



## Helping Hands & Giving Hearts

Allison Creek Church has hosted a group of Habitat for Humanity Caravaners for quite some time. We are so excited that the caravaners have returned to Allison Creek again this fall.

A group of five RVs will be parked in the church lot from September 25 - October 9. The "campers" recharge their batteries here in the evenings after a long day of work for Habitat.

In today's economy we all know there is a growing need for help for local families. It is exciting to know that these people are donating their time and talents to help those in need and that this church can provide them with safe, comfortable accommodations during their stay.

This group is always so generous and helpful - each year during their stay, they have also worked on a project for the church and/or preschool!

Please join the church and preschool staff in welcoming them. The RVs being parked in a section of our drop-off loop could have been a nightmare - but thanks to your patience it has been seamless!

Thanks for all you do to make our preschool such an amazing place for our larger preschool family!

Fondly,  
Elizabeth P. Gibson

## FIELD TRIP ☺

We are thrilled to announce our first field trip of the year! On Tuesday, October 18, the students, staff and families of Allison Creek Preschool are scheduled to enjoy a day at the farm at Black's Peaches. Black's Peaches is located on Hwy 5 in York, SC. Preschool will be CANCELLED on this day in order to allow all families to attend. Allison Creek children and parents should arrive at Black's by 8:45 am. We will enjoy a hayride, the corn maze, seeing some farm animals, visiting the houses of the three little pigs, a hay trampoline, a hay playground, a trip to the educational shed, and story time. Each person will receive ice cream and a pumpkin or apples. There is a picnic area available if you would like to pack a lunch to have that day, also. The cost is \$8 per person (children ages 18 months and older and adults). Please be sure to fill out the attached field trip form and return it along with your payment in your child's folder on or before October 12. Thank so much!

## Sno Cones & Stepping Stones

The preschool will host Sno Cones & Stepping Stones Event on Sunday, October 23 from 2-4pm. Families will have the opportunity to make a cement stepping stone to add to the playground for a minimum donation of \$25 each. The interior of the playground fence will have a narrow mulch border where these stones will be placed. Each stone donation comes with 2 sno cone passes ☺ All moneys raised will be used for the playground project. Everyone is welcome - if you know for certain you are coming, please sign the list on the bulletin board in the hall. If You do NOT have to sign up to come.



## Fall FUN-i-val

On October 31, the Toddlers, 3s, & 4s classes will take part in a Fall FUN-i-val. We would love to have as many parents participate in this safe and fun event as possible. We are asking each family to donate a set of treats (candy, goldfish, stickers, prizes, etc.) for the carnival. We have approximately 70 preschool children. We need parents to volunteer for a game station or activity. Also, we will need parents to participate in a trick-or-treating activity. The children will walk through the hallways of the church "trick-or-treating" at various rooms in the church. Please sign the sheet on the board if you are willing to "man a post" for trick-or-treating or a game station.

Children are encouraged to wear festive shirts, hair bows, etc. on this day, but please do NOT send your child to preschool in his/her Halloween costume. We will be doing some educational activities on this day, and these can be a distraction. Also, some of our children are anxious around people "in character." Finally, we would hate for something to ruin a costume before Halloween!

Twos Parents - please sign up if you would like to bring your child for the fun-i-val. You will receive a detailed schedule at a later date to outline what times there will be activities scheduled for your children. We ask, however, that our two year olds be accompanied at all times by parents.

## Preschool Cookbook

Ms. Starla Davis - a treasured friend of our preschool - will be heading up a preschool cookbook project. Please consider which recipes you have that you can share with our preschool family. Each family will receive one entry per recipe submitted into a drawing for a free copy of the cookbook. There are recipe forms for you to submit your recipes on - some included in this month's post and extras are available! Please submit as many recipes as you'd like. The more we have, the better the cookbook!

## Wishing on a Star

There are still several items on our wish list wall in the hallway if anyone would like to take a star. Thanks!



## 5 Alarm Fun

We are excited that we will have visitors from the Newport Fire Department on October 12. If any of our 2 year olds would like to come see the fire truck that day, they are certainly welcome to stop by for a visit! October is Fire Safety Month.

## Preschool Night at The Pizza Man!

REMINDER: Allison Preschool Night at the Pizza Man in Clover will be on Thursday, October 20 from 4:00 - 9:00 pm. The Pizza Man will give the preschool 20% of the money made during the event hours of all orders for dine-in, carry out, or delivery when the person placing the order identifies they are ordering because of Allison Creek Preschool! The menu can be found online. Please be sure to spread the word! Any orders that identify the preschool will count toward our fundraiser, not just preschool families! Each participating family will be entered to win a free stepping stone at our sno cones and stepping stones event on Sunday, Oct 23!

[www.thepizzamanandgames.com](http://www.thepizzamanandgames.com)

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## Preschool Playground Project



If you would ever like to make a contribution to our capital project our playground move and renovation, you may send a check with "Preschool Playground Project" on the memo line.



Just a reminder that we will offer ZUMBA classes from 12:45-1:30 pm each Monday. The cost of the class is \$5 per person. The class is open to EVERYONE - preschool family or not. And...you don't have to have any ZUMBA experience to come.

Childcare will be provided for preschool families during the ZUMBA classes at a rate of \$3/child or \$5/family.

A portion of monies collected from the exercise class will be given back to the preschool to use toward the preschool playground fund.

## Preschool Directory

We are excited to distribute our preschool directories. Hopeful these will come in handy when it is time to schedule play dates, organize class parties, and network as a preschool family. Preschool directories should not be used for solicitation or advertisement of any kind or fashion. Thank you and enjoy!



## Closet "Clothes" Call

Many of our children do not have a change of clothes here at preschool. Please be sure your child has a full set of labeled clothes for those days when "accidents happen." Also, please keep in mind that as the weather changes you may wish to update your child's change in clothes to correlate with the weather. We will continue to go outside weather permitting, so keep that in mind as well.

### Unit/Theme - with Ms. Meg

October: Fall: Apples, pumpkins and Halloween

3 Year old class

Language Skills: We will be working on parts of a book, letter recognition and name recognition. At this stage we kindly ask that you use all capital letters with your child when working at home.

You can have fun with your children by helping them to recognize and write their names at home.

Writing in dirt, sand, shaving cream as well as chalk, play-dough and good ole paper are wonderful ways to make learning much more fun and enjoyable for all.

Math Skills: Recognizing and rote counting #'s 1-10, color and shape recognition. Every day the children are adding apples to a tree and straws to a pocket chart to keep track of how many days we have been at school. We are bundling our straws by 10's and will begin to learn how to count by 10's. We are working our way to 100 days of school.

Our focus shapes for the month of October are circles and triangles and we will be focusing on the color orange.

4 Year old class

Language Skills: The children have spent much of the beginning of school doing much needed review. They are remember the parts of a book, recognizing and spelling their first names. In October we will begin recognizing and spelling last names, identifying beginning words and rhyming words. We have also been working hard at learning our "sight words", how to spell them and also how to sign them. Hopefully the children have been coming home and sharing that with you.

Math Skills: We have been reviewing our number and counting skills for the past several weeks. We will begin to work on counting and recognizing numbers 1-20, counting by 5's and 10's and some shape and color review.

Every day the children are adding apples to a tree and straws to a pocket chart to keep track of how many days we have been at school. We are bundling our straws by 10's which will help the children with their counting skills. We are working our way to 100 days of school.

Thank you to everyone who has been sending in the environmental print. We are beginning to laminate these so we can put them up around the school for all to read as well as make a class book that the students can enjoy. The children will be so excited to know that they can actually read.

### Art - with Ms. Katrin aka Ms. Frizzle

During art class, we will have projects that go along with the monthly or bi-weekly themes of our school, as well as reinforce letters and numbers in a playful way. We are also using books and songs as a source for creative ideas.

In addition, I will do a lot of "process art" projects with the children, which means that we explore and experiment with many different materials, tools and processes to experience the joy of creating and doing art. The children will not follow the adult's idea of what to paint, but discover their own capabilities and the joy of creativity, which often results in unique masterpieces. I hope that art will be an adventure for them.

Throughout the year, I will also explore some basic elements in art – line, shape, color, form, texture and value – through open-ended, child-oriented art experiences, especially with the older groups.

During the month of September, our color was yellow. Some of the art projects will stay at school to be included in your memory book at the end of the year. For the first time we are posting most of your children's art works on Artsonia for you and them to enjoy.

The 4's decorated kites by blowing colors with straws. One class decided to use the straws as brushes, scratching the colors and finally rolling the straw across their kites! Each month the kite string will get a new ribbon for the monthly color – they are hanging upstairs in our art room. Most of them also decided that they needed more colorful hair in their self-portraits. Their yellow school buses have interesting passengers, from dogs to happy ghosts to pumpkins. Did I mention that we talk a lot during our class?

The 3's colored crayons to show off that they are indeed a "colorful" bunch and created their magical yellow buckets. Can they tell you anything about the story? They did a self-portrait on a smaller scale with their paper plate faces. It was a "hairy" adventure. They really enjoyed drawing on the easel and came up with fantastic pictures. We also enjoyed putting together our texture collage and learning how to use glue!

The 2's enjoyed decorating their stars with finger paint – what gooey fun! We are also learning how to use glue sticks, stamps and dot painters.

I hope you enjoy their masterpieces as much as we do creating them. It is a privilege to have a small part in the life of your precious child. I am looking forward to an exciting year!

"Creativity is such a tender root. It should be allowed to grow in its very own way..." Ida Kohlmeyer

### MUSIC - with Ms. Alice

We have been having a wonderful time in music this month. In keeping with our theme "All About Me", we have been learning songs about fingers and hands as well as using our bodies to act out songs. We have also been playing listening games such as *Statue* (3s) and the guessing what is in the mystery egg (4s), and yes, we have even played some instruments!

Next month, we will be learning apple and pumpkin songs, as well as continuing rhythm and listening games.

## Upcoming Events

- October 10** NO PRESCHOOL – Columbus Day
- October 12** - Fire Truck Visit
- October 12** - Deadline for Field Trip
- October 15** – Tuition Payment Due
- October 15** – Scholastic Book Order Due
- October 18** - NO PRESCHOOL - Field Trip
- October 20** - The Pizza Man – Preschool Night
- October 23** - 2-4pm Sno Cones & Stepping Stones
- October 24** - Deadline for Pizza Lunch
- October 26** - Pizza Lunch
- October 31** Preschool Fall FUN-i-val

## Handwriting with Ms. Bekah

Handwriting has started off to a great start this year. So far, each class has reviewed letters in various ways, even some of the two year olds!

The twos class reviews the alphabet with flash cards. We also talk about some things that start with the letter on the card.

The threes class has been learning about the wooden pieces that make the letters of our alphabet. The more we practice using these terms with them the easier it will be for them to learn. They will begin working in their HWT workbooks in class. We will also be working on grip, coloring skills, colors review, and Mat Man. Check out Mat Man, our helpful friend, above the cubbies in the hall across from the restrooms.

The fours have been reviewing letters and names. I have given them various reviews to see exactly what each one can do already. Although we will still review some, we will be moving forward in the Handwriting without Tears curriculum. Each child has his/her own workbook and will be working daily in those.

The HWT program has many fun and useful ways to teach handwriting and other important skills to our preschool children. By using CDs, wood pieces, mat man, number and letter mats, roll-a-dough boards, slates, and magnetic pieces, the HWT curriculum teaches writing, letter/sound correspondence and even manners!

## Pizza Lunch!



Families will have the option of ordering a pizza lunch for children in place of bringing a lunch box on Wednesday, October 26. The cost of the lunch will be \$5. Each pizza lunch will consist of a slice of pizza, a drink, a serving of fruit, and a cookie. Congratulations to Tana Speeg - who is the winner of this month's free pizza lunch! Lunches will have to be ordered by October 24 so we can order the appropriate number of pizzas. **Pizza lunches are only available to children who are at preschool for lunch.**



## Scholastic Book Orders

We are anxiously awaiting our Sept book order. October flyers are up for orders on Scholastic. Should you decide to order, please do so by Oct. 15. Email Ms. Elizabeth "we love to read" for a chance to win a free book for your child and a free Deceptively Delicious cookbook for your family!

- 1 - Please go to [www.scholastic.com/bookclubs](http://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs) to order.
- 2 - Sign up for a user name & password. If you already have one, just log on.
- 3 - Enter our Class Activation Code: H32YP.
- 4 - Place order
- 5 - Pay securely

**\*\*\*Please note, every online order scholastic receives from our preschool, the preschool gets a free book! All book orders allow the preschool to accumulate points and earn free books!**

If you have any trouble ordering online or if you have any questions, please send the preschool an e-mail!

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emails or phone calls.**