

Yellow School News

October 2017



We are moving right along – the children are settled in and the teachers are having so much fun teaching your children!

I know that it may seem as if I am making lots of changes – just please know that any changes being made are being done after feedback from parents and teachers! So far, the changes have been (mostly) well-received and are working well!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Love, Candice

Pictures

It's picture time! On Friday, October 13th (Kindergarten, 3 day Pre-K and WThF 3 year olds) and Monday, October 16th (MT 3 year olds, MTW 3 year olds, and 5 day Pre-K), Jamie from In Focus Photography will be here to take individual pictures of our precious children. He will use the Yellow School backdrop that he made and they will be oh-so-cute! His wife will then come back in two weeks with pictures for you to choose from!

Vision, Hearing and Speech Screenings

On October 18th and 19th, Laura Johnson will be here to perform vision, hearing and speech screenings for our four and five year olds. If you have a three year old, please let me know if you would like a screening, and I will send home a form for you!

October Conferences

This year, instead of being closed to have our October Parent/Teacher conferences, we will be doing them after school during the last two weeks of October. I will be sending out a Sign-Up Genius for parents to sign up in each class. Please know that this is not mandatory – we will have conferences in January as well.

Registration for Next Year (Reminder)

We will be accepting applications for the 2018 – 2019 school year from **FAMILIES NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT YELLOW SCHOOL** beginning November 15th at 6:00 am. Children who **are** currently enrolled and their siblings will register in January. If you have friends and neighbors who might be interested in the school, please encourage them to come visit us.

The Gathering

Our Pre-K and Kindergarten classes will be singing for The Gathering (the Alzheimer's group that meets on Wednesdays at the church) on Wednesday, October 4th. They will also be singing in December (everyone's favorite – Christmas music!). We will keep you posted on the date!

Mark Your Calendars!

October 9th – Columbus Day – No School
October 13th and 16th – Individual Pictures
October 18th, 19th and 20th – Vision, Hearing and Speech Screenings
November 7th – 9th – Scholastic Book Fair

Chapel Chat

Each month, Becky Funderburk gives us an update on what will be covered in Chapel during the month. Here is October's! Welcome to Chapel Time! We know this has been an eventful start to the school year and we hope everyone is settled into a routine. During Chapel Time, your children will have the opportunity to participate in an interactive Bible lesson with elements of singing, praying, and even games while they learn about the love that God has for us. We have started the year learning about Creation, that

God made it all, and we will continue with the promises that God kept with both Noah and Abraham. We look forward to spending the year with your children as we share the love of Christ with them!

Spanish with Rosi (Ms. Varela)

Sylvia Varela is our Spanish teacher and is doing an awesome job with the children! Rosi is the puppet she uses and the children are already becoming familiar with her! Every class begins with the "Buenos Dias" song. In October, Rosi (and Ms. Varela) will work on greetings – buenos dias, como estas, muy bien gracias, y usted. They will be counting pumpkins 1 – 10 and learning basic phrases (hola, adios and gracias).

Scholastic Book Fair

The Little School will have a Scholastic Book Fair November 7th – 9th in the Summit Room at the church. There will be an excellent selection of preschool books – including Christmas and gift books (think Christmas presents!).

Pre-K Curriculum

Our Pre-K classes will be utilizing the FunShine Express curriculum this year. This is a well-recognized curriculum and is used by some of the other Memorial area preschools. I am excited to be starting this program in our Pre-K (and so are the teachers!). Going forward, I plan to evaluate the success of the curriculum and add to it so that it will be unique to our program.

Financial Update

Please let me know what your child's schedule will be if you have not yet done so (and please be patient with me if you have let me know and I ask again!). I am trying to ascertain tuition rates and extended day staffing needs and appreciate your input.

I will be issuing check requests for September tuition for those of you who prepaid the school year within the next few days. I appreciate your patience – as you can imagine, this is a detailed process but I promise that I will get it done in as quickly as

possible. For those parents who did not prepay, September tuition is half of the normal amount.

Field Trips

We have lots of fun events planned for the school year! We will begin with an onsite field trip (where the field trip comes to us!) the first part of October to celebrate our community helpers. We plan to have the Villages Police Department Mounted Patrol visit (and, hopefully, the Canine Unit as well)!

Our Kindergarten class will be visiting the George Historical Ranch in November and our Pre-K classes will be going to Rice Epicurean to pick out food for a Thanksgiving feast!

We will be sending home more information on these fun events as we get closer!

Church Events and Activities

Parents' Night Out

On October 14th, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM, there will be a Parents' Night Out. This program is for children 12 weeks to 10 years of age and costs \$20 per child (\$15 per sibling). Please check out the MDPC website for more information and to register!

MOPs (Mothers of Preschoolers)

On the first and third Thursday of each month, from 9:30 to 11:15, Moms come together to connect, share, learn and have fun! Register online through the MDPC website – childcare is free and you will have fun connecting with other moms who are a lot like you!

