

# St. John's Preschool Newsletter



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## Director's Notes

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### Special points of interest:

**Please return all completed forms to the preschool office.**

### Back to School Night

Mark your calendars now!

Back to School Night will be **Tuesday, Oct. 5 7pm-8:00pm by Zoom.**

This is an opportunity for parents to learn more about our programs and your child's day in his/her classroom.

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Summer is such a great time to relax and enjoy without a schedule. We hope you and your family had many happy moments to remember. The staff at St. John's CECE would like to welcome all our students and their families to our preschool. We are very excited to begin the school year with your children.

We invite you to look forward to the newsletter every month. Your child's teacher may send their individual class information separately. Thank you for taking your time to read and enjoy this information.

September is Back to School month and for many families it is a month that will begin a new journey down the school road. Learning to say good-bye as well as hello need not be difficult. Develop a routine that includes a simple reassurance that you'll see your child at the end of the day. It could be as simple as a kiss and a hug at the door. Please feel free to call the office after you leave and we'll let you know how your child is adjusting.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, CECE is using a variety of recommended mitigation strategies to help to promote a safe preschool environment. Please see the attached *ST. JOHN'S UMC CENTER FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (CECE) COVID-19 PROCEDURES -SEPTEMBER 2021.*



The staff and I look forward to learning and growing with your child. Thank you for sharing your child's early development with us. We are all looking forward to a wonderful school year!

Linda Cason

## NEEDED FOR THE CLASSROOMS:

Parents,

We disinfect and sanitize our classrooms often throughout the day. Please consider donating any of the following products. It will be greatly appreciated!

- ◆ Paper towels
- ◆ Hand and Baby Wipes
- ◆ Hand Sanitizers
- ◆ Clorox or Lysol Wipes
- ◆ Lysol Spray

**Thank You!**

## Dates to Remember

September 7	Orientation Day
September 8	First Day of Preschool
September 17	Fall Pictures— Individual Portraits
September 21	Scholastic Book Orders Due
October 5	Back to School Night @ 7:00pm—8:00pm for Parents by Zoom
<b>October 11</b>	<b>Indigenous People's Day/Columbus Day— Preschool Closed</b>
October 21	Pumpkin Patch @ CECE

## **Tuition, Activity Fee & Child Care Payments**

We do not send tuition bills (it is the same amount each month). **If your tuition payment is not received by the 10th of each month a late fee of \$25.00 will be charged.**

Please pay your September tuition and your activity fee by September 10. The activity fee for 2's is \$35.00, 3's is \$90.00 and 4's is \$110.00. Make your check payable to St. John's CECE and put your child's name on the memo line.

You may pay by credit card by going to our website [preschoolva.saintjohnsumc.org](http://preschoolva.saintjohnsumc.org) and click Pay Your Tuition.

## **CECE Procedures—Arrival & Departure**

At 9:00am parents and children will be greeted by the administrative staff on the lawn, collect the Daily Health Form (if not using the Brightwheel App) and take each child's temperature.

The teachers will greet each child in the morning at the classroom's outside door. Saying "Good Bye" with a quick hug and kiss at the door will start their day.

Children are to be picked up from the classrooms outside at dismissal at 1:00 pm unless your child is in the 9:00am-3:00pm Pre-K Class.

Each child will be picked up by the person designated in writing by the parents/guardians. If a child is to be picked up by someone other than those designated, please notify the Director. This person will be asked to show an ID (driver's license).

All doors will be locked at 9:15am. Parents and children who arrive late and/or depart early will need to come to the preschool office first.

All parents/visitors ages 2 years and older are required to wear a face covering (cloth or disposable) while on school property and inside CECE facilities.

## **Please use caution while driving in our parking lot.**

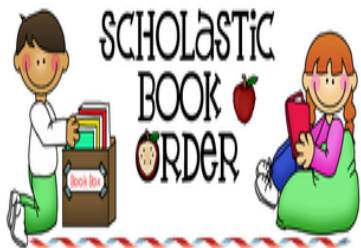


- ◆ **Drive Slow!**
- ◆ **Hold your child's hand.** Drivers backing out of their parking space may not see a small child.
- ◆ **Do not leave a child unattended in a parked vehicle.**
- ◆ **Please no cell phone calls or texting while driving in our parking lot.**
- ◆ **Virginia Law—Children must be in car seats.**

**Thank you for your cooperation. We want to keep everyone safe!**

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

You will receive a **Scholastic Book** flyer monthly.



- Order online at [clubs.scholastic.com](http://clubs.scholastic.com) and using the code **FZTMT** and pay by credit card or PayPal. (More order information will come.)
- Return the order form and payment (check made payable to Scholastic Book Clubs) to the preschool office.

CECE earns points and with the points we can get books or other resources for the classrooms! **This month's order due date is September 21.**

*Happy Reading With Your Child!*

## SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

If you are interested in becoming a paid substitute teacher assistant, **please stop by the office for more information.** You will be called if we have a staff member who must be out. The hours would be the same as your child's (but not in your child's class). We always need fun loving people to help. There are several employment papers to fill out and you will be required to have a TB test and two background checks.



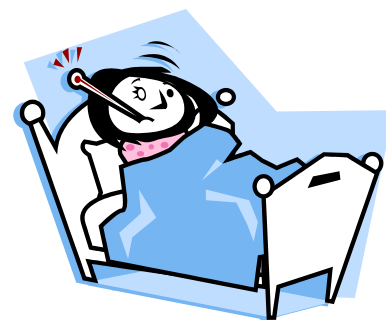
## HEALTH/SAFETY

CECE will notify parent(s) should their child show signs of illness during the school day. The child must be picked up as soon as possible. If the parent(s) are not available or can not be reached, the school will notify the designated emergency contact. **Please keep all phone number information up to date.**

**Parents must notify the Director immediately if a child has been diagnosed as having a communicable disease.**

Any child who shows signs of illness should not be sent to school. A child shall remain home for 24 hours following vomiting and diarrhea. A child shall remain home 24 hours after a fever breaks without medication and also 24 hours after the first dose of an antibiotic. These rules apply to all children.

Please see the attached *ST. JOHN'S UMC CENTER FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (CECE) COVID-19 PROCEDURES -SEPTEMBER 2021.*



*Please have your child wear rubber soled shoes. Sneakers with velcro straps are best for all of our activities.*

*Patent leather shoes, clogs, crocs and sandals are not appropriate and should not be worn to school.*

