



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 1, 2024

Dear Preschool Families,

This week the Sunflower teachers reviewed letter Jj, color pink and heart shape. They read the bible story "Jesus Calms the Storm". The children glued the story cutouts to construction paper. During science, the children mixed red and white paint to make pink. The children played a heart matching game and practiced tracing their names. On Monday the class celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday. Some of the teachers and children wore Dr. Seuss attire and head piece. The teachers read Dr. Seuss books.

The Buzzy Bee teachers introduced the letter Rr and number 15. The children practiced tracing and writing the letter and number. The class science activity was "Cat in the Hat stacking". The children were able to stack red cups. On Wednesday, the Buzzy Bees went to visit Italy on Imaginary Airlines. The children got to taste an Italian waffle cookie called Pizzelle.

On Thursday, we got to celebrate Leap Year in the garden. The children had to find 2 plastic colored frogs per class and when they returned to class each child colored a leap year picture and made a crown. It was a fun activity!

Reminders: Parents, we ask that you please arrive on time. We lock the preschool door at 8:15 am. The teachers begin circle time or outside play at 8:30 am. Please say your goodbyes at the door and allow your child to continue practicing their self-help skills by letting them put their lunch box and water bottle away. Coming into the classroom to drop off once circle time has begun causes distraction to the class and the teachers, as they are transitioning into quiet learning time. If you arrive after 8:15 am, please ring the doorbell and a staff member will come to the door. **Please Do Not pull on the door when locked as the door latch from the other door will break.**

We ask that if you are going to pick up your child early, please pick up by 12:30 pm or between 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm.

Never leave a child unattended in your car.

Kaitlyn's Law

It's against California law to leave a child who is 6 years of age or younger alone in the car without the supervision of a person at least 12 years old if: 1. The keys are in the ignition or the car is running, or 2. There is a significant risk to the child.

SUNFLOWER PARENTS

In preparation for registration and the upcoming school year, the Buzzy Bee program is a 5-day program. This will enable our Pre-K students to take full advantage of our well-rounded curriculum. We are confident that this will benefit all of our students and give each one every opportunity to be prepared for Kindergarten. We believe that preschool is the first educational experience for children. Here at Nazareth Preschool, we begin in the Sunflower class by focusing on the children's social/emotional development, early literacy, religion, self-help skills, transition, hands on activities, music & movement, math & science, creative art, Spanish and exploring the environment.

In the Buzzy Bee class the focus is to prepare the children for Kindergarten. We emphasize an introduction to structure and academics, religion, phonological awareness, math & science, music & movement, early literacy.

REGISTRATION 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration for the upcoming school year for our returning families will be on Tuesday, March 5, Wednesday, March 6 and Thursday, March 7. Registrations will be in the school auditorium from 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm. Please let us know if your child will not be returning as we will begin registering new families the week of March 11. **Late Registration Fees will increase from \$50 to \$100 per student after March 7th.**

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our Annual Nazareth Golf Tournament will be on Friday, March 22, 2024. It will be at Carlton Oaks Golf Club in Santee. If you would like to participate, please be sure to register.

PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

We are excited to announce that we will offer 6 weeks of Summer Camp fun! You may register now through the school website. You will also find the link for the enrollment packet. Children must be 3 years old through incoming kindergarten and fully potty trained to attend. Limited spaces only.

MORNING SNACKS

I want to thank the families who brought the muffins (Borowiec, Olut, Jimenez, Neimeyer & Soares), veggies (Santiago) and fresh fruit (Mahler). We greatly appreciate all your help.

Remember to keep track of your service hours and save your receipts. Snacks **MUST** be store bought/prepackaged. **Just a reminder, that if you bring grapes, please cut them in half.**

MORNING DROP-OFF

Parents, if you have a preschooler and an upper grade school student, you may enter through the preschool building. If you DO NOT have a preschooler, you must drive or walk around the preschool building to drop -off your child.

SIGN-IN & OUT

It is very important that you sign your child in and out every day on your assigned space! Full signature **NO** initials! Some signatures are overlapping into other assigned spaces and parents are not able to sign their child in or out. Signing your child in and out is a State Licensing Regulation. During a licensing visit, we can be cited up to \$250 per missing signature.

PARENT VOLUNTEER IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Parents, please be sure to turn in all your volunteer requirements. You **MUST** also complete the CMG training.

Reminder: State licensing requires that all volunteers have the following immunization requirements on file: a copy of a current TB test, MMR, Tdap, current Flu shot (You may decline the flu shot, write a note and sign) and Covid vaccination card. If you do not have a Covid vaccination card, you must test before you come into volunteer. If you are not cleared before the scheduled events, you will **NOT** be able to volunteer.

NAZARETH SCHOOL FAMILY HANDBOOK (Preschool – Grade Eight)

Please see the attached link to our new Nazareth School Family Handbook. To view and read the Family Handbook digitally please go on the school website and click on the following link:

[Nazareth School Family Handbook](#)

After reviewing the handbook, we ask you to please digitally sign the Parent/Guardian and student acknowledgments via the link below:

[Family Handbook Acknowledgment Form](#)

PRESCHOOL OPERATING HOURS

The preschool operating hours are 7:00am to 4:00pm. The main entrance door will be open from 7:00am to 8:15am for drop off. If you arrive after 8:15am, please ring the doorbell and a preschool staff member will come to the door. In the afternoon for pick-up, the door will be open from 2:30pm to 4:00pm. Please use the middle door to enter and exit the building, **DO NOT** exit through the side doors.

AFTERCARE

We provide aftercare from 4:00pm to 6:00pm (\$4.50 per hour). Aftercare pick-up is on the NE side of the preschool building (Sunflower Playground or Preschool Aftercare room).

DROP OFF & PICK-UP ROUTE

Thank you for your patience and understanding with our drop off and pick up route. We want to remind you that our drop off and pick up route is **ONE WAY ONLY!** You **MUST** drive up Nazareth Drive off of San Diego Mission Rd.. 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 along the school road and drive out onto Rancho Mission Rd. 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 cones 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.

STAY HOME IF YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING 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.

We must continue to follow the Covid-19 Decision Table for K-12 schools and Childcare Settings. (January 22, 2024).

It is very important that you call and report your child's absence. If you are using a home test kit, you must complete the Attestation Form that we can provide for you. You MUST test your

child twice before they are able to return. Child **MUST** be 24-hour fever free with NO medication and symptoms are improving.

Please remember to check your child's file folder and return your family envelope by Thursday each week.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 619-641-7954 or or Nazareth School office at 619-641-7987.

You may also email us at preschooldir@nazarethschool.org or office@nazarethschool.org

Important Dates to Remember:

Mar. 8- No School / Diocesan Professional Learning Day

Mar. 13- Preschool will visit the Seniors at Nazareth House

Mar. 17- St. Patrick's Day

Have a blessed weekend!

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan
Nazareth Preschool Director