives us to invest in our community! Please know that spending time helping your children grow and develop is a blessing to us! Thank you for choosing to partner with us during your child’s preschool years. Our preschool staff would like to wish all of our wonderful families a blessed Thanksgiving holiday.

Volunteers Needed

We have several exciting preschool events coming up in the next few months, and we need volunteers to make them happen! Be on the lookout for event-specific emails with links to a Sign-Up Genius where you can let us know how you want to help!

“Thanks for Giving Wheel-A-Thon”

It’s almost time for our school’s main fundraiser of the year, and we need your help to make it a success! On **November 13th and 14th**, our preschoolers will bring a ride-on or push toy to school to ride laps and raise funds for our preschool. This is always an exciting event that encourages our children to come together to improve our preschool community. Please join us during your child’s class time to cheer on the riders together as a community. Information on our Wheel-A-Thon was sent home through your child’s folder, but please reach out with any questions. Thank you for continuing to support our mission and making a difference in our preschool community! We are so thankful for our families!

Phone “Check In” Conferences

Each November we offer parents the opportunity to check in with their child’s teacher to talk about how the school year is going. Be on the lookout this month for a progress report coming home as well as information on “conference” sign ups.

2024-2025 Preschool Year

It's hard to believe, but planning for the upcoming school year has begun! We welcome your feedback on our program offerings, so please let us know if you would like to see any additional class configurations in our program for the year ahead. Additionally, please reach out to the preschool office if you would like to know more about joining our teaching staff should a position opens up. We love to consider preschool parents who have a heart for teaching as many of us on staff first found our way to Mt. Pisgah Preschool as parents!

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year will open for our currently enrolled preschool families in mid-December. We have already started hearing from new families wanting to join our preschool community, so we are looking toward a busy enrollment period. Please spread the word about our registration process to any of friends or family that might like to enroll in our program; word of mouth is how we fill our spaces. I have information cards in the preschool office if you'd like to pass some along. Thank you for sharing your love for our program and spreading the good word about Mt. Pisgah Preschool around Midlothian!

Connecting with Mt. Pisgah

This summer we welcomed Michael Whaley as Lead Pastor here at Mt. Pisgah. He has a heart for our young learners and is so excited to get to know our preschool families. Be on the lookout later this week for a video invitation to Trunk or Treat from Pastor Michael. You can also expect to see him around preschool at drop off or pick up from time to time. He would love to meet you and would be honored to pray over any needs impacting your family. Thank you for welcoming Pastor Michael into our preschool community!

Preschool Wellness

Thank you to each of our families for investing in the health of our preschool community by keeping your little ones home when they have any symptoms of illness. This dedication helps us keep our program as germ free as possible. As a reminder, please notify the preschool office as soon as possible if your child receives a diagnosis of a communicable disease so that we can post a notification for their classmates; among other illnesses, this encompasses pink eye, flu, COVID, strep, lice and norovirus. Even though RSV is not included on the VDH list, we want to pass that information along to families, as well, because it is so contagious and especially burdensome for our families with new babies at home.

"Afternoon Explorers"

Our "Afternoon Explorers" program runs Monday-Thursday until 2:30pm for students in our 3-year-old and Pre-K classes who are independent in the bathroom. We have spaces available on Tuesdays and Thursdays if you would like to sign up or drop in. Just reach out to the preschool office to register.

Extra Change of Clothes

If you have not already done so, please send in a change of clothing for cooler weather, including socks and underwear, to your child's teacher to keep in the classroom. Please place all the items in a large zip lock bag labeled with your child's name.

Lost and Found

As the weather can be fickle on fall days, sometimes jackets get left behind at school. If we can't immediately identify who a particular item belongs to, we will place it in our lost and found. Please let us know if you need us to check the lost and found for you.

Important Calendar Dates

November

November 1 November Tuition & Afternoon Explorers Payments Due

November 6-7 Preschool Closed

November 13-14 Thanks for Giving Wheel-A-Thon (Rain dates: 15th and 16th)

Monday, November 13:
(Rain date: Nov. 15)

Tuesday, November 14:
(Rain date: Nov. 16)

Miss Terry's Class	9:50-10:10	9:50-10:10
Miss Donna's Class	10:20-10:40	10:20-10:40
Miss Judy's Class	10:50-11:10	-----
Miss Liz's Class	-----	10:50-11:10
Miss Bea's Class	-----	11:20-11:40

November 22-24 Preschool Closed For Thanksgiving Break

December

December 1 December Tuition & Afternoon Explorers Payments Due

December 2 Gingerbread Festival (10-11:30am in CFLC)
Enjoy kicking off the Christmas season with your preschool community!

December 11 "In-House" Registration opens for the 2024-2025 school year

December 18-19 Jingle Jammie Christmas (school-wide pajama days)

December 20-21 Family Christmas Chapel (12:00 in CFLC)

December 22 Christmas Break Begins