

Stargazer

May 2022



We would like to wish all of our great moms and grandmas a "Happy Mother's Day." We hope that you enjoy your special day on Sunday.



"Back to School Night" for the 2022-2023 school year is scheduled for Wednesday, August 31st at 7:00 PM. We will meet in Pickell Hall for a brief parent meeting. After the meeting you are invited to visit in your child's classroom. **This is for parents only.** Your child will have an opportunity to meet his/her teachers the following week during our back-to-school conferences which will be held the week of September 5th. The first days of school are the following week. You will receive a postcard reminder in mid-August with all the details.



Just a reminder that summer camp tuition is now due.

Week 1 (May 31st - June 3rd) - \$160.00

Week 2 (June 6th - June 10th) - \$200.00

Both Weeks - \$340.00

For some of you your May tuition payment is now due. If you are not sure whether you owe for May check with Miss Brenda.



If you need to get in contact with me over the summer, please call the preschool at 703-729-1224 or email me at bshapbell@ashburnpresbyterian.org. I will be in and out over the summer, but I will be sure to return your phone call or respond to your email as soon as possible.



Our last chapel service for the school year will be held on Wednesday, May 11th (W/F Caterpillars, M/W/F BF, DF & FF) and on Thursday, May 12th (T/TH Caterpillars, BB, & T/TH BF. The children will hear the story, What Will I Be When I Grow Up? The children will learn that there are many things that they can be when they grow up. But what they should really want is to please God in everything that they do.

Over the past 9 months the children have heard many stories from our special book - the Bible. We hope that these stories have helped them grow in their relationship with God. Right now, children are just learning what it means to be a Christian. They have a lot to learn but little by little, day by day, they are growing and learning. As they grow, they will learn what it means to be a Christian and how to live a life that pleases God. Young children are like sponges, taking in information every day. It is important as teachers and parents, that we understand the precious opportunity we have to teach our young children to know and love God. There are some things that children and their parents can do right now that will help them draw closer to God.

READ the Bible! - "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105.

TALK to God! - "Pray without ceasing." 1 Thessalonians 5:17

TELL others the Good News! - "But in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you." 1 Peter 3:15



September's tuition and the registration agreement for the 2022-2023 school year are due by June 1st. Please note that after this date the tuition becomes **non-refundable**. The other forms are due by September 1st.

Your child's health form must be dated within a year of the first day of school. So, if your child's health form is dated prior to September 12, 2021, I must have a new one.

Tuition Fees for 2022-2023

- 2 days a week - \$265.00
- 3 days a week - \$315.00
- 4 days a week - \$365.00
- 5 days a week - \$405.00
- Extended day - \$505.00



It is so hard to believe that this is the last newsletter for the school year. I am not sure where the school year went. I guess as you get older time really does fly. It seems like it was just September 2021, and we were opening the doors for the new school year.

There is so much to be thankful for that I am not sure where to begin. I first need to give a huge thanks to our amazing teachers! They are the best. They are a wonderful group of teachers who love your children very much and absolutely love and enjoy what they do. It is such an honor to work with each of them and I am so glad that they are a part of the teaching staff here at Celebration. Thanks to Lauren Slimon, Lauren Golebioswki, Amy Smith, Pattie Krzywicki, Carolyn Brodie, David Krzywicki, Amy Bollar, Rita Hoop, and Leah Tecson for all that you do!

Thanks to Ashburn Presbyterian Church and the Celebration Preschool Board for their continued support of this ministry.

As you can imagine the past two years have been somewhat challenging. The staff and I would like to thank our preschool families for all of the help and support that you have given us during this time. But most importantly we want to thank you for allowing us to teach and minister to your children. We have loved

getting to know your children and watching them grow in so many ways. We hope that we provided your child a little bit of normalcy.

We continue to praise God and ask for his continued blessings on Celebration Preschool as we rest over the summer and prepare for another school year. We could not do all that we do without His help and guidance.

For our preschool friends who will not be returning we will miss you! We wish each and every one of you a safe and wonderful summer!



Starting kindergarten is seen as one of the major milestones in a child's development. Some children welcome the step eagerly and come with little trepidation. Other children fear the unknown and are reluctant to leave home and familiar family members. For kindergartners, the back-to-school season should be called the going to the big kid's school for the first time. While all children handle the start of school differently, it is quite common for children to have a serious case of the jitters.

Some things a parent can do to ease the transition are:

- Begin having conversations over the summer about kindergarten, answer questions and listen to their concerns

- Teach your child his/her address and phone number
- Practice the morning routine of getting to school
- If possible, visit the school
- Meet and introduce your child to his/her teacher
- Make an event out of purchasing school supplies, backpack, and new clothes
- Help your child choose their clothes for the first day
- Encourage your child to clean up after an activity

Although you may not entirely alleviate your child's fears, following the above suggestions will certainly help ease the transition into kindergarten. Good luck!



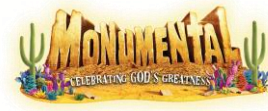
We would like to invite the families of the Dragonflies and Fireflies to an end of the year program as we celebrate a year of learning, growing, and making new friends. Please join us in the sanctuary on Thursday, May 26th as we celebrate a great school year!

AM Dragonflies - 11:00 AM

Fireflies - 1:15 PM

PM Dragonflies - 2:45 PM

Refreshments will be served!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 20th June 24th

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

VBS is for children entering kindergarten or 5 by September 30th through 5th grade (September 2022)

\$50.00 per child/\$120.00 family max

You can register online at www.ashburnpresbyterian.org or in the welcome center. See Miss Brenda if you have any questions.



The Dragonflies and Fireflies have enjoyed learning about different artists and their techniques over the course of the year. Now it is time to display their masterpieces. The art show will be outside, weather permitting. Otherwise, it will be held in Pickell Hall.

Fireflies, Tues., May 10th - 1:45 PM

AM DF - Wed., May 11th - 11:30 AM

PM DF - Thurs., May 12th - 3:15 PM

