

## October 2022 Newsletter



### Grace Day Care

### Grace Education Ministries

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### Picture Day

Picture day is Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Pictures 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: 73122CF

- ✚ Tuesday, 10/11 all T/TH Readiness, Infants, Hurricanes and Sunshine Kids.
- ✚ Wednesday, 10/12 all MWF Readiness, Toddlers, Raindrops & Thunderbolts.
- ✚ Retake Day is Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

### Reminders

- ✚ Carline ends promptly at 9:30. Please do your best to be **on time**.
- ✚ Please make sure you are keeping to your registered drop off/pick up times as this can affect staffing. We have tried to accommodate schedules as best as we can.
- ✚ GEM closes promptly at 5:30. If you pick up late, \$2.00 per minute is charged. Please remember our staff have appointments and families too.
- ✚ Your fob is only active from 2:30-5:00. If you pick up from 5:00-5:30 you will need to use the evening carline.
- ✚ Sign In/out tablets are on the wall outside the Raindrop classroom (Room K) and Mrs. Anne's office (Room G). If you do not use the curbside feature, please use the tablets to ensure your child is signed out.
- ✚ If your child has a doctor appointment, and will be arriving late, we need notification prior to the day and time so we can plan accordingly. Again, we expect all children to be here for the day no later than 10:30, otherwise we will not expect them for the day.
- ✚ Please check your child's locker for all take home items at pick up.

### Upcoming Events

#### **Scholastic Book Orders Due:**

10/7 online at [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com) School code: 120S9

**GEM Family Skate Night:** 10/7 5:00-7:00 P.M. \$10.00 (\$6.00 admission, \$4.00 skates) **GEM will close at 5PM for family night**

**GEM CLOSED:** 10/10

**Chapel:** Wednesdays

**Soccer shots:** Mondays

**Crouching Tigers:** Tuesdays

**Fire Truck Visit:** 10/5

**Picture Day:** 10/11 T/TH Readiness, Infants, Sunshine Kids & Hurricanes & 10/12 MWF Readiness, Toddlers, Raindrops & Thunderbolts

**Halloween Celebration** 10/28

**Fall Break/No Readiness/Day Care Open Regular hours:** 10/17-10/21

**Happy Birthday:**

Ms. Keely 10/12

**Happy Anniversary:**

Ms. Sara 6-years 10/11

Mrs. Dina 1-year 10/5

- ✚ Check your child's extra clothes bin at the bottom of their locker so they always have clothes when needed.
- ✚ 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."

### **Halloween Celebration**

All classes will be celebrating Halloween on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. 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. Due to our extensive building allergies, we will not be doing snacks from home. Your child's teacher will let you know if non-edible, age-appropriate treats are welcome.

### **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 26, 2022. This is an optional activity for infant classrooms, depending on your child's mobility and development. All children/classes are welcome and encouraged to participate in all GEM activities.

### **Authorized Contacts**

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

### **Scholastic book Orders**

With a \$25 order, you can pick a FREE \$5 Book (use code: READS). Class Order Due Date: 10/07/22. Shop Our Class Page: <https://orders.scholastic.com/120S9> Shop Digital Flyers for Our Grade with Your Child: <https://clubs.scholastic.com/prek> Please share the Class Page link to extended family and friends. All orders also earn FREE Books for our class. Our Class Code is [120S9](#). Thank you for encouraging the love of reading!

### **ProCare Digital Learning Curriculum**

We are excited to introduce you to our new early learning curriculum from Learning Beyond Paper, Inc. Learning Beyond (LB) Curriculum is a research-based, classroom-tested curriculum for infants to Pre-K 4. As a social-constructivist curriculum, LB is designed to create learning opportunities for children through peer-based activities and intentional interactions with their teachers. Our teachers will have access to the full curriculum from tablets, providing real-time support for our learners, opportunities for differentiated instruction, and social-emotional development. LB also includes a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) focus throughout, and @HomeConnections Newsletters to keep you informed on everything your children are learning. Please see attachment.

### **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. **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.

### **Playground Update**

The demolition and prepping of the new playground are complete. Now, we are just waiting for the delivery of the new equipment and its installation. There have been shipping delays. Here are pictures of our process and new equipment.



Our new equipment that will replace the wooden structure.