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Is your child having a hard time coming to school?

You are not alone! The beginning of a new school year can be tough on our kids. Please help us build up your child's confidence and trust with us by reassuring them that you always come back and that you know that the teachers have great things in store for them. This reassurance will help them transition into their day more quickly and get settled more easily.

BIRTH to FIVE Helpline:

One of the most helpful and easily accessible resources for parents is available to you for FREE! The Birth to Five Helpline is there to help parents and caregivers when they have questions or concerns about their child. Please call 1-877-705-5437 or visit their website at

www.birthtofivehelpline.org There are many services they offer and can give referrals to programs as well. Check it out!

Important Reminder: Please make sure that you are parking in the large, East parking lot when dropping off and picking up your child. Soon we will be able to use the entrance gate as it was intended to keep our children safe. Once they finish installing the buzzer system we will share with you the protocol for entry/exit

First Presbyterian
Preschool
Mesa, AZ

October 1, 2023

Halloween Parade, YAY!

Each year we celebrate the fun part of Halloween with a parade showcasing each child's unique interests and costumes. This year we will be doing it on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31st at 11am**. Plan to join us and help pass out candy around our parade route (parents: 10:50am arrival). More detailed information to come but please note that all adults will be required to wear a mask during the parade.

Candy donations needed. Please consider donating a bag of candy for the Halloween parade to be handed out to all of the children. It will really help!

Thank you!

Do you read with your child daily?

Your child's brain is almost 90% developed by their 5th birthday! Reading to them is the best way to increase their vocabulary and helps them to feel nurtured, loved and secure. Pick up a book today and READ TOGETHER! Check out the First Things First website for more on parenting & community resources.

<https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/resources/parenting-during-coronavirus/>

Tuition Payments

Please remember: Tuition is due on the 1st of each month. We use the Square app to process all of our online payments. You should receive your statement on the first of each month. If it is not paid by the 10th of the month, you will be charged a \$20 late fee per week. Also, if you attend lunch bunch on a regular basis, please pay ahead. We appreciate your help with this.

Thank you~

This Month's Volunteer Opportunity

Halloween Parade 10/31/23

Please let your teachers know if you are interested in helping pass out candy. It would be approximately 20 minutes of your time. We will need many parents for the parade candy distribution so that the children can stop many times along the parade route. The parade will start at 11 am that day so be here at 10:50 am.

Parents: Please put shorts on your child when wearing dresses or unlined skirts to school. This helps when sitting on the carpet for large group activities.

Reminders to families

- **Fall Break 10/9-13 - CLOSED**
- Turn in your **Signed** Parent Agreement form from the parent handbook ASAP!

WishList

- Large Bags of Halloween candy
- Ziplock bags – Sandwich size
- Halloween/Fall Stickers
- Exlarge Bottles of Bubbles

PLEASE:

Pick up your child on time! Feel free to come a few minutes early. Our teachers are only scheduled 30 minutes after the scheduled time to be used as classroom prep time or cleaning. It is important to be on time so they can fulfill their responsibilities. You will be assessed a late fee of \$15 for every 15 minutes you are late. We appreciate your help with this. Thank you!

Daily Support for your Preschooler

Monday

Ask questions like how and why something works

Tuesday

Point out letters and numbers in society while riding in the car

Wednesday

Practice holding a pencil and write each member of the family's name

Thursday

Watch the sunset together and talk about the different shades of purple, orange and yellow

Friday

Let them help make a snack like popcorn

Upcoming Events

Hearing & Vision Rescreening: Date to be determined. If your child missed the first screening day, please plan on bringing your child to have their hearing and vision tested.

First Presbyterian Church Fall Festival & Trunk-R-Treat: 10/28/23 from 4pm-7pm FREE

Halloween Parade:

Tuesday, October 31st @ 11am

Save the date:

- Closed for Veteran's day: 11/10/23
- Parenting Series Class: 11/14/23 @ 9am

Important:

If your child is absent for **ANY** reason, please call or email with the details. We are required by the Az Dept of Health Services to document all absences. This really helps us out. Thank you!

~Shiloh Murillo -Director
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