



October

IMPORTANT DATES

- **October 3rd:** 4 year old class trip to Denver Downs
- **October 12th:** Picture order forms due back
- **October 15th and 16th:** No school—Fall Break
- **October 18th and 19th:** Glazed ornament fundraiser

Staff Bio of the Month: Dana Armstrong, Director

This is my second year as Director at Fort Hill Preschool. My husband is Jason and we have two children Reed (6) and Collins (4). I have a degree in Early Childhood Education from Clemson University—Go Tigers! After teaching for five years I stayed home with my children for several years. My children attended Fort Hill and I quickly realized this was an amazing place to be. I knew I wanted to be here long term. I feel beyond blessed to be the Director of such a wonderful place and am thankful for the opportunity to watch your children learn and grow this year!

CHAPEL NEWS From Mrs. Katie

I have enjoyed getting to know your precious little ones in chapel these last few weeks. In September, we have learned how creative God is when we all worked together to tell the story of Creation. The Owls, Whales, and 3-day Honeybees learned about making good choices with Adam and Eve. The Turtles and 2-day Honeybees helped to get all of the animals into Noah's Ark! This week we learned how God has a plan for each of us in the story of Joseph and his jealous brothers.

In October we will go on an adventure with Moses & the Israelites as they escape from Egypt and make their way into the Promised Land. I hope your children are enjoying learning God's story as much as I've enjoyed sharing it with them!

We have had a great start to our year. The children have transitioned so well to preschool and it is a joy to see their happy faces in the mornings.

NEWS

- **School begins at 9:00.** Drop off begins at 8:45. It is important to have children here by 9:00. Being on time gives the children time to start their routines without disruptions.
- Dismissal begins at 11:45. Make sure you are here by 12:00 to avoid late pick up fees.
- Our Glazed Christmas ornament fundraiser is coming up! The Glazed lady will be here October 18th and 19th to help your children create their masterpieces. These will make great holiday gifts! This is one of our largest fundraisers and will help replenish funds for various supplies. A portion will be donated to the Hazel Sparks Scholarship fund. Please check your child's backpack for order forms the first week of October.
- Reminder NO SCHOOL October 15th and 16th for fall break.
- During October, the subject of Halloween will come up in our activities and discussions. Since our preschool families have 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 3rd. 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.
- The four year old classes will receive a t-shirt on Monday. Please plan to have your child wear this shirt on the day of the field trip.
- 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 the children ☺.
- Scholastic book orders can be done online. The preschool code is MHWWZ. I will close the October order on October 29th.

REMINDER

Tuition is DUE BY THE 5TH OF THE MONTH. Payments can be mailed or dropped off in the little red school house located outside the director's office.