

THE BLEAT

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BACK TO
SCHOOL
2018

Welcome to a new school year. As we head into September we are establishing classroom routines and getting to know one another. At Messiah Lambs it is our mission to make sure every child who comes through our doors knows they are loved by their teachers and, more importantly, by Jesus Christ. We have a great school filled with wonderful children, amazing parents, and fantastic teachers. We are not a daycare, rather an early childhood development center that provides a Christian loving and nurturing environment and fosters a love for learning. Thank you for being a part of our family.

We know you value a high quality program and we want to work with you to provide exactly that for your children.

The beginning of the school year can be challenging. New teachers, classrooms, friends, routines, and sometimes even a new school can cause anxiety in any child. Even children who typically adapt to transitions easily can suddenly experience apprehension and separation anxiety. Our staff is trained to help children through this issue but I would like to share some tips I received from Cheryl Hatch an expert in early childhood to help you and your family when your child is experiencing separation anxiety.

1. Read stories to your child about going to school. There are many age appropriate picture and story books about going to school. You can find them at your local library, bookstore, or better yet order from Scholastic (an order form went home with your child last week.)
2. Send a family picture to school with your child. (Many of our Lambs teachers have already requested one from your family.)
3. Talk with your child about the daily process before coming to school. In a calm voice go over the daily routine with your child. For example you may say, "When we get to school I will walk you to your classroom where we will hang your backpack and put your things where they belong. Then you will wash your hands etc..."

Then I will leave so you can start your day with your friends and teacher. I will come and pick you up after (whatever is the last activity on your child's classroom schedule.)

4. Follow through with this plan and be consistent.
5. Do not apologize to your child or their teacher for leaving.
6. If your child is having a difficult time hand your child to their teacher. Do not have the teacher take the child from you. Turn the child toward the classroom/teacher and tell them in a gentle voice that you love them and will be back for them. Then leave.
7. When you say good-bye, leave. Do not stay and drag out the good-bye.
8. You may call the office at anytime to have us check on your child.
9. **When you arrive to pick your child up from school, focus 100% on your child. Please do not answer or continue phone calls during pick up time. Give your child 5 minutes of your undivided attention. They need to feel important and valued.**
10. Separation Anxiety can return even in older children. If it does return, repeat the above steps.

Calendar

September 3 – Labor Day – No School
October 9 – Columbus Day – No School
October 23 & 24 – School Pictures
October 23-31 – Basket Auction
October 31 – Fall Festival
November 8 – Trike-a-Thon



INFANTS

Ms. Pam and Ms. Cathy K.

The new school year is off to a great start and what a fabulous bunch of babies we have this year! We are blessed to be able to love and nurture your children, and watch them grow in so many ways. Here's what's happening in the month of September:

* God Made Me

* Our focus is to teach the children that God made them and will help them grow in love for God.

* Our Bible Verse: God Made You.

Deuteronomy 32:6

* We will sing songs, have play activities, look at pictures and talk to the children about how God made each of us.

It's sure to be a great month!



BIRTHDAYS

Austin White	08/06
Ethan Dyer	08/09
Ellie Anderson	08/17
Gwin Reichert	08/17
Noah Bailes	08/20
Micah Rude	08/30
Tristan Whitmire	09/03
Greyson Pickens	09/11
Myra Bajaj	09/12
Alex Beetley	09/14
Aubrey McQueen	09/18
STAFF BIRTHDAYS:	
Christina Garcia	08/01
Cathy Haedge	08/08
Paige Voorhees	09/10
Sandra Gonzales	09/12
Linda Roberge	09/21



TODDLERS

Ms. Sandra, Ms. Rashelle and Ms. Paige

It has been a great beginning to our school year in the toddler rooms. The children are all adjusting well to each other and our schedule. The students that have returned from last year enjoy the familiar surroundings and routines and the new students love the new experiences. Our focus this month is 'God made you'. The color red, shape is circle, numbers 1 and 2, my family and grandparents day. We are so impressed with the children as they learn to sit at the table and eat lunch together and they enjoy washing their hands and praying together. Sleeping on the nap mats has been a very easy transition for most of them as well. Thank you for labeling all the children's cups, lunches, and backpacks and for keeping us peanut-free. You have been great!



TWOS

Ms. Cathy H., Ms. Dawn, Ms. Jaclyn & Ms. Rashelle

OUR CHAPEL SONG FOR SEPTEMBER

-WHERE IS JESUS? (2X) EVERYWHERE. (2X) HE IS ALWAYS WITH ME. (2X) HE LOVES ME. (2X)
(Tune: Are You Sleeping?)

OUR THEMES FOR SEPTEMBER ARE:

- THE COLOR ORANGE
- CIRCLE SHAPE
- NUMBERS ONE & TWO (1&2)
- SUMMER, BUGS & INSECTS (SCIENCE)
- SAFETY AT HOME & SCHOOL

OUR BIBLE STORIES ARE:

- GOD CALLS ABRAHAM
- ABRAHAM IS BLESSED
- JACOB AND RACHEL HAVE A BABY
- JACOB TAKES CARE OF JOSEPH

OUR ART AND CRAFT PROJECTS WILL REFLECT THESE THEMES AND STORIES. A FEW PROJECTS WILL INCLUDE MAKING A PAPER PLATE CATERPILLAR, CIRCLE ART PAINTING, BUTTONS & DOT PAINTING, YARN SPIDERS, JELLYFISH, BUG HATS, CLOTHESPIN GRASSHOPPERS AND FIREFLIES WITH GLOWING YELLOW PAINT.



3 DAY THREES

(Monday, Wednesday, Friday)

Jackie Ford

We are off to a great start in the MWF 3s classroom. Not only are we getting to know our new friends, but we have also quickly adapted to our new schedule. We've been singing many songs, one of our favorites being 'The Rules Rap,' which is a fun reminder of classroom rules.

In September we will start working on our weekly letters. Look for a brown bag sent home on Monday with the letter of the week written on it. Help your child find a couple of objects from home that begin with that letter, and return the bags to school on Friday. We will go through each one of their offerings during our reading time. While we learn about families and pets I'd love to show a picture of each family, so please bring a photo of your family and a picture of the family pet, if you have one. We will post these on our bulletin board. Also this month, we will be learning more about apples and even get to taste a few varieties!

Please remember to log your child in and out on the computer when you drop off and pick up every day. Be careful to watch the times on the computer so you are not logging in too early or logging out too late. Charges will be placed on your account for doing so. Tuition statements are sent home with your child the last week of the month and are due on the first. Payments not made on or before the 10th of the month are considered late and a late fee will be charged to your account.



3 DAY THREES

(Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

Christina Garcia

Yay! We made it through the first weeks of school. The children have done a great job learning routine/rules and making new friends!

This month's themes: Family, Pets, 5 Senses, and Transportation.

Letters: Aa, Mm, Tt, and Vv

Numbers 3-6

Bible stories: Noah and the Flood, God Calls Abraham, Abraham is blessed, and Jacob and Rachel Have a Baby.

Chapel songs: Noah Built a Big, Big Boat, Father Abraham, Sarah and Abraham, and God's Gift to Us.

Please feel free to join us in Chapel every Thursday at 9:30am.

***Student assessments will begin this month.**

***Star student will start on the week of September 17.**

****Star students will be Gandhar D. on 9/18 and Mira P. on 9/25.**

Music



Cathy Haedge

We are blasting off with:

Rocket Ship (Laurie Berkner)

Someone is Wearing...

I Want Someone to Buy me a Pony

Firetruck

Naughty Betsy

Jungle Animals

Pete the Cat Rocks Out

Jack in the Box

Chapel songs and our school song:

I am Jesus' little lamb; ever glad at heart I am. For my shepherd gently guides me; knows my need and well provides me. Loves me every day the same; even calls me by my name.



5 DAY THREES

Brenda Buchwald

I am so excited about my class this year! The children are beginning to adjust to the class schedule and rules. Although some of the children know each other from last year, it is great to see them bond and make new friendships as well. I am enjoying getting to know each of the children and feel truly blessed to have such a wonderful students and parents this year.

We spent our first couple of weeks in August getting to know each other, our classroom routine, how special and unique we all are, and family and friends. In September we will begin our units with: Shapes and Colors, Nursery Rhymes, and Ocean. We will also focus on the letters: A, B, C and D. Our numbers will be 0, 1, and 2. Here is an outline for September:

Themes: Colors and Shapes
Nursery Rhymes
Ocean

Study: Letters A, B, C, and D
Numbers 0, 1, and 2
Beginning of the year testing

Science: Mixing colors
Cooking with Nursery Rhymes/
Fairy Tales
Taste test salt/fresh water
Experiment - sink/float

Star Students: Sebastian and James

Bible Stories: *God Made the World and the Plants, God Made the Animals and People, Noah and the Flood, God Calls Abraham, and Abraham Is Blessed.*

(Don't forget chapel songs are on the back of the calendar)

***Upcoming Events:** NO SCHOOL on September 3rd due to Labor Day.



FOURS

Ms. Friestad, Ms. West & Ms. Rowan

We are off to a wonderful start in the three day fours and K-Prep classes. So far we have had many opportunities to explore center activities; both free choice and learning centers. We have read many books about feelings, the alphabet, and numbers. Our focus for LA has been on learning our names. In September our writing will begin with alphabet letters with tall and long straight lines and we will talk about shapes.

Units: Community Helpers, Colors Everywhere, Space, Our Five Senses

Bible Stories: "The Fall into Sin", "Noah and the Flood", "God Calls Abraham", "Jacob's Dream"

Chapel Songs: "God Is So Good", "Arky Arky", "Father Abraham", "All Night, All Day"

Star Students & Snack:

Ms. West: Dalton 9/4-7

Ethan 9/10-14

Anna 9/17-21

Jack 9/24-28

Ms. Friestad: Scarlet 9/10-14

Bentley 9/17-21

Please note that we will have Show and Tell every Friday. Students may bring one item related to the week's theme.

There is a lot of fun and learning going on in our classroom. There is so much for the students to discover and learn. It's exciting to see their eagerness to learn as they make new friends. We are looking forward to a great year.