



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September 8, 2023

Dear Preschool Families,

This week the Sunflower teachers introduced the letter “Aa”, the circle shape and the color red. The children turned the letter A cutout into an alligator by adding eyes and teeth. They dot painted the upper- and lower-case letter. On Thursday, each child printed circles with paint. They ended the week making a collage using different pictures that begin with letter Aa. Ms. Littlefield made “Slime” and the children enjoyed playing with it. Mrs. Mahler’s sensory bin was filled with water beads. The children were able to pour into containers. Great sensory and hands on activities!

Mrs. Mendoza had a lesson on “God Made Me Special”. The children did a worksheet titled “Fingerprints are Unique”. Each child shared why they are special and Mrs. Mendoza wrote it on board paper. It is displayed on her door. The children used playdough and molds at the sensory table.

Mrs. Fitts had a lesson on “All About Me”. The children colored a worksheet and answered a questionnaire. Each child brought back their share bags and shared them today. The children were able to trace their name with playdough at the sensory table.

On Wednesday, both Buzzy Bee classes made their suitcase for geography. The teachers introduced the USA as their first geography lesson. Each child made a self-portrait on Thursday. The children made cards for the seniors to distribute on Monday.

On Thursday, we were excited to begin our morning Grotto visit. The entire preschool went to the Grotto and we prayed. I talked about our core value of “Respect” and read the story “Angels Among Us”. We will visit the Grotto every Thursday at 9:30 am.

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

Children **MUST** bring a reusable water bottle. If your child needs a refill, we have bottled water and a water dispenser with cold filtered & purified water. Please include an ice pack in your child's lunch box.

I want to thank the families who brought the muffins (Grubba, Beyk & Soares), veggies (Beyk & Soares) and fresh fruit (Shelly, Appel & Dispenza). We greatly appreciate all your help. Remember to keep track of your service hours and save your receipts. Snacks **MUST** be store bought/prepackaged.

PARENT VOLUNTEER IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

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

NAZARETH HOUSE SENIOR VISITS

Our first visit to Nazareth House will be on Monday, September 11. The entire preschool will visit on the second Monday 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.

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 a **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 through 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 the 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:

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 Childcare Guide for Covid-19 (August 28, 2023).

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 you are able to obtain from our school website or we can provide you with a copy. You MUST test your child twice before they are able to return.

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. Your child MUST be tested if their allergy follows with a fever or any other listed

symptom other than allergy stated on doctor's note. You will need to bring the completed Attestation Form.

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 email: preschooldir@nazarethschool.org

Important Dates to Remember:

Sept. 11- Preschool visits Nazareth House

Sept. 27- Picture Day

Have a fabulous weekend!

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan
Nazareth Preschool Director