

# Parent Newsletter

## Valley Springs Christian Preschool

*"God saw all that  
he had made and  
it was very good."*

*Genesis 1:31*



### Pre-Kindergarten Program

October 2023

Fall is here! We are excited about this fun month full of change and color. **Our theme for October is "God Made Our Wonderful World"**. We have talked about how God made each of us special and unique. Now we will look at the world God made for us to live in and take care of. We will talk about the earth we live on, day and night, our sun, moon, stars, and planets. We will learn about the changes that Fall brings; the leaves change color, and the weather becomes cooler.

During our pre-reading time, we will continue learning new songs, rhymes, and poems. This past month we began our phonics program by learning the name and sounds of Aa. This month we will continue learning our letters by focusing on Ff and Pp. We will be finding these letters in our names, weekly themes, words, and dictation writing. During our math learning time, we will continue exploring numbers. We will learn the shapes (circle and square), the number 2, counting by two, and grouping two. We will also do "pumpkin math". Look for estimating, weighing, measuring, counting, comparing, graphing, and more! We will talk about being safe this month. We will practice doing a fire drill and talk about a home fire alarm. We will continue discussing safety at school by walking in the classroom and using the playground equipment safely. The children will enjoy a visit from one of our very own firefighter Dads!

Pumpkins will be a topic of discovery and exploration. We will spend time talking about pumpkins and other food that grows on the farm. This month we will be taking a field trip to Little Field Farms in Loomis. Be on the look out for the Field Trip sign up sheet on the check in table later this month.

The end of the month provides a great opportunity to have fun with pretending. We will talk about pretending to be real people, animals, and make-believe characters. As a Christian Preschool, our focus is on fall harvest and **not on Halloween!** Please be sensitive to all families by not sending your child to school in any clothing depicting witches, ghost, vampires, skeletons, etc. Thank you for your support!



### Walking Field Trip Tuesday, October 10th (Waiting to confirm)

This month we will be learning about transportation and various ways we travel. Chris DeWitt (Dad in the 3's class) has invited us to come visit where he works to see a life size plane as well as model planes. We will be walking across the street from our school. More information will be coming home next week.

### Let's Pretend Day

On **Thursday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>** we will celebrate Let's Pretend Day. Costumes are optional, but we do ask that the children not wear any masks or face paint and that they do not bring in any weapons, wands or accessories. **Please make sure that the costumes are in good taste, appropriate for a Christian Preschool setting.** If you have any questions about your child's costume, please talk to Miss Stephanie or Miss Danya.



# October Activities

- Mon. Oct. 2 **Fire Safety Week**  
Stop, Drop & Roll!  
Practice fire drill today
- Tues. Oct. 3 **Ff is for firefighter**  
*Visit from the Fire Fighters*
- Wed. Oct. 4 **Transportation - traffic Signs**  
I can read signs
- Thurs. Oct. 5 **Transportation (Land/Sea/Air)**  
Comparing/Categorizing
- Mon. Oct. 9 **The Solar System**  
The Plant Earth
- Tues. Oct. 10 **Day/Night and Sun/Moon**  
The Sun is a Star  
*Walking Field Trip*
- Wed. Oct. 11 **I want to be an Astronaut**
- Thurs. Oct. 12 **God Made Our World**  
*Chapel Today*  
*(wear your RED school shirt)*
- Mon. Oct. 16 **Field Trip to Pumpkin Farm**  
Meet there at 9:45am
- Tues. Oct. 17 **All About Pumpkins**  
Exploring Pumpkins
- Wed. Oct. 18 **P is for Pumpkin**  
Letter "Pp"
- Thurs. Oct. 19 **Harvest Time**  
Things that grow on the Farm
- Mon. Oct 23 **Down on the Farm**  
Things we see on the Farm
- Tues. Oct 24 **Animals on the Farm**  
Number 2
- Wed. Oct 25 **Hickory Dickory Dock Nursery Rhyme**  
Telling Time
- Thurs. Oct 26 **Let's Pretend Day!**  
(Children may dress up if they would like)
- Mon. Oct 30 **Changes of Fall**
- Tues. Oct 31 **Leaves, Leaves, Leaves**  
Letter "L"



## October Birthdays

Oct 1st Levi



## October Community Service Project

We are so excited that our first Community Service Project is collecting arts and crafts materials for the *The Children's Receiving Home*. This organization provides serves between 1200 and 1800 children every year. They depend on donations from the community to provide many services to children in need. Please bring any type of arts and crafts materials, including: chalk, paint, stickers, crayons, pencils, construction paper, modeling clay, paint by numbers, markers, etc. For more information go to: [www.crhkids.org](http://www.crhkids.org) Any questions, please talk with Miss Stephanie or Miss Danya.

## Mystery Reader

We are so excited to start our Mystery Reader. We invite Mom, Dad, Grandma or Grandpa to come in to read a favorite children's book to the class. Come to the classroom at 11:45 am. One of the teachers will meet you outside the classroom to usher you in during our closing circle time.

Sshhh... Don't tell, it's a mystery

## For Family Time...



October Bible Story: God Made Our Wonderful World (Gen. 1)

Bible Words: "God saw all that He had made, and it was very good." (Gen. 1:31)

Bible Song: (to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb")  
God saw all that He had made, He had made, He had made.  
God saw all that He had made, and it was good (thumbs up)

Family Activities: Look for the changes that fall brings.

Talk about the weather changing, daylight savings, and the colors of the leaves. Look for red, yellow, and orange leaves. Where else can you find those colors? Can you find squares in your world? Be careful, squares have four equal sides. We will be practicing a fire drill at school. Talk about what you would do if there were a fire at your house. Where is your meeting place? There are several small family owned pumpkin farms in our area, as well as , Bishop Pumpkin Farm in Wheatland, that are great family outings for the month of October.