

# Bethel Lutheran Preschool Newsletter

## September 2018

### Welcome

We welcome all of you to another year at Bethel Lutheran Preschool and pray that God richly blesses your time with us! We look forward to working alongside you to nurture and encourage your children in all areas of their development, and we anticipate with excitement the changes He will bring about in them! If you are new to Bethel this year, we extend an extra warm welcome to you and encourage you to reach out to us with any questions you might have!

### Newsletters

Beginning in October, we will not be making hard copies of our monthly newsletters and snack calendars. You will be able to access them through our website ([www.bethellutheranschool.org](http://www.bethellutheranschool.org)) on the preschool page. If you would prefer a hard copy, please let your teacher know, and we will be happy to make one for you.

### Door Policy and Times

As described during our Parent Orientation meetings, the exterior preschool doors will be opened at 8:15 each morning and locked again at 9:00 a.m. If you arrive later than 9:00 a.m. (or 1:00 p.m. for the afternoon classes), we ask that you come through the front doors of the K-8 building and continue down the hallway to the preschool wing. Our preschool hallway and classroom doors open at 8:35 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. for the morning classes and 12:20 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. for the afternoon classes. Thank you, in advance, for your punctuality!

### September Bible Verse & Chapel Dates

Our Bible verse for the month of September is Isaiah 43, verse 1: "I have called you by name. You are mine." We will be worshipping together for our first chapels of the school year on Monday and Tuesday, September 10 and 11. Please join us at either 9:15 a.m. (morning classes) or 12:45 p.m. (afternoon classes – Monday)!

### September Unit

Our first unit of the year, titled "God Made Us All," focuses on the many ways God has made each of his children unique. Your children will be affirmed in their individuality while learning to recognize and celebrate the gifts God has instilled in each of their classmates. As they become acquainted with the rules and routines of new classrooms, we will be introducing the concept of "red" and "green" choices to help them learn about expressing their feelings, having good manners, and being kind and considerate friends! Our unit objectives are:

- To know that God made each of us unique
- To develop an understanding of a community and how people live and work together
- To develop an understanding of how God gifts people to help and serve him
- To recognize the colors red, orange, and yellow
- To identify the numbers 1, 2, and 3
- To begin learning/recognizing our classmates' names
- To be able to verbalize our emotions & feelings
- To form new friendships

## Color Weeks

During the first weeks of school, we will be discussing basic colors. Please check the calendar for the color of the week. The four-year-olds and pre-K children will receive a paper bag with a color tag on the front. They should return the bag on the next school day with ONE item corresponding to that color that fits inside the bag. The children will give their classmates TWO clues to guess the item. We encourage parents to help their children come up with the clues!

On the first day of the week that your child attends preschool, we also encourage him or her to wear something that has the color of the week on it. We love taking advantage of that additional teaching opportunity!

## Snacks

Snacks will be provided by the preschool this year, and a monthly calendar will be posted on our website. All snacks will be peanut- and tree nut-free and will be served with water to drink (with the exception of some Fridays). If your child has a food allergy or you have any concerns, please reach out to your preschool teacher so that we can help!

## Scholastic Book Orders

Our Scholastic Book Orders will be done solely online this year. Your child should receive his or her first order forms by early September. The letter outlines the process of ordering as well as the code needed to order through our preschool account (**P8B4W**). This first book order will be due September 24. Thank you for supporting both your child and our preschool in this way!

## Paperwork and Forms

If not have not yet turned in all of your child's paperwork to TADS or to his or her teacher, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding which forms may be missing, please contact your child's teacher.

## September Dates to Remember

- **September 3:** NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
- **September 10 & 11:** Preschool Chapel – 9:15 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. (Monday)
- **September 26 & 27:** School Pictures

*Have a wonderful September, rejoicing in the gifts God gives!*