



First Presbyterian
Preschool
Mesa, AZ

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35th Anniversary year!

Welcome to First Presbyterian Preschool! This is our 35th 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.

For Your Information:

Many things have changed! Please be aware that our program is regulated by the AZ Dept of Health Services, Childcare Licensing. We are required to make health and safety changes that were not previously part of our program due to COVID19. Please help us make these requirements a smooth habit for everyone. Please refer back to the Parent Handbook for more detailed information.

Important: Signing In/Out

Parents! Remember, you will not be allowed into the classroom during the drop off time. You will be greeted by your teacher and the Director at the preschool gate. Please remember to sign in and out 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. We appreciate your help! Thanks!

Dropping off your child: News for Everyone!

Please know that we are taking every precaution to keep your child and your family safe. When coming on campus, please wear a mask from your car to the facility. We know that this is challenging but if we all work together it will help us to remain open and available for daily preschool for your child!

Picking up your child: Please ring the doorbell and we will admit one parent at a time to come into the hallway to retrieve all belongings. Public Health requires the standards for social distancing to be in place at all times. We hope that there will be a time in the near future that will allow us to welcome you back into the classroom soon.

Changes to Chapel

This school year looks a little different! So, chapel time for the first part of this year will be during the school day and will not have families joining us at this time. We will reassess the situation midyear and reevaluate if we will be able to welcome the families to join us then. We are so excited to share God's love with your child by incorporating Bible values directly into the classroom learning environment and during this special time each week! Chapel will begin on 9/7

This Month's Volunteer Opportunity

Help keep germs and illness down!

Please practice handwashing and covering your cough or sneeze with your child. This will help us in the classroom and reduce unnecessary spread of illness. Thanks!

Upcoming Events

- **Fall Break school closed**
October 4-8

Reminders to families

- Please provide individually wrapped 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!
- Turn in the Parent Agreement to the office ASAP! It is the back page of the Parent Handbook.
- 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

Brand new T-shirts!

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 both of our classrooms!

Do you know someone with a 3 or 4 year-old child who is potty trained? Please spread the word and help us fill those last remaining spots. Scholarships are available for those who qualify.

Thank You Families!

A special thank you is due to all of the families for a wonderful restart to the preschool after the COVID closure! 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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