



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



• WELCOME

I can't tell you how thrilling it was to have all my little friends back at preschool on Tuesday. There were so many smiling faces and we welcomed our new friends with open arms. I think the cooler weather was a much needed relief for all. If you were not able to attend Parent Night or would like to get more information about the school, join us on Thursday, September 15 at 1:15 for our Beginning of School Parent Meeting. This meeting is very important if you are interested in volunteering at the preschool or being a room parent. We meet upstairs in The Gathering Place.

• CHAPEL NEWS

We are so excited to have an opportunity each week to develop your child's spiritual maturity through our weekly chapel service. Chapel is a great time to sing praise songs to God and to learn about God's truth. Family Life Pastor Louie Murillo and Worship Pastor Caleb Miller will lead your children in a chapel each week. Your child will probably come home telling you about "The Chapel Guys" while singing praise songs. They will focus on key scriptures each week that will help your child to understand God's truth. We will also send home a weekly chapel chat that will help you dig into the lesson deeper at home. In the month of September we will be learning about God's Holy Word, Moses and the 10 Commandments, Jesus at the temple, and the story about the boy with the fish and loaves.

– Mr. Louie

• MUSICAL NOTES

September is all about spontaneous movement: the spark within and feeling the beat. Music naturally makes children want to move. Early childhood is not a time to show children how to move or limit their ways of moving. I will be encouraging the students to express whatever they are feeling through their bodies and to foster that creative development. My goal is to help them to feel good about themselves! I want them to experience all the different ways in which our bodies move and I want them to know that I value their creativity!

– Mrs. Bessie



• ALL ABOUT ART

We are beginning our journey in art class with the study of color. The primary colors and secondary colors are introduced first. We will learn about neutrals and how to alter a color by mixing it with a neutral to create a tint, shade or tone of that color. The last part of the month, we will have some fun with lines and learn how a line can become a shape. This will help to enrich our drawing and writing skills later in the year.

– Mrs. Gayle

• SCIENCE

Why teach preschool science? Because it's FUN! It also helps children understand the wonderful world we live in, drives their natural curiosity, and helps foster a love and appreciation for nature that can carry throughout their life. During this year, we will explore big concepts in science such as comparison, observation, grouping and patterns. Throughout the month of September, we will be observing and discovering things about trees. We will begin our investigation journey to observe our CCP trees and record our findings. Throughout the year we will note any changes we see in our trees. It would be great to start your own tree chart at home! Pick your favorite tree and talk about any changes you and your family discover! It's all about trees in September. Happy observing scientists!

– Mrs. Ana



• **SEPTEMBER 11 REMEMBERED**

We are approaching the 10 anniversary of the September 11, World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks and I want to share a story with you about a very special person. Eighteen years ago, I lived with a divorced mother and her six-year-old son as I finished my student teaching. We lived in Stamford, Connecticut in a two-hundred-year-old house in the woods. The mother traveled a lot with her job and I cared for her son and ran the house for her when she was away. Two nights a week his father would come over and eat dinner with him, help him with his homework, read him a story and put him to bed. This might not sound like much but his father worked in New York City. He would get up in the morning drive to the train, take the train into the city, work his shift and take the train home. He would drive almost an hour to be with his son and then drive almost an hour back home. I don't remember him EVER missing a scheduled night, not when huge snow storms blew in, not when the traffic was backed up on the highway, he always arrived even if it was just in time for a bedtime story and to tuck Shawn in.

I remember when the first World Trade Center bombing happened on February 26, 1993. I was driving Shawn to his father's house for the weekend. We were on the Merritt Parkway and it was cold outside. I remember listening to the news and then turning the channel because I could not remember exactly where his father worked in NYC. This was before cell phones so I was not sure what news we would get when we arrived at his house. When we arrived, his stepmother told us that his father was fine.

Like many of you, I remember almost everything about September 11, 2001. I spent most of the day trying to contact friends and family who lived in the area and might have been affected. It was several days before I felt like I had contacted everyone. Once a list of those killed had been posted, I saw his name - Richard Hall, 49, Purchase, N.Y.. I was not sure if it was the same man, it's a common name but in my heart I knew, it was him. So I share this story with you to encourage you to spend extra time with your children this Sunday. Read to them a little longer and give them another kiss before bed. It is what Shawn's dad would have wanted you to do.
- Kim Porcheddu

Please join us for a special September 11th Remembrance Service this Sunday –
Service Times – Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 8:45am, 10am and 11:30am

• **PRESCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT**

The preschool will be collecting old functioning cell phones this school year. The phones will be sent to Flipswap reLeaf. A tree will be planted for every device that is recycled. They will also give us a monetary donation for each phone. The money collected will go to Encompass Kids – a ministry for underprivileged children in west Texas. The donation box is located by the preschool office. If you have any questions please contact Bessie Porter at bessieporter@mycompasschurch.com.

• **IMPORTANT DATES**

- Tuesday, September 13th – Spirit Day! Wear your Compass Preschool T-Shirt
- Thursday, September 15th - Beginning of School PAC Meeting -1:15pm in The Gathering Place
- Thursday, September 29th – Blue Day – Wear your favorite Blue outfit or shirt.

• **TEACHER'S BIRTHDAYS**

- 4th – Lisa Endert – Jeep Class
- 5th – Kimberly Johnson – VW Bug Class
- 12th – Gayle Thompson – Art Teacher
- 23rd – Lisa Miller – Seal Class

• **NEW STAFF FOR 2011/2012**

- Ana Wilkerson – Science Teacher
- Vicki Ledbetter – Lead three-year-old teacher
- Melissa Van Til – Assistant three-year-old teacher
- Mindy Fogle – Four-year-old floater teacher
- Kathleen Bibby -- Two-year-old assistant teacher
- Gail Fatum – Two-year-old assistant teacher
- Theresa Blaser – Two-year-old assistant teacher

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