

West Valley Christian Academy Preschool

OCTOBER 2020



Thank You WVCA Families!

None of us could have expected how 2020 would turn out, and yet here we are figuring out parenting in a pandemic, and trying to balance what's best for our children with every new curve ball. We appreciate your tremendous faith and trust that you offer us each day that you drop-off your child in our care. We have embraced this challenge, and look forward to demonstrating our commitment to health, safety, and learning. We are devoted to the care and education of each student, and we hope it shows!

Make sure to check-out our weekly photo slideshow in the preschool office for a look into classroom happenings, and check the windows for your classroom's weekly lesson plan.

Thank you all for quickly adapting to new protocols and regulations in efforts to keeping our facility safe and open. Please continue to pre-screen at home, and stay home when sick. We have flu season approaching, and will be enforcing our illness and exclusion policy for review in our COVID-19 Policies and Procedures.



WVCA Preschool Picture Day is

October 14, 2020

On picture day all students will take a photo with or without a returned envelope. They will go home with a printed composite and information to purchase online within 5 days of picture day. There are no retakes, but we do have Spring Pictures.

Picture Day Details will be going home soon!

Important Dates

Preschool Picture Day

Oct. 14, 2020

Read for the Record

Oct. 29, 2020

Harvest Day

Oct. 30, 2020

Pumpkin Patch Onsite

Pajama & Movie Day



***Bring \$5 by OCT 16 for Pumpkin**

Parent Referral Credit



Get a \$100 credit on your account when you refer a family who completes enrollment. Have them mention your family name at time of Registration.

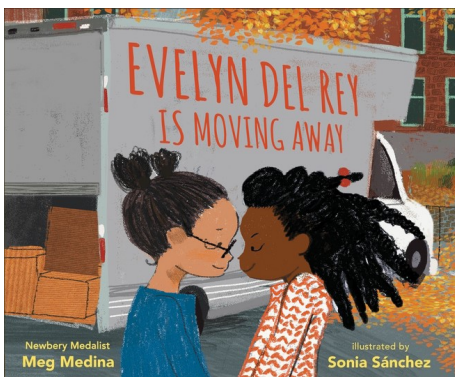
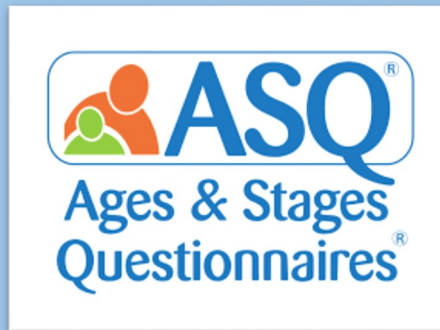


Developmental Screening Time!

Did you know that 80 % of your child's brain will be developed by age 5?! The first five years are a remarkable time of growth and development, and also prime time to ensure that children are growing and developing both socially and physically.

Parents know their children best! We need your knowledge of your child to provide an authentic and accurate screening using the *Ages & Stages Questionnaire, ASQ* tool. We utilize San Joaquin County's Help Me Grow Program for online screening. This program provides a free book for each child, and will provide professional referrals for any identified needs. You can find the link for this program at our website www.wvcapreschool.com under the "Links" tab, and clicking "Developmental Screener". We also have hard copies available in our office if you do not want to participate in that program. **Please complete both the ASQ-3 and ASQ-SE.** One is for general development, and the other for social emotional development.

At the conclusion of the screening, families will get a handout of activities for home to support ongoing development. **If your child has an IEP, IFSP, or 504 Plan you don't have to do this, but make sure we have a copy for their file.**



Read for the Record A movement for early literacy

OCTOBER 29, 2020

Register to read at
www.readfortherecord.org

Jumpstart
Read for the Record

Candlewick Press
www.candlewick.com

WVCA Preschool World Record Breakers!

We will be reading *Evelyn Del Rey is Moving Away* with millions of children across the nation on OCT 29 to spread awareness for the importance of early childhood literacy.

Each child will be a world record breaker and will go home with a certificate!

You can purchase your copy of the book at www.readfortherecord.org with proceeds to JumpStart.

PDA— A Behavior Management Strategy

Adults are really good at telling children what not to do when it comes to behavior. "No!" "Stop!" and "don't" are common words in our vocabulary. The silly thing is children usually miss the first thing we say, and only hear the second part, and often actually hear us say things like "run", "hit", "make a mess", rather than our intent of "Don't run", etc.

We use Positive Descriptive Acknowledgement to make sure children know what to do. Try to give the affirmative of your behavior expectation. The more often they hear what to do, you will see behavior adapt, and less challenges at school and home. **Check out the handout in the office for families.**



Focus on the Positive

When you fill your child's emotional "Piggy Bank" you help them understand expectations while boosting self-esteem