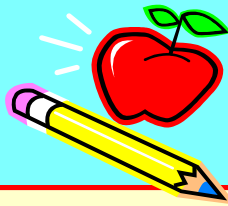


BACK TO SCHOOL!



First Presbyterian
Preschool
Mesa, AZ

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37th Anniversary year!

Welcome to First Presbyterian Preschool! This is our 37th Anniversary and we are excited for the great year ahead with your children! We feel honored that you have chosen us to be your child's preschool. Each month you will receive a Director's Newsletter, a classroom newsletter and an activity calendar for your child's class where you will find unit topics, snack assignments and special events. We hope that you will find them very helpful.

You're invited! GRAND REOPENING CELEBRATION:

Many things have changed since March 2023 when our program was awarded a \$250,000 LISC grant for infrastructure upgrades. Now we want to celebrate the collective efforts that it took to make it happen and your family is part of that celebration! You are cordially invited to come on Wednesday, 9/6 from 6:00-7:30pm. The church is offering dinner beforehand at 5:30 but you must RSVP to Shiloh Murillo at preschool@fpcmesa.org to make sure there is enough food. Our Grand ReOpening Celebration will be a Come-and-Go event with light refreshments and tours of our new school upgrades. Please plan to come! Please note: This will be a well-attended event with local & State sponsored news coverage. Photographs will be taken of the event.

Important: Signing In/Out

You will be greeted by your teacher and the Director at the preschool gate. Please remember to sign in each day when you come with your child. We will ask a series of questions pertaining to their health every day during the drop off timeframe. Please be truthful and help us keep everyone safe. The child will continue to have their temperature taken. This will help us to track any illness. We appreciate your help. Thanks!

Birth to Five Helpline: Introduced in 2005, the Birth to Five Helpline combines sensitive, supportive listening with sound information from professionals who have expertise in early childhood development and parenting/caregiving. Each child and family are unique. Each family's own parenting perspectives, traditions and style are valued. The Birth to Five Helpline is a *free* service open to all Arizona families with young children looking for the latest child development information from experts in the field. <https://www.swhd.org/programs/health-and-development/birth-to-five-helpline/>

Picking up your child: Please ring the doorbell and we will admit one family at a time to come into the hallway to retrieve all belongings. This will help us to manage the busyness of the classroom exit and make sure every parent is greeted while getting the details of that day's events. This also helps to keep the crowding down to a minimum. Also, watch for new instructions for the front security gate entrance as it come online and live for use soon.

Chapel starting 9/5

We are so excited to share God's love by incorporating Bible values directly into the classroom learning environment and during this special time each week with the children! Chapel will begin on Tuesday, 9/5. We will bring the children to the Fox Chapel at 10:30 during our morning activities to sing songs and learn about God. Please feel free to join us if you would like!

Volunteer Corner

Picture Day helper: 9/15 @ 9am!

Picture day will be very busy and fun. We will need one parent helper on this day to help run the children between their classroom and the photography room. Please let Ms Shiloh know if you would be able to help from 9-11:30 on 9/15
Thanks!

- **Fall Break school closed**
October 9-13

Special Events this Month:

Parenting Series Class – 9/12 @ 9am (Tuesday)

**Dignity Health Dental Clinic – 9/13 @ 9am
(Wednesday)**

Picture Day – 9/15 (Friday)

Hearing & Vision Screening – 9/20 (Wednesday)

- Please provide snacks for your child's entire class when you are assigned. A reminder note always goes home with the class total. This really helps us out! Thank you!
- Tuition is due on the first of every month. Please pay on time. If your balance is not paid by the 10th of the month, you will incur a \$20 late fee per week until it is paid.
- **Please call when you child is feeling sick** and needs to stay home. This will help us stop the spread of germs to the other children and we are required by the State of AZ Public Health to document the reasons why they will be absent.

Daily Reminders

Your child will need the following everyday this year:

1. Backpack with an extra change of clothing inside marked with his name.
2. Sturdy pair of close-toed shoes worn to school.
3. Lunchbox with name written on it (if staying for Lunch Bunch).

Daily Support for your Preschooler

Monday

Read a picture book together. Ask them to tell the story to you

Tuesday

Cut pictures out of old magazines and glue them to make a collage

Wednesday

Use shaving cream to write the letters or numbers on the coffee table

Thursday

Ride your bikes together around the neighborhood

Friday

Cuddle and listen to them share how they feel

Every student gets a T-shirt!

We want to make sure that your child received their Preschool T-shirts since enrolling! Stop by the office to get fitted today for your little one. We are so excited to see the children wearing them!

We are still enrolling in our PreK classroom!

Do you know someone with a Prek child who is potty trained? Please spread the word and help us fill those last remaining spots.

Donations corner: AAA Batteries

Thank You Families!

A special thank you is due to all of the families for a wonderful start to the new preschool year! We are all in this together and our community is stronger because of your help! Also, your generous donation of classroom supplies has helped to make it possible to provide deeply enriching activities for the children.

We are so blessed to have each one of you as part of our community and look forward to building many memories to last a lifetime with each other. Please stop by the office if you have any questions.

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