



SECOND PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

Newsletter

September 2021

Greetings Preschool Parents,

The first day of school has always been my favorite day of the year. It naturally brings me joy through the happy, and even some not so happy yet, children entering the school. It is a day I prepare for all summer and look forward to with great anticipation.

Our classrooms look beautiful, and the teachers are bursting with creative energy. They have spent hours upon hours meticulously preparing for their students' arrival.

I can't wait to have the children show me their new, or new to them, school shoes, backpacks, and/or lunchboxes.

There is a fresh set of toys and books I have put on my shelves for the children who will need a break and join me in my office for quiet play and conversation.

Please take comfort in knowing we have prepared a wonderful year for your child. We will keep them safe and nurture them with love.

Dr. Sally



Welcome New Teachers

Dr. Leslie Floyd, Co-Teacher in the Infant A class

Dr. Leslie serves as a consultant for Virginia as an expert in Early Childhood Education. Her two daughters attended the preschool.

Judy Davis, Assistant Teacher in Infant B class

Judy is a retired nurse. Her daughter attended the preschool and now her grandson is enrolled.

Sarah Brown, Assistant Teacher in the Young Twos class

Sarah is an experienced nanny and caregiver. Sarah attended the preschool.

Sarah Grace Stanley, Assistant Teacher in Aftercare

Sarah Grace is a high school senior and served as Lead Teacher in the Ones Summer Program.

April Saunders, Lead Teacher in the Twos+ 3 Day class and Aftercare Twos+

April is an experienced preschool educator and is a licensed elementary school teacher. April served as the Lead Teacher in the Threes Summer Program.

Caitlin Knighton, Dance Enrichment Teacher

Caitlin is a certified Kinderdance teacher. Learn more here [Kinderdance](#).

Seeking Great Teachers

While we definitely have all of our classes covered. We are actively seeking new team members for the following positions:

Assistant Teacher Twos+ 5 Day class (7:45-1:15)

Assistant Teachers in both Infant classes (5 Days and 3 Days) (7:45-1:15)

Aftercare Teachers for Infants and Twos+ (3:30-5:45)

Aftercare Teachers for the Threes and Fours (12:45-5:45)

Birth Announcements

Eliza Kreger (sister Wells in 4s)

Mattie Marsh (sister Emory in 2s)

Wheeler Gutshall (brother Potter in 2s)



Baptisms

Margot Jane Gunn



Back to School Barbecue

Thank you to the families that brought watermelon, chips, cookies, and other sweet treats to the event. Despite the sweltering heat, the families and staff had a great time mingling and getting to know each other. The pulled-pork barbecue was delicious, tender, and lean. A huge shout out to Darrin and Christal Pearson (Preschool Committee Chairperson) for lovingly preparing the barbecue and making this event a big success. Many thanks to Pastor Ben Brennan, Pastor for Youth and Young Adults, for his help pulling and serving the barbecue and hotdogs.



Mask Reminder

All adults entering the preschool must wear a mask. Because we are not checking vaccination cards at drop off and pick up, it is important that parents, grandparents, and caregivers wear a mask if they choose to walk their child to their classroom door. Exceptions to this safety measure will not be granted. Thank you for your adherence.

Learn more by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/child-care-guidance.html>

September Calendar Events

Friday and Monday September 3rd and 6th - **SCHOOL CLOSED** for Labor Day

Wednesday and Thursday September 23rd and 24th- **School Picture Days**

Click on the following link to access the full [2021-2022 Preschool Calendar](#)

Donations

Thank you to the following families that donated gently used toys and books last month:

The Morris Family

The Eels Family

The Hannah Family

Teachers are hoping families will donate two gently used doll high chairs for 12-18" baby dolls!

We always appreciate your donations. As a mom, I know that donating things my child has grown out of feels so much better than tossing them out. Due to the first-floor renovation this fall, our storage space is severely limited. Please check with the Director before donating.

COVID-19 Donations

1. Clorox Wipes
2. Bleach
3. Lysol or Microban Spray
4. Paper Towels
5. Medium Nitrile Gloves

Your child's teacher will gladly accept these items now and throughout the school year and store them in our central supply area.

Please read the letter below from Pastor Elizabeth Link.

August 26, 2021

Dear Preschool Families,

Second Presbyterian Church loves its preschool. That's not just a nice thing to say, it is absolutely true. From its inception, Second has viewed our preschool as a mission of the church. It is vital to us that the preschool, its staff, and children know the support and gratitude we feel for this relationship. In fact, I not only serve on the Preschool Committee and teach Hallelujah Mountain, I am also a preschool parent (our daughter Eleanor will be in the 3's class this year!). And our Senior Minister, Dr. George Anderson, not only cares deeply about the health and future of our preschool, he is a preschool grandparent!

Please know how glad we are that you have chosen Second Presbyterian Church Preschool. We are grateful for all the faith communities represented here. We want to be a place where all feel welcome and encouraged.

If you do not have a faith community, we invite you to come worship with us sometime. Sunday worship in the Sanctuary meets at 10 a.m. during the summer. Beginning Rally Day September 12, worship will be in the Sanctuary at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Rally Day is a special Sunday when we celebrate the gift of Christian education and launch a new Christian education year. We would love for you to join us at an outdoor Rally Day celebration on September 12 at 10 a.m. We have a nursery every Sunday morning and are following the same COVID precautions and guidelines our preschool has set. Sunday School for all ages begins on Sept 19 and Children, Worship, and Wonder (for 4-year-olds through first grade) begins on Sept 12 during the 11:00 service. We are also launching a 100% outdoor Sunday night Kids' Fellowship, including a free dinner, games, music experience and Bible storytelling, on the church playground September 12. If you are interested in learning more about any of these opportunities, please do reach out.

There's a lot to be excited about this fall. Our prayers are with you all as you launch into a new school year, juggle new schedules and rhythms, and go about the important business of loving and nurturing your young children. I hope to see you around Second Pres. Preschool!

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Elizabeth N.H. Link