

# Second Presbyterian Preschool

## Newsletter

May 2021



Dear Preschool Parents,

It seems surreal to me that this is my last newsletter for the 2020-2021 school year. What a doozie of a year it has been! I am so proud of what we have been able to accomplish together as a school community.

As we embark on our inaugural Summer Program, I continue to be filled with optimism and anticipation. God has blessed the Preschool in so many ways this year. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve our preschool community this summer.

Blessings,

Dr. Sally

## Summer Program

Please click on the link below to access the Summer Program Weekly Themes document.

[https://sprespreschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2021\\_Summer\\_Weekly\\_Themes.pdf](https://sprespreschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2021_Summer_Weekly_Themes.pdf)

In the document, you will find a broad overview of the types of things we will be doing each week. It is not a comprehensive list by any means. We are excited and preparing for making this summer a fun, learning experience for all our students. Parents will be invited to visit many of the outdoor activities!

## Seeking Summer and School Year Teaching Staff

If you know highly motivated and responsible college students or high school juniors or seniors that enjoy working with young children, and need a part-time summer job that pays well, please have them call me at 540-342-6405 or send me an email at [sally@spres.org](mailto:sally@spres.org).

We are always on the hunt for fantastic preschool educators! Please send potential applicants my way at [sally@spres.org](mailto:sally@spres.org).

## Replacing HiMama App with Brightwheel App

At the end of last week, I sent out invitations to parents of students that will be attending the Summer Program, to join our new software platform Brightwheel. While HiMama was a huge improvement over paper and pencil, Brightwheel is more powerful and has the features and capability to better meet the preschool's needs.

We will use **Brightwheel for billing only** starting with June summer weeks, if your child is participating, and your September 2021 payments. NO LATE FEES will be charged for these payments because we are still working out all the kinks and working to get your invoices as accurate as possible.

**We will continue to use HiMama for all our communications and drop in payments through the last day of school, Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.** Communication through Brightwheel will begin on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your assistance in helping us upgrade our preschool software!

Lori and I are working hard to ensure that your June invoices are correct and include your summer deposits. Starting next week, if you notice that something is not quite right on your account, please send Lori or me a message and we will do our best to get it straightened out as quickly as possible. You will quickly notice that the billing is far superior in Brightwheel!

Next, we will be entering your billing plans for the 2021-2022 school year. We expect to be able to get these done by mid-week. Again, any late fees for June and September payments will be waived. Finally, please take the time to complete your child's profile in Brightwheel.

## April Substitute Teachers

April was lots of fun for me as I had the pleasure of spending many days with the children in the Ones' room and Big Kids Aftercare. A big shout out to the vaccinated parents who have subbed throughout the preschool during April! We could not have kept our classes open without your assistance. **All-Stars this month are Katy Coniglione, Lauren Gay, Brittany Mitchell, Megan Moore, and Sally Nichols.** Thank you to our preschool teachers Donna Rodgers, Madison Bloomfield, and Bobbie Black for covering classes in addition to their regular teaching duties.

## Final Reminder: Preschool Program Evaluation Survey

Hopefully, you received the SurveyMonkey survey sent by the PS Committee to all parents to include parent opinions in its annual preschool evaluation. If you have not had a chance to complete the survey, please use this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SPRESPS>. We rely on your input to continuously improve the preschool program. Thank you for your insight and support.

## Thank You Preschool Committee

Members of the Preschool Committee were hard at work over the weekend making the preschool "beachy" for Teacher Appreciation Week. They have also paid for box lunches from McAllister's deli on Wednesday. We appreciate your constant support and encouragement.

## May Calendar Events to Remember



Teacher Appreciation Week                      M-F, May 3-7

Wise Owl Celebration                              Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. \*This is a date change! Each student may bring 2 guests.

Last Day of Preschool 2021                      Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

### Seeking Donations

- Used or new ride-on toys and bikes for the playground.
- Quality used dresser with functioning drawers for the Infant Room.