



Wow!! I can't even begin to comprehend that it is the end of the 2020-21 school year!! Thinking back to the uncertainty that the start of school brought is literally bringing me to tears as I write this. As we planned out this school year, I could not have asked for a better staff! Although we lost a few teachers before the start of the year, and gained a new one (who graciously accepted the challenge of starting a year with a lot of uncertainty), every staff member took on any hurdle that we had with grace. They looked at new ways to operate within the classroom, as I looked at new ways to operate as a school, still wanting to share moments with families, but keep the sharing of germs to a minimum. Parents took each change and decision with acceptance and love, and I think everyone was just happy that our kids could return. Aside from some sacrifices on the adult end, the kids got to have a fairly normal school year!

We are so excited that things seem to normalize a little more each day, and are hopeful for what the upcoming school year will look like. But these students/parents will always hold a special place in our hearts, our pandemic class, so resilient and strong. The ones who made it worth it to leave social distancing at the door, who showed us that a pandemic shouldn't stop the hugs that we missed in the 6 months that school was closed, that we could still show the kids how much we love them and are happy to see them, even with a mask on our faces. It really was a great year!

We could never thank each of you enough... for returning to school, for trusting that we would do our best to give these kids a great school year, but also accept when things were beyond our control. Out of everything I learned this school year, the most important thing I remembered is how much I love this school, these kids, their families, and this staff. They make all the hard decisions/sacrifices worth it. Now enough of the sap... let's talk about the fun!! Wow! Remember our first Trunk or Treat? How everyone decorated their cars and were so happy to be together...so much fun! Even though we had our Christmas Program virtually, it was great to be able to go back and rewatch over and over again. For us, we are so busy with the program, we actually got to see the kids perform, and the kids got to see themselves! Conferences, when we got to invite families upstairs and show them just what their kids do when they head up those stairs each day! We couldn't have class parties this year with parents, but our parents did an amazing job planning and preparing activities for the kids (even if you only got to see them through pictures), but also gave the teachers a new appreciation for just how much we love having parents there to help! You were greatly missed! Dogs with Dad, one rainy day and one sunny day, but both were amazing. Dads took the weather in stride, were happy to spend that time with their kids, and enjoyed it all! Moms, our first event in the building, and it was wonderful to be a part of it. Even as parents social distanced all through the year at drop off and pick up, friendships were still forged, and we built relationships with one another, as well. There was so much to love about this school year, but most of all...the kids. We couldn't ask for a cuter, sweeter group! They are the BEST! I can't wait to see what the future holds for each of them!!!

This month, we wrapped up the trike a thon! And just like this year was extraordinary, so was this fundraiser! It is unbelievable to even say, but as of print, we have raised \$22,459! That is twice as much as we have ever raised in the past! We are so grateful for your support! We will be working with teachers to find ways to enhance our program with the funds!

Next year, we will be making a change to our Purple Room class. Miss Alicia and Miss Stacey teach a 5 year old TK class in the mornings, but we have opened up our PM class to any student who was born in 2016 (turning 5 before 12/31/21). This will allow our older 4's to also choose from a 3 day pre-k option or the 4 day TK option. We made this decision because back in March, all of our 3 and 4 year old classes (AM & PM) were full with waiting lists, but we had the PM option available. By moving the birthdate cutoff, we were able to offer it to kids on the roster already, and potentially open up space in our other Pre-K class. It will also provide the older kids with a more challenging setting for that year before K. We are so excited for this new option. We can't wait to see if this will be an option for one year, or a change that we will keep!

Paperwork packets for our 2021-22 school year will be assembled soon. Once they are complete, we will make a post on our FB page and leave them at the church entrance for the rest of the month of June. Anyone who like to stop in and pick theirs up will be able to do so. Whatever is left at the end of the month, will be mailed. This helps us to save \$ on postage, and also allows you to receive your paperwork sooner. **As a sidenote, my son is graduating HS this month, so I may be a little behind on the packet prep while I soak in every moment of his last days in High School. Take it all in parents, I feel like that was just a blink of an eye that he was graduating preschool!!

Attached to this newsletter will be a basic calendar for next school year. It will show you start/end dates, etc. There will be a more detailed one in your paperwork packet.

All of our staff are planning to return next year, but we have some changes in availability, and with that we will be adding one assistant teacher to our staff. If you, or someone you know, loves working with kids, want to work with a great group of ladies, and wants the flexibility of school hours/months, see or contact me for want more information at smiller1950@sbcglobal.net. Every one of our teachers is a current or past preschool parent, or was recommended to us by a parent. It has been where we have found the best candidates!

Happy Summer Birthdays!!!

| June | July | August |
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| 2: Kylee S | 6: Gavin M | 1: Vivian S |
| 6: Camryn G & Landon B | 7: Abram B | 2: Jonah G |
| 7: Ibrahim O | 11: Kinsleigh R | 5: Miss Jessica |
| 8: Zoe D | 14: Evan R | 8: Miss Mary Ellen |
| 11: Miss Shannon B | 16: James M | 12: Joey Y & Charlotte G |
| 18: Miss Tina | 21: Jaxon F | 13: Chloe M & Royce H & Gwen R |
| 22: Levi G | 23: Kathryn S | 18: Preston G |
| 23: Norah F | 25: Landry H & Lorelai H & River T & Miss Carolyn | 19: Miles T & Anistyn D & Miss Alicia |
| 26: Paige F & Zoey F | 30: Ian G | 21: Lincoln B |
| 28: Elliot D | 31: Ella G | 23: Bailey A |
| | | 24: Everett H |
| | | 25: Brady A |

2021-22 School year dates**

August 11: Parent(ONLY) Orientation (Orange & Purple Rooms) Evening times to be determined
August 12: Parent (ONLY) Orientation (Yellow, Blue and Green Rooms) PM times to be determined
August 23: Teachers will return to school for set up and prep for new school year
September 6: Labor Day
September 7-10: Meet the Teacher(sign ups will be at Parent Orientation, day/evening times available)
September 13: First Day of School for MW3, Green, Purple and Blue Rooms
September 14: First Day of School for TTH3 and Yellow Rooms
October 8 & 11: NEOEA/Professional Dev Days: GREEN/LHP closed
October 27/28: Halloween celebrations
November 24: Thanksgiving Break- NO PRESCHOOL
November 25, 26, 29: Thanksgiving Break- GREEN/LHP closed
December 20-Jan.2: Christmas Break- GREEN/LHP closed
January 4: Registration begins for current students 8:00am
January 11: Registration begins for returning families 8:00am
January 17: MLK Jr Day- GREEN/LHP closed
January 18: Registration opens to New Families
January 31/February 1: Dogs with Dad
February 14/15: Valentine's Day Parties
February 14-18: Conference week (NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 2/18)
February 21: President's Day- GREEN/LHP closed
March 21-April 1: Spring Break (Lake spring break 3/21-3/25; Green spring break 3/28-4/1)LHP closed for both weeks)
April 15: Good Friday- NO SCHOOL
May 4/5: Mother's Day Brunch/Lunch 10:00, no class those days for all students
May 9/10: Trike a Thon
May 16: Last Day of class for Green and Orange MW rooms
May 17: Last Day of class for Yellow, Orange TTH, Purple and Blue Rooms
May 17: Graduation for TK classes 6:00pm (Blue and Purple Rooms)
May 18: Graduation for Pre-K classes 10am/12pm (Yellow and Green Rooms)
May 19: Preschool 3's picnic 10:00-12:00



** These dates are subject to change, please see school year calendar in your paperwork packet, and monthly newsletters/calendars during the school year for more details

Preschool 3's- Orange Room

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How has the end of the year come so quickly? It has been a true pleasure to be a part of your child's first school experience. All the many milestones and moments have been priceless. We look forward seeing everyone in the halls next year! Have a wonderful summer!

Pre-Kindergarten MWF- Green Room

Miss Libby & Miss Carolyn

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What a year! We have been asking the kids what they remember from the year and here is what they came up with: arctic animals, leprechaun hats, sharks, play doh center, Stick and Stone, muscle room, Halloween monster making, animal rescue center, Polar Express Day, dinosaur egg hatching, Johnny Appleseed, snack time with friends, outdoor play set, planets, gravity, Dogs with dads in the rain in the cars, silly sock day, exercise with rhyming words, silly rhymes, our goodbye chant, name practice, Valentines Party, 4 corners, and so so so many more! We have had a wonderful year filled with love and laughter! Thank you for sharing your most special blessings with us...they have a special place in our hearts!

Pre-Kindergarten TTHF- Yellow Room

Miss Kate & Miss Tina

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Wow! We did it Yellow Room families! To say that Miss Tina and I are grateful for this crazy year is an understatement! Looking back to the uncertainty of September and how unusual things were, we are immeasurably grateful to have had this year with your children. Thank you for trusting us to teach and love your babies. Not only have they all grown so much (seriously...they are so little in their pictures from September!), but they've learned too much too! Every day we marvel just what amazing people they are - smart, incredibly funny, kind, enthusiastic, and so full of hugs! We will miss spending our days with them.

I could end this by wishing everyone luck next year as you move to TK classes or Kindergarten, but these kids don't need luck. They're ready. They are going to do big things someday....this is just the beginning.

Transitional Kindergarten (Half Day)-Purple Room
Miss Alicia & Miss Stacey
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We cannot express how proud we are of every single student we have. We have seen so much improvement with everyone socially, emotionally and academically throughout the entire year. It has been so rewarding to see their confidence increase as the days go by. They have worked extremely hard and it shows. They are ready to take on Kindergarten and begin such an amazing new journey. Saying we are proud of each one of them, doesn't begin to cover it. Our hope is that they will continue to enjoy school and have fun while learning. Thank you to every adult for greeting us with a smile every day and taking the time to be involved throughout the year. We will truly miss everyone and hope they don't forget to come back and visit. They will rock in Kindergarten!!

Transitional Kindergarten (Full Day)- Blue Room
Miss Jessica & Miss Mary Ellen
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Wow! Can't believe this is the last newsletter! Where has the year went? We first want to start by saying thank you! Thank you trusting us, and allowing us, to be a part of all your children's lives during this crazy time. We didn't know what this year was going to bring, but it brought lots of fun, laughs and memories to last a lifetime. We want you to know how incredibly proud we are of each and every one of your children. We have enjoyed watching all the friendships that have been made throughout the school year and hope they continue grow in years to come. They have each show what amazing and talented kids they are and we have no doubt that they will achieve anything and everything they want to. They have each grown so much and we have no doubt they are going to succeed in kindergarten. Remember you are amazing just the way you are!!!!

We hope that your summer is filled with lots of fun and sunshine! We will miss each and every one of you. Thank you for making this year one we will never forget. Have a great summer!!!!

Did you have a great school year; want to share your experience with others? Please consider writing a review on our FB page, use the form below and leave it in the paperwork basket, or send an email to Miss Shannon at smiller1950@sbcglobal.net. We are so successful because of word of mouth, so help us spread the word!!



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Testimonial Page

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