



October

IMPORTANT DATES

- October 4th: Denver Downs field trip
- October 6th: Picture orders due
- October 12th and 13th: Glazed Christmas Ornament Fundraiser
- October 16th and 17th: NO SCHOOL-fall break
- October 29th: FHPC Trunk or Treat

Staff Bio of the Month: Dana Armstrong

This is my first year as Director at Fort Hill Preschool. My husband is Jason Armstrong and we have two children Reed (5) and Collins (3). I have a degree in Early Childhood Education from Clemson University. After teaching for 5 years I stayed home with my children for 5 years. Two years ago, I began subbing at Fort Hill and fell in love with how special of a place it is. Last year, I was the EMC teacher and just knew I wanted to continue to be a part of the Fort Hill Preschool family. I feel beyond blessed to be the Director of such a wonderful place and thankful for the opportunity to watch your children learn and grow this year while sharing the love of Christ with them. I am a member at Crosspoint Church in Clemson. In my free time I love spending time with my family. We love all things Clemson and Disney World.

Tuition is due by the 5th of the month. Payments can be dropped off in the little red school house located outside the director's office.

The Fort Hill Presbyterian Church family would like to invite you all to Trunk or Treat on October 29th 5-6:30 PM. Please bring a can good to donate to Clemson Community Care.

We have had a great start to the year! Thank you for your patience as we dealt with cancellations and delays due to Hurricane Irma.

NEWS

- ✖ Reminder- drop-off is between 8:45 and 9:00 each morning. It is important to have children here by 9:00. Being on time gives the children time to start their routines without disruptions. Pickup is from 11:45 to 12. Please make sure to be here by 12!
- ✖ Our Glazed Christmas Ornament Fundraiser is coming up. The Glazed lady will be here October 12th and 13th to help your children create their masterpieces. These will make great holiday gifts! This is one of our largest fundraisers. This will help replenish funds for our various supplies. Please check your child's backpack for order forms going out the first week of October.
- ✖ Reminder NO SCHOOL October 16th and 17th for fall break. Enjoy this time with family and hopefully some cool weather.
- ✖ With the cooler weather coming, please be sure to send appropriate clothing. We go outside every day, unless it is raining. It is also helpful if coats, jackets, and sweaters are labeled.
- ✖ During October, the subject of Halloween will come up in our activities and discussions. We use this time to discuss the difference between real and 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.
- ✖ Our 4 year old classes will be visiting Denver Downs Farm on October 4th. Parents please have children to Denver Downs (4919 Clemson Blvd.) by 8:45. Plan to pick children up at Denver Downs at 11:15. There will be no EMC for the 4 year old children on this day.
- ✖ Cyndi Davis, our children's minister, will meet with the children weekly for chapel. She will be discussing the Fruits of the Spirit. This month's focus will be on Faithfulness. This concept is much easier demonstrated than explained. Look for ways to show devotion, or faithfulness. It can be in the way your family cares for one another, prays daily, and attends church weekly.
- ✖ I would like to encourage you to begin letting your children walk in by themselves. You are always welcome to walk in but this is a great way to allow them to express their independence. I'm always at the door to give you a nod to let you know they have made it. This is typically much harder for the parents than it is for the children ☺.
- ✖ Scholastic book orders can be done online. The preschool code is

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