

## October 2021 Newsletter



### Grace Day Care

### Grace Education Ministries

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Like us on Facebook to stay in touch with classroom events and special reminders.

### Picture Day

Pictures are scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> and begin at 8:00 a.m. Children in Readiness will only be photographed on their readiness day. Please visit [inter-state.com/order](http://inter-state.com/order) to view updated picture information. You can order online at [www.inter-state.com/order](http://www.inter-state.com/order). Our school code is: **63054GF**

- ✚ Tuesday, 10/5 all T/TH Readiness, Infants, Hurricanes and Sunshine Kids will be photographed.
- ✚ Wednesday, 10/6 all MWF Readiness, Toddlers, Raindrops & Thunderbolts will be photographed.

### Carline Changes & Reminders

As of, October 4<sup>th</sup>, we will no longer be temping the children at arrival. We believe that families are monitoring health closely and keeping children home when needed and even in cautionary situations. For that, we are grateful!

- ✚ Carline ends promptly at 9:30. Please do your best to be **on time**.
- ✚ Please note, we have limited staff available to monitor the door between the hours of 11-1 due to staff breaks, so please keep that in mind when scheduling appointments.
- ✚ Wear your mask if you encounter our staff within 6 feet.
- ✚ Stay in your car until you are under the carport and remember we have only **one** line.
- ✚ If you are a CCDF family, please pull up to the grass to swipe so our line moves smoothly.
- ✚ Be mindful of your speed. We have had complaints from staff and our neighbors that cars are **driving too fast through our parking lot and adjacent streets**. Please remember there are children waiting for buses in our neighborhood and it can be very dark in the morning. In the afternoon we typically have children and staff walking to and from the playground. Please note our signage and motto "Drive like your child lives here".

### Upcoming Events

#### Scholastic Book Orders Due:

10/8 online at [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com) School code:120S9

Chapel: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays

Soccer shots: Mondays

Crouching Tigers: TBD

Fire Truck Visit: 10/13

Picture Day: 10/5 T/TH Readiness, Infants, Sunshine Kids & Hurricanes & 10/6 MWF Readiness, Toddlers, Raindrops & Thunderbolts

Halloween Celebration 10/29

Fall Break/No Readiness/Day Care Open Regular hours: 10/18-10/22

#### Happy Birthday:

Ms. Elly 10/4

Ms. Keely 10/12

#### Happy Anniversary:

Mr. G 4-years 10/31

Ms. Sara 5-years 10/11

Ms. Salsa 1-year 10/5

## GEM is hiring

GEM is currently hiring full-time, part-time and substitutes. If you know of anyone that is qualified and seeking employment, please have them email a resume to Mrs. Anne at [gdc@lafgraceumc.org](mailto:gdc@lafgraceumc.org)

## Backpacks

Day Care children **do not** need backpacks. Backpacks are **only needed** for those children that go to Readiness and leave at 11:30 A.M. The only exception would be children attending Linwood Preschool and riding on the yellow school buses. We are sorry for any confusion but felt we should mention it as it isn't something the children need to bring.

## Halloween Celebration

All classes will be celebrating Halloween on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, Sign Up sheets will be available at carline on the glass window. All children are to wear a costume over their regular clothes. Please no scary costumes or weapons. Masks and accessories should be left at home. Please label EVERYTHING. Remember when supplying snacks that snacks need to be **store bought and in original containers**. It is important to **read labels carefully**, as GEM is a **NUT FREE FACILITY**.

## October Family Engagement Activity

This month we are asking each child to decorate a pumpkin or gourd (real or paper). The children will share their creation as we decorate our halls. We hope to display them outside on the carline ledge for all to see at pick up! They are due on Wednesday, October 27, 2021.

## Peeler Fundraiser

We will be selling the \$10.00 Peelers again! Release date TBD and will only be available for 30 days. The peelers make great gifts and stocking stuffers for the holidays! We earn \$5.00 a card!

## Authorized Contacts

Please email pictures of all authorized emergency contacts to [gdc@lafgraceumc.org](mailto:gdc@lafgraceumc.org)

## Scholastic book Orders

**Class Order Due Date: 10/08/20** Connect to Our Class Page: <https://orders.scholastic.com/120S9> **Shop Digital Flyers for Our Grade with Your Child:** <https://clubs.scholastic.com/prek> All books ship to GEM, and we distribute them for the children to take home. Our Class Code is [120S9](https://orders.scholastic.com/120S9). Thank you for encouraging the love of reading! Feel free to forward the class page link to extended family.

## Illness, Communicable Diseases & COVID-19

If children become ill during the day, exhibiting any sign of illnesses listed below or illnesses described in our normal policies, parents will be notified to pick them up and they will not be able to return for 24 hours (1 complete school day) after last occurrence. If your child misses 2 or more consecutive days of school or has symptoms of a communicable disease, we will require a doctor's note to return. **Please note as of now, we are not following the recommended 72 hour AND 10-day quarantine for illnesses. Keep children home if they have signs of the following:**

- Fever, chills in the past 24 hours.

- Heavy nasal discharge, or green in color.
- Cough
- Congestion
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Overtired, fussy, cranky, not their usual selves.
- have symptoms of a possible communicable disease, such as sniffles, red eyes, or abdominal pain, especially if accompanied by fever and/or spots.