



## September 2023 Newsletter

*"God Made the World and Everything in It." Acts 17:24*

Welcome back to school! We are so excited to start this wonderful school year at Christ Memorial Christian Preschool! Our teachers have been working hard to get the classrooms ready to welcome so many smiling little faces!

September is always a month of adjustment for all of us. We're getting to know one another, learning school routines, and adjusting to being in a new place. Your patience and understanding is very helpful at this time. All the teachers at CMCP are looking forward to helping your children learn and grow this school year. Your assistance and prayers are greatly appreciated since we are all in this together.

Our monthly newsletter is one great way we communicate with you about your child's school day. It contains general school information, the units of study, basic skills and concepts covered during the month. It will also highlight special events that will be coming up during the month. There will a hard copy of the newsletter posted on the parent board each month.

A great way to communicate with our teachers is via email.  
Here are the email addresses for all our teachers:

Classroom Hope - Mrs. Smith - [k.smith@cmpcusa.org](mailto:k.smith@cmpcusa.org)  
Classroom Joy - Mrs. Nienhuis - [julie.nienhuis@cmpcusa.org](mailto:julie.nienhuis@cmpcusa.org)

Classroom Love :

Mrs. March - t.march@cmpecusa.org

Mrs. O'Connor - v.oconnor@cmpecusa.org



## Preschool First Week Schedule

**5-DAY CLASS (Tuesday, 9/5, Wednesday 9/6, Thursday 9/7 & Friday 9/8 - 9am –NOON**

**3-Day Classes (Wednesday 9/6 & Friday 9/8) - 9am-NOON**

**2-DAY CLASSES (Tuesday 9/5)**

### **MRS O'CONNOR & MRS BENZING'S CLASS - LOVE**

LAST NAME BEGINS WITH           A – K   Attends 9-10:00 am

  L - Z   Attends 10:30 - 11:30 am

### **MRS NIENHUIS & MRS. WHELOCK'S CLASS - JOY**

LAST NAME BEGINS WITH           A - K   Attends 9- 10:00  
am

  L - Z   Attends 10:30 - 11:30 am

**2-DAY CLASSES (Thursday 9/7) - 9 am - 11:30 am**

*Note: The 2-day classes end at 11:30 during September  
Beginning on October 4<sup>th</sup>, they will end at NOON.*

**Parent Meeting:**

Thank you to everyone that joined us for the parent meeting last week. If you want to review any of the information shared that night please check the [Information for Parents](#) page on our website. The presentation slides are available there for viewing.



**Preschool Sign In:**

You will need to complete the Sign In Process for your child every day they come to school. The sign in can be accessed online between 8:30 - 9:15 am via the church website under the [PRESCHOOL SIGN IN](#) tab. You can also complete the sign in at school via the QR Codes or tablet outside your child's classroom. Please make sure to do this every day as this is an important procedure for our classes.

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## Pick Up Procedures:

Just a reminder that when you arrive to pick up your child from their fun day at preschool, please wait outside the classrooms. A teacher will open the door and dismiss each child individually to their parent. Please be sure to stand far enough back from the door that the teacher can see all those that have arrived for pick up. In our wonderful large space it can become quite noisy at pick up. Please help us make dismissal run smoothly by trying to keep all voices lower and please no running.

## BABY PICTURES NEEDED!

This month our children will be learning about what a special gift from God they are! They will be discovering how much they have grown in just a few years from when they were a baby. To help during this unit our teachers are requesting two items from each family.

1 - Please send in a copy of your child's baby picture to keep at school for a special class book.

2 - Teachers would also like each family to complete a copy of [When I Was a Baby](#). This paper will help lead conversation as the children are learning about themselves.

You can send in a printed copy of both in your child's tote bag or email copies directly to the your child's teachers. See email addresses listed above. These pictures and document need to be brought to school by Monday, September 18th.





**Please Remember:** Bring in a change of clothes for your child to keep at school the day of Open House. If you are not able to attend Open House please be sure to bring it on the first day of school for your child. Include a shirt, shorts, underwear, socks and shoes, if possible, in a large Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name. For safety reasons we ask that your child wear only closed-toe shoes at school.

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Many of you have asked how you can support us this school year. We have created an Amazon Wish List that can be used to purchase items for the preschool that will help us have the best year possible. Thank you!

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[AMAZON WISH LIST LINK](#)

**Show And Tell:** Show and Tell is one of our favorite activities at preschool. It gives the children the opportunity to shine with their classmates. Show



**and Tell for all classes will begin in October.**



## Snacks at School

Your child's snack calendar for September will come home in your tote bag the first week of school. The preschool will provide simple snack items for the first week. If your child's name did not appear on the calendar for this month, you will see it in October. There is a list of requested snack items on the back of the accompanying letter. Please note that any allergies present in your child's class are noted on the calendar and we ask you to try to avoid those items. Your child will be given a snack bag the preschool day before they are to bring snack for their class to help you remember your snack day.

**WATER BOTTLES:** We are asking each child to bring a water bottle each day labeled with their name. This water bottle will be available to your child whenever they would like a quick drink and will be used during snack time.



## Weekly Units

During September we begin exploring "God and Me". Our Bible stories focus on creation. The children will begin the month by becoming acquainted with each other and our routines. Then we will discuss how special and unique we are in God's eyes, starting when we were babies! We will continue to learn all about each part of me, by weighing, measuring ourselves and learning the different parts of our body. We will also discuss our emotions and feelings, focusing on how to be good

friends to each other. By the end of the month our children will understand how important they are at our school!



## Basic Concepts For September

This Month we will be assessing skills in all classes.

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

**October 3rd** - Noon Dismissal will begin for our 3-year-old classes.

**October 18th & 19th** - Preschool will be Closed for Parent Teacher Conferences

**October 20th** - Preschool will be Closed for the Maryland Teacher Convention

# LOGOS at Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church:

LOGOS is a mid-week ministry open to all young people from preschool through high school.

Every Wednesday night, all young people participate in four parts offering a “whole child” approach to Christian nurture: Bible Study, Recreation, Family Time (dinner with the church “family”) and Worship Arts.

**BIBLE STUDY:** A thorough grounding in the Bible is essential to the development of Christian life and character.

**WORSHIP ARTS:** This is the time to learn about worship and to prepare for leadership on Sunday mornings.

**RECREATION:** Playing is one of the best ways we practice treating each other as children of God and so everyone takes time for recreation each week.

**FAMILY TIME:** This is more than just dinner! We share food, fun, and conversation around the table each week as a church family.

For more information about LOGOS check out the website [LOGOS](#) or contact our LOGOS directors, Ryan and Elyn Thomas at [LOGOS@cmpcusa.org](mailto:LOGOS@cmpcusa.org).

