



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

August 30, 2024

Dear Preschool Families,

As the children end their second week of school, they continue to adjust to their classroom and routine. We ask that you please drop off and say your good-byes at the door. The children continue to practice their self-help skills in the morning, by putting their lunch box and water bottle away at drop off.

We ask that parents do not enter the bathroom area as we have children under our care and teachers are the ONLY staff allowed near the bathrooms. If your child needs assistance, a teacher is available to help your child.

Just a reminder that when your child is signed-out, they are no longer under our care. Please be sure that they stay with you when leaving the classroom and exiting the building.

This week the Sunflower teachers continued to practice the sign of the cross, prayers and classroom rules with the children. Mrs. Mahler set up a sensory bin with corn kernels. The children were able to touch and pour into cups. On Wednesday, each child made a sunflower by paint printing using a cup and fork. The class ended the week making a self-portrait.

Ms. Littlefield and Ms. Fitts read the book "The Kissing Hand" and the children made a craft. They continued to practice the sign of the cross, prayers and class rules. The children are also tracing their names as they come into the class. On Wednesday, the children went on a school supply treasure hunt in the classroom. The children enjoyed this activity.

On Tuesday, the Sunflower class went to the upper grade school library with Mrs. Martinez. The Buzzy Bees will begin their library visits next Wednesday.

The Sunflowers and Buzzy Bees are enjoying P.E. with coach Brown on Friday's!

REMINDER: School closed on Monday, September 2, Labor Day holiday.

IMPORTANT PRESCHOOL PARKING INFORMATION

Parents, starting Tuesday, September 3 the small parking lot will be blocked off due to the St. Joseph roof replacement project. The parking lot will be closed for approximately 6 weeks. You will be able to park at the roundabout and may also park in the staff parking lot behind the preschool garden. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause during morning drop off and afternoon pick up.

REMINDERS: Children **MUST** wear tennis shoes and comfortable clothes. **NO** boots, ballerina/heeled shoes or sandals/slippers. Children **MUST** be fully potty trained. No diapers or Pull-ups.

SIGN-IN & OUT

Please remember to sign your child in and out every day! Full signature **NO** initials! This is a State Licensing Regulation.

NAP TIME

If your child is napping, please bring their nap bundle. Nap time is two hours of resting or napping. Sunflower nap time is from 12:45pm-2:45pm and the Buzzy Bees nap time is from 12:30pm-2:30pm. Children must keep their shoes on during nap time.

EMERGENCY KIT

Each child **MUST** have an Emergency Kit. Please bring your child's kit by Friday, September 6.

HOT LUNCH

The September Hot Lunch order was due on Tuesday, August 27.

SNACKS

I want to thank the families who brought the muffins, veggies and fresh fruit. We greatly appreciate all your help. Muffins (Jimenez, Wilson, Borowiec & Basore), veggies (Tran) and fresh fruit (Tran & Basore). Remember to keep track of your service hours and save your receipts. Snacks **MUST** be store bought/prepackaged.

Be sure to check your child's file folder every day for any class or school announcements. Each class has a file box on top of the sign in table.

NAZARETH HOUSE SENIOR VISITS

The preschool will visit Nazareth House on the second Wednesday of each month. We will leave at 10:00am and return by 11:00am. We will walk up the pathway between Nazareth School and Nazareth House. The children will be parading around Nazareth House singing songs and special prayers to the seniors. Please send your children in tennis shoes/walking shoes. If you did not turn in your permission slip, please do so ASAP! (orange paper). First visit is on Wednesday, September 11.

GROTTO DAY

Every third Thursday of the month the preschool will visit the grotto which is located on the Northwest side of the preschool building. We will meet from 9:30 am – 10:00 am. If you did not turn in your permission slip, please do so ASAP! (bright lemon colored paper). First visit is on Thursday, September 19.

PRESCHOOL OPERATING HOURS

The preschool operating hours are 7:00am to 6:00pm. The main entrance door will be open from 7:00am to 8:15am for drop off. We ask that you please arrive on time. If you arrive after 8:15am, please ring the doorbell and a preschool staff member will come to the door as soon as we are able to. In the afternoon for pick-up, the door will be open from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Parents, please keep in mind that if you arrive late, it may take a few minutes to get to the door as teachers are taking their morning breaks. If you are picking up early, please pick up at 12:30 pm, as this is also a time when it may take a few minutes to come to the door, as teachers are taking their lunch breaks.

AFTERCARE

We will provide aftercare from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm (\$4.50 per hour). Aftercare pick-up is on the Northeast side of the preschool building (Sunflower Playground or Preschool Aftercare room). We lock the main entrance door promptly at 4:00 pm and transition the children to aftercare.

DROP OFF & PICK-UP ROUTE

We want to remind you that our drop off and pick up route is a **ONE WAY ONLY!** You **MUST** drive up Nazareth Drive off of San Diego Mission Road. You may park in the parking lot to your right or pull up front to the main entrance roundabout in front of the St. Joseph's building.

Please be sure to sign your child in and walk them to class.

After drop off or pick up, you **MUST** merge and continue through the school road and drive out onto Rancho Mission Road. You may **NOT** exit back down Nazareth Drive!

During pick up, if you do not have an upper grade school student, you may merge into the exit lane to your left and drive towards the parking lot and between the signs to exit. You do not have to wait in line.

If you have a preschooler and an upper grade school student, please drop off preschooler first and then upper grade student. If you exit through the door next to the Sunflower classroom, you may **NOT** come back in through that door. You **MUST** go around the building.

Our preschool main entrance and exit door is located on the SW side of the St. Joseph building.

TEACHER CLOSING DAYS

Please know that your child's teacher will be arriving late on the following day (at 9am):

Monday- Mrs. Mahler

Tuesday- Mrs. McDowell

Wednesday- Ms. Littlefield

Thursday- Ms. Fitts

Friday- Mrs. Barragan

Between 7:00 am – 7:30 am, drop off for all children is in the Sunflower class. Between 7:30 am – 8:00 am, the Buzzy Bee drop off will be in Ms. Fitts’s class. If there are any changes, we will place a note on the sign - in clipboard so that you know where to drop off.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we are working together and making this a smooth transition for your children.

PARENT VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Parents, if you are planning to volunteer in any of the upcoming school events, please be sure to turn in a copy of your current TB test, Tdap, MMR, flu shot and Covid card. You must also complete the CMG Connect training that you may find on our school website. The fee for the training is \$25.00.

STAY HOME IF YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS:

Please contact Nazareth Preschool at 619-641-7954 or Nazareth School office at 619-641-7987. You may also email us at preschooldir@nazarethschool.org or office@nazarethschool.org

We must continue to follow the K-12 & Childcare Guide for Covid-19 (July 12, 2024)

It is very important that you call and report your child’s absence. Please test your child and complete the Attestation Form that you are able to obtain from us. You MUST test your child twice before they are able to return. The first test is done when child has symptoms and the second test is 12-24 hours after first test. Your child may return when they are fever-free for 24 hours without medication AND other non-fever symptoms are mild and improving.

Parents, please keep your child home if she/he is sick and presenting any of the following Covid-19 symptoms:

- Fever with or without chills
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Nasal Congestion
- Sore Throat
- Headache
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Fatigue
- New loss of taste or smell
- Muscle or body aches
- Poor feeding or poor appetite

- Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have Covid-19

If your child presents any of the symptoms stated above during school time, we will have to send your child home. Please keep in mind that we continue to follow the school protocols to keep children and staff safe.

If your child has allergies, please be sure to bring in a doctor's note, otherwise we will send your child home.

Please remember to return your family envelope by Thursday each week. Place it in your child's file folder.

Important Dates to Remember:

Sept. 2- Labor Day Holiday / No School

Sept. 6- Half Day / Preschool Close at Noon

Sept. 11- Preschool visits Nazareth House

Have a fabulous three-day weekend!

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan
Nazareth Preschool Director