



# The Preschool Press

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## Important Dates

### September

- 6 No School
- 8 Pizza Days Begin
- 15 & 16 Preschool Gym Begins
- 22 **Late Start!** School begins at 10a.m.
- 23 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Autumn

## Reminders

- Apply sunscreen and bug spray to your child before sending them to school
- Always keep a change of clothes in your child's bookbag
- Send all money and notes to your teacher using the communication folder in your child's bag

## Fun Fact

Feeling thirsty? Stop by the Coke machine at the top of the stairs. All profits go directly to the preschool program.

## From the Director's Desk...

We have completed our first two weeks of school, and all the children are doing great! The children are getting used to their new surroundings and friends, and the tears are fewer and less frequent. We are having so much fun getting to know them!

To continue an easy transition, please remember to make drop-off time as quick as possible. If you want to walk your child to class, it is easier for a child to separate with a short good-bye hug and kiss. Please do not go into the classroom. It is less disruptive and confusing to the children that have already been dropped off. For this reason, carpool is recommended, though optional, of course.

Tears are normal and we will do everything we can to make your child feel loved and secure. Please let myself or the teachers know if you have any specific concerns or questions about how your child is doing. My door is always open.

In Christ,  
Ms. Jill

### Carpool Kickoff

We completed our 1<sup>st</sup> week of carpool. Great job everyone! There are just a few procedures I'd like to reinforce going forward:

1. Please pull your car forward to the last Handicap spot so we are not blocking parked cars.
2. Have your child ready to go in the morning; shoes on, backpack ready, etc.
3. Always have your carpool sign displayed on your rear view mirror for afternoon pickup.
4. Stay in line. Do not pull around someone that is loading or unloading.
5. Stay in your vehicle until you pull forward to buckle your child.
6. Do not park and get of you car while in line.
7. If you are going to park and walk in, please be careful walking through the carpool line.
8. Park in designated spaces only.  
*Let us know if you have any suggestions!*

### 1<sup>st</sup> "Late Start" Coming...

Our 1<sup>st</sup> "Late Start" day will be **Wednesday, 9/22**. School will begin at **10a.m.**, on this and every late start day; with the carpool line opening at 9:55. See attached calendar for all Late Start Days. We use these late start mornings to hold our monthly staff meetings, and plan the upcoming month's activities.

### Save \$25 Off Tuition

We still have several openings in our Pre-K 4's class, as well as our Tuesday/Thursday 3 Year Old class. If you know of someone interested, please send them our way.

**NEW:** If you refer a friend and they enroll their child, pay the registration and supply fee and 1 month's tuition, you will receive a one time discount of \$25 off your child's next tuition payment. Make sure they mention your name. Easy!

## Parent's Pick

Many of you requested a copy of the poem read at Parent Info Night. Enjoy!

### Nothing

When children come home at the end of the day,  
the questions they're asked as they scurry to play  
is, "Tell me what you did today?"

And the answer they give makes you sign with dismay.

"Nothing. I did nothing today!"

Perhaps nothing means that I played with blocks,

or counted to ten, or sorted some rocks.

Maybe I painted a picture of red and blue or heard a story of a mouse that flew.

Maybe I watched the gerbils eat today, or went outside on the swings to play.

Maybe today was the very first time, that my scissors followed a very straight line.

Maybe I lead a song from beginning to end, or played with a special, brand new friend.

When you're in preschool and your heart has wings,

"Nothing" can mean so many things!

## Meet Our Staff

Jill Orban  
Director

Cecilia Trueba  
Lead MMO Teacher

Betsy Moore  
Lead 2 day 2's / 2 day 3's

Liz Kidd  
Lead 3 day 2's

Natalie Finkelstein  
Lead Pre-K 4's

Christine Montes  
Bookkeeper

Jennifer Bell  
Asst. MMO T/TH

Cara Murray  
Asst. 2 day 2's / 2 day 3's

Lisa Service  
Asst. 3 day 2's

Leigh Ayn Phillips  
Asst. Pre-K 4's

Giuliana Compiani  
Music Teacher

Kate Burke  
Asst. MMO M/W

Kim Hamby  
Lead 3 and 4 day 3's

Jamie Maicon  
Asst. 3 and 4 day 3's

## Pizza Days

If you plan to purchase pizza for your child, please use the order form that was sent home so we can plan accordingly. If you wait until pizza day to order, we may not get it in time. Also, going forward, you may write 1 check for both your tuition and pizza day form. They will both come home the last week of the month for the upcoming month. Any questions? Contact Christine at [christinemontes@staidans.org](mailto:christinemontes@staidans.org)

## SCHOLASTIC Is Here!

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## Just For Laughs

A four year old was at the pediatrician for a check up. As the doctor looked down her ears with an otoscope, he asked, "Do you think I'll find Big Bird in here?" The little girl stayed silent. Next, the doctor

took a tongue depressor and looked down her throat. He asked, "Do you think I'll find the Cookie Monster down there?" Again, the little girl was silent. Then the doctor put a stethoscope to her chest. As he listened to

her heart beat, he asked, "Do you think I'll hear Barney in there?" "Oh, no!" the little girl replied. "God is in my heart. Barney's on my underpants."



**Mark—Chapter 10: 13-14** People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

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