**SEPTEMBER 2022**

**CLASSROOM NEWS**

# Ms. Evelyn – Music

Welcome to Grace Episcopal School Music Class. This will be my 25th year working with great families and kids at Grace Episcopal School. It is great to be part of such a wonderful Christian environment. I am very excited about the new school year. In music class my primary goal is to make sure the children are enjoying themselves. While having fun, there are many things we can learn such as:

* Rhythm: clapping, marching, and with instruments
* Listening Skills
* How to make our own music
* Sound Awareness
* Movement and Coordination
* Music Appreciation

Listening to music can boost memory, attention, motivation, and learning. We will be singing lots of fun songs, some old familiar ones, and some new ones. If you would like a copy of the song lyrics, copies are available on the parent bulletin board. I’m looking forward to a new and exciting year.

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.* Psalm 98:4

# Ms. Andrea – Primary

Welcome to Grace School! It was so nice meeting everyone at meet the teacher. I am looking forward to an amazing year! This month we will spend some time getting to know each other and our classroom. We will settle into a new routine. Our color of the month is red and our shape of the month is the circle. We will learn our lunch prayer and the “Apple Tree” song. We will paint with red, make apple stamps, and play in shaving cream.

Our fruit of the spirit this month is “Patience.” One of my favorite quotes is, “Patience is not the ability to wait, but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting.”

Thank you for trusting me with your children. I know that together we can make this a wonderful year to remember.

**Ms. Julie - Primary**

Welcome to Grace Episcopal School and welcome to my class! It was so nice meeting all of you at the Meet the Teacher event. 😊 I look forward to working with you guys this year and am so grateful for the privilege of teaching your children. ❤️

In September, we will work on getting to know each other, becoming comfortable in the classroom and learning routines. We have songs for various parts of the day that we'll be getting used to. The story of the month is Goldilocks and the Three Bears, and the fruit of the spirit is Patience.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs."

1 Corinthians 13:4-5

What a blessing to learn how to love as our heavenly Father loves us!

# Ms. Debra – Pre-K 3’s

Welcome to the first month of school. I can’t wait to see your children grow and mature throughout the year.

This month we will be working on our school rules, classmates’ names, and getting into the routine of school. We will cover the colors red and yellow, the shapes circle and square, and the letters A, B, C, and D. Our nursery rhyme for the month will be “Humpty Dumpty”.

Our cooking lessons will be on Wednesdays, and our science lessons will be on Thursdays. I will be putting out a sign-up sheet each week, so look for it outside my door at pick-up. Many activities are planned each month, so look for my notes about what’s coming up.

Happy September birthdays to: Adam and Karam on the 15th; and to Benjamin on the

16th!

**Ms. Jacqueline – Pre-K 3’s**

Welcome to Grace!!! I am excited to get to know your little ones! We are going to have a wonderful year! We are going to learn, play, and grow together! We have so many wonderful things planned. This month we will be working on getting to know each other and getting used to our school routine. We will cover the letters, A, B, C, and D. Our number of the month is 1 and our color is red! The fruit of the spirit this month is patience. Our religious theme is, “God made everything. God loves me!” We will be crafting, cooking, experimenting, reading, dancing and praying! God has big plans for our little class!
Happy birthday Owen - 09/29

**Ms. Kim - Pre-K 4’s**

Welcome to Pre-K! I am so excited to get to know your little ones this year! We are going to have so much fun together as we cook, create, explore our world, and learn through games and manipulatives. We will spend the first two weeks of September working on spelling our names, recognizing friends’ names, learning our schedule, and getting to know one another.  We will begin learning to write our alphabet in September, with a focus on letters L, F, and H. At the end of the month, we will begin our unit on Community Helpers which is always a blast!

I also want to wish a very Happy Birthday to Lukas, who will turn 5 on September 26th!

# Ms. Kara - Pre-K 4’s

I am so excited to start school! We are going to have so much fun! During September we will work on writing our names. We will also begin our Handwriting Without Tears books concentrating on the letters “L”, “F”, and “E”. This month we will learn to identify feelings and emotions. Patience is the Fruit of the Spirit this month, so we will focus on that. For Science we will talk about human senses. We will be learning the procedures of the classroom and the playground. I really like to help the kiddos learn good table manners, so during snack and lunch I will encourage them. We will work on fine motor skills using scissors and tracing lines. Let the fun begin!

**Ms. Sarah - Pre-K 4’s**

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! I'm so excited to be here and to spend this year getting to know your little learners and watching them grow!
We will spend September exploring our classroom and getting to know our new friends. We will focus a lot on learning our routines and expectations. We will also be learning to spell, build, recognize, and write our names. In Literacy, we will explore how to say, write, and identify words that start with the letters: L, F, and E. Our themes will focus on back to school, all about me, friends, family and emotions!
We are going to have a super year learning together as we explore our wonderful world, use our hands, make messes, create yummy snacks, and so much more, but most importantly learn about how much God loves each of us just the way we are.

# Ms. Ellen – Kindergarten

Summer is rapidly ending, and the excitement of fall is in the air. I have been blessed to get your child for class this year at GES. My name is Mrs. Andreasen, but I like to be called “Miss Ellen”. My teaching experience spans 29 years, 14 of those as a kindergarten teacher. I have also taught 1st and 2nd grades. This year will have many fun surprises and much fun for our class. Those surprises include making special alphabet art, exploring reading through the Starfall Reading program, Math skills using Abeka materials, learning handwriting skills, and having just plain fun as we learn these important skills. Along with academic skills we will focus on developing and expanding social skills, confidence, and getting ready for our biggest goal: being ready for first grade! Each day we will have a visit from “Buddy” or “Bonnie” Bear, and we will discover hidden surprises in their backpacks. We will develop spiritual growth through daily prayers, devotions, and favorite childhood Bible stories. Each day your child will have opportunities to “earn” coins that can be traded for “Treasure Box” goodies. I am looking forward to working with your child as he/she grows academically, socially, and spiritually this school year. Birthday shout-outs go to Will on September 30’th.

**Ms. Janell – Kindergarten P.E.**

Hello and welcome! I am Ms. Janell, and I will be teaching Kinder physical education (P.E.) this year in addition to being a teacher assistant. This will be my fifth year of teaching P.E.

here at Grace. I taught Kinder art for the last three years, so I am looking forward to the switch back to P.E. Tennis shoes are highly encouraged for P.E. days (Tuesdays/Thursdays) as class will be both outside and inside. Students will be expected to participate and to at least try the activities/exercises. For the month of September, we will be focusing on class safety, gross motor movement, and teamwork.

**Ms. Mackenzie – Kindergarten Art**

Happy start of school! Along with being a teachers’ aide, I am happy to say that I will be teaching art to our kindergarteners. I had a great experience minoring in Art in college, and I hope to mirror the positive experience I had for our kindergarteners. Each class, we will spend time looking at and discussing art, then our project for the week will be modeled after the piece we viewed.  My motto for art is “process over product.”  My goal is to get the students to a place where they are making art that they are proud of. When I was an art student, I found that the pieces I made that I was most proud of were ones where I found the line between instructions and what I wanted to make. I hope they will be able to find this space for themselves too. While it feels quite far, the goal is to host a kindergarten art show near the end of the year which means that I will be holding on to most of their art and very little will be coming home. In the meantime, it will be displayed on our bulletin board just outside the office. I’m looking forward to this year and making art with our students!

# FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT PATIENCE

Psalm 37:7-9 **“**Be still before the LORD and wait ***patiently*** for him…….. but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.”

Ecclesiastes 7:8 “Better is the end of a thing than its beginning, and the ***patient*** in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.”

1. Corinthians 13:4 “Love is ***patient*** and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant.”
2. Timothy 2:24 “And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, ***patiently*** enduring evil…”

Hebrews 6:12 “..so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and ***patience*** inherit the promises.”

Luke 8:15 “As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with ***patience***.”