



Mrs. Morgan  
Tuesday/Thursday  
Afternoon 3's

SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

## Welcome to Preschool!

Dear Families, I am honored you have chosen us to begin your child's educational path. We have many things to offer at our school, faith based teaching, as well as social and educational growth, which are our top priorities. I also hope to teach in a way that fosters a love for learning this year.

September is a busy month with lots of new experiences and information to learn! If you have any questions or concerns during the year, please feel free to contact me at the school, or reach out to me via email or the Remind App.

During the month of September, we will be learning about how the classroom works, as well as the rules and expectations we have for each student. First we will begin with getting to know each other, and shooing away any of those new student butterflies we have! I have chosen some interactive "first day of school" books and activities that are sure to get some giggles!

Our first few days will set the tone for the year. I have been busy this summer finding ways to connect what we are learning with playful activities that will bring out the best in each child! Please check your child's backpack after every class. If you send in a payment, or return a paper please place the item in the main (largest) section of the backpack! I encourage you to ask your child questions about what we are learning each day to reinforce the lesson at home!

Thank you,

Mrs. Morgan



## Housekeeping

3 year olds are new to so many things at this age and accidents happen! We will do our best to keep tidy in the classroom but please send in a spare outfit for your child in their backpack, (Shirt, Pants, Underwear). Please send the clothing in a zip-top bag, labeled with your child's first and last name. I would also encourage you to put your child's name on their backpack and coat as many of these items look similar and we want to make sure we are sending home the correct items at the end of the day! There are also going to be laminated name tags we will attach to your child's bag with a small zip tie.



## STAR STUDENT BINDER

This year we will be trying something new to highlight our students! You will receive a questionnaire during the month of September to fill out about your family. We would like you to include a photo of your family on the back of the paper and return to school. We will keep this binder in our classroom for the entire year and talk about each student as the year progresses. I will leave the book accessible to our students during the year so they may read about each other!



Each month we will have show and tell. The children love to learn about each other and an item from home is a great way to spotlight your child's interests. I will send home a reminder via the Remind App, the class before show and tell day. A few guidelines; please make sure the item can fit in his/her backpack each month. This month's show and tell will be on September 18, 2018 and can be a favorite book from home! Please DO NOT send irreplaceable or fragile items. We will do our best to care for your belongings but with small children, accidents do happen!



For the month of September, we will not only be learning about each other and the classroom, but consistently reviewing rules, consequences, and rewards! I reinforce good behavior and acts of kindness with a paper sent home and a prize chosen for exceptional behavior. I find this to be a great motivator for the children, as well as confidence boosting for our 3's.

If your child has a rough day, is being unkind to friends, or is not following classroom rules, I will talk with your student about how we can do better for the next class and I will send home a note explaining why we needed to have a talk that day. I do use an age based time out system for inappropriate behavior, (3 years old, 3 minutes in the time out chair). If your child has 3 poor behavior notes sent him in a row, I will ask for a meeting with you to determine how we can correct this behavior. We can work together to create a behavior plan to give your child the best opportunity for success.



### **Other ways to earn a prize!**

I keep a treasure chest of prizes in our classroom to reward positive behavior, and commend kind actions. Children may earn a prize for memorizing their monthly Bible verse, which we will review in class, and encourage you to review at home!

I will be sending a paper titled, "Blooming with Good Books" home with your child. Please list all the books you have read with your child and return to me once all lines are filled. When I receive the completed form, your child may choose a prize from the treasure chest. If I or another staff member sees your child perform a random act of kindness, your child will also be allowed to choose a prize! One of my goals is to teach our class to be kind to those around us!

If you have small prizes, stickers, toys, new happy meal type toys to donate for our prize box, it is very appreciated and used during our school year!

## **Communication**

I am available to speak with you about concerns or questions about our class. Please feel free to contact me via Email, Remind App, School Phone number, or schedule a meeting with me. I am at school Monday 9-3, Tuesday-Friday 9-12. I will try my best to respond to you ASAP, but if I receive the contact in the evening after 5pm, or over the weekend or holiday I may not be able to respond to you until the next business day.



## Special Dates/Highlights to Remember!

### Tuesday September 11-

Children's Worship with Pastor Julia

(We will talk about concerns or joy's your child wants to share).

### Sunday September 16-

You are invited to join me for Children's Sunday at Faith Presbyterian Church, 10:30-11:45 am! I would love to see my class there and spend time with your family! Our class will be learning a song and will be invited to sing with the congregation at this special service!

### Tuesday September 18-

**Favorite Book Show and Tell** (Please write your child's name in their book or on a piece of painters tape/masking tape inside the book to ensure the correct book returns home)!

**PJ DAY-** Students may also wear PJ's to school on **Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please send child in regular school shoes and not slippers as we will go outside weather permitting.

### Thursday September 20-

Librarian Visit/ Puppet Show/ Story time!

### Tuesday September 25-

Fire Fighters Visit our class at School! Please review your fire safety plan at home with your family!

### Wednesday September 27 6-8 pm:

Please join me at school for the FREE family challenge Dinner! We will have dinner together, fun and games! Please rsvp if you will join us. The goal of the Family Challenge is to eat 20 meals with your family by September 27<sup>th</sup>.

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CHRISTIAN VALUE: KINDNESS

Bible Verse to Memorize for a prize: "Be kind and compassionate to one another..." Ephesians 4:32

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