



## Fort Hill Preschool Newsletter October 2016

### PARENTS' NOTES:

- We're off to a great start! Please remember that drop-off is between 8:45 and 9:00 each morning. At drop-off, please drop-off from the left side of the drive lane and park in one of the coned spaces in the right lane if you want to walk your child in.
- **The drop-off/pick-up area is a "no cell phone zone" and a "hand-holding zone."**
- With the autumn weather comes jackets and coats. Please make sure that your child brings appropriate outerwear for the cooler days ahead. We do go outside every day unless it is raining. It helps us tremendously if jackets are labeled with names.
- OOPS! Remember that tuition is due by the fifth of each month. Please place tuition payments in the little red schoolhouse located outside of my office, mail it in, or leave it in the church office mail slot marked "Preschool."
- **NO SCHOOL MONDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup> and TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH!**
- During October, the subject of Halloween will surely come up in our activities and discussions. We use this opportunity to talk about the difference between things that are real and things that are make-believe. Since our preschool families have many different views concerning Halloween, and there are lots of opportunities to celebrate in our community, Halloween is not the focus of our October activities at Fort Hill Preschool.
- The four-year old classes will be visiting Denver Downs Farm on October 5th.
- The preschool will again be participating in the Glazed Christmas Ornament Fundraiser. The Glazed lady will be here on October 19th and 20th to help your children create their cherished masterpieces, which make great holiday gifts. This was our largest fundraiser last year; this year we will be using the proceeds to replenish our Hazel Sparks Scholarship Fund. Please check your child's backpack for order forms going out the first week in October.
- The Hazel Sparks Scholarship fund helps our families with tuition assistance. This year we have 5 children either on partial or full scholarship. Please keep this worthy cause in mind; if you would like to make a gift to the preschool, make the check payable to the Preschool and write Hazel Sparks Scholarship Fund in the memo line. I will make sure that it gets into the proper account. Thanks for your generosity!
- **PLEASE SEND IN YOUR BOX TOPS!**

- Please make sure that you have read your handbook. In particular, please pay attention to the "Illness and Medication" section. **Children need to be fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine to be able to attend preschool.**

#### **CLASS NOTES:**

##### **TWOS: McRoberts/Worley**

During the month of October, we will talk about Fall. We will look for changes in nature as we play outside and travel through stories. We will also carve a jack-o-lantern for Halloween!

##### **THREES: Swain/Harrell & Wright/Plumb**

The arrival of fall provides many fun opportunities as we continue to settle into our classroom routine, including chapel and music. We will have fun with scarecrows, falling leaves, pumpkins, and much more! Through songs, games, finger plays, and stories, the autumn theme will be used as we continue our study of colors, shapes, and numbers.

##### **FOURS: Match/Muth and Reid/Lockhart**

The Fort Hill Fours have a busy October in store! We are continuing our journey through the alphabet with our Zoo-Phonics curriculum and having a great deal of fun as we settle into our classroom routines.

We are excited about our upcoming field trip. On Wednesday, October 5th, we'll head to Denver Downs Farm for a hayride, games, and a chance to play in the pumpkin patch. Each child will get to pick out a small pumpkin to take home. Thank you for sharing your children with us. We are a lucky bunch of teachers!

##### **Featured Staff Member of the Month: Jane Hodgin, Director**

Hi! This is my fourth year serving the preschool at Fort Hill. I have been married 27 years to Derek, a forensic engineer. I am the proud mother of Hali Young (married to Brandon and expecting baby Jack in November), Marley Hart (married to Zachary), Sydney (a freshman at Furman), and Blaise (a third grader at Clemson Elementary). I am a member of NewSpring Church and serve in the financial coaching ministry. Additionally, I have a civil engineering degree and am a registered nurse. I love to travel, especially to Disney World! I love, love, love working with the staff and the children at the preschool. I look forward to work every day (really) and seeing all those bright, eager smiles each morning. Thank you for the opportunity!