

Good Samaritan  
September 2019 News

Welcome children! We're glad you're here.  
We're going to have a wonderful year!  
We'll draw and we'll write; we'll sing and we'll play.  
We'll paint and we'll build, and learn new things each day!



Welcome Back

Welcome everyone to the new school year. We are all very excited to be here. Please take a moment and say hello to the new faces that you see. Don't the classrooms look amazing? Thank you to all the teachers for all their hard work on their rooms.

Back to School Night

Our annual Back to School Night is Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm- 8:00pm. Please come and meet with your child's teacher to see what things she has planned for the new school year.

We hope to see you all there. If you have any questions please stop by the office.

End of the Summer Carnival

We would like to thank all of the staff and our Good Sam families for making the end of the summer carnival a huge success. The children had a wonderful time playing with one another, bouncing in the bounce house, playing carnival games, getting their faces painted, riding on a pony, and so much more. It was also wonderful to see parents mingling with one another. We look forward too many more celebrations in the future.

Second Harvest food donations

A record number of kids, families and seniors rely on Second Harvest for food every month, and the number is growing. It's hard to imagine the pain of not being able to feed your family, or going to school on an empty stomach. But the reality is more than 1 in 4 people is at risk of hunger in Silicon Valley. The booming economy has sent the cost of housing soaring, leaving many families and seniors with little left over for food. It's what we call the Silicon Valley hunger paradox — as the economy grows, so does the number of people who need food. Even those we depend on to make our community run can't afford to pay for housing and put nutritious food on the table — cooks, cashiers, health care workers and teachers. Good Samaritan UMC is an official collection center for Second Harvest Food Bank. Barrels are located in the education building and our Sanctuary. If you want to be a part of something bigger, please donate canned goods whenever you can. It's a great opportunity for your children to participate in showing compassion for others. Thank you.

### Dates to Remember

September 4<sup>th</sup>: Back to School Night  
6:30-7:30

October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> School pictures  
October 31<sup>st</sup>: Halloween Parade and  
Party: 11am

### Ladybugs News

The new school year is here! Last month, we welcomed five new children to our classroom, and we are so excited to learn all about them as they settle into new routines, make new friends, and start to learn and grow here at Good Sam. During the first few weeks, we do keep our daily schedule a little more flexible to accommodate the children's adjusting to the room's rhythms. So far, everyone has been settling in amazingly well! We understand how emotional it can be for parents doing their first drop-offs, and we so appreciate your trust in us to take the best possible care of your children.  
Ms. Kaelyn and Ms. Janice

### Flower Room New

Hello Parents and Welcome to the Flower Room! We are off to a great start this school year! We start off in August with welcoming ourselves to our new classroom and we talked about ourselves and our family. We have many fun activities planned for our first month of school. We will be learning language and motor skills to start. We will start introducing and learn The Five Senses, Fall/Autumn,

### Things That Go, Food

Pyramid/Nutrition. and the letters ABCD. You will hear your child singing their alphabets and counting numbers and so much more.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to talk to us. We are looking forward to the new year full of fun and thank you for sharing your children with us.

Ms. Lyn and Ms. Nazia

### Teddy News

Welcome back! We had a great back-to-school week; the children have been adjusting nicely. We have new friends and everyone is having a wonderful time. There have been a few changes in our classroom. There is a small table where we will keep the children's water cups. This gives them access to water at any time. Please be sure to label everything.

We want to welcome back Ms. Huiling and her new son Gordon to GSP. She will be returning from Maternity leave and will be back in the Teddy Bear room on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Sneha will be with us as needed. Please don't forget to bring a bag to store your child's bedding after everyday use. Lunch boxes need to be hung on hooks after food has been placed in the refrigerator. One last reminder, please always check your child's daily report as there may be something you need to bring. We look forward to an amazing school year!

Ms. Maria, Ms. Co, Ms. Huiling

### Rainbow News

A very warm welcome to the Rainbow Room Families. We hope you all had a great summer. We are very happy and excited for this new school year. Our Back to School Night is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Please try to attend, we will go over the yearly curriculum and expectations.

We will begin recognizing the letters of the alphabet in September and numbers 1-20. Social skills and learning independence will also be apart of this month curriculum.

Also, though fall is around the corner, the weather is still warm. Please continue to apply sunscreen.

We are so excited about the new school year and we hope you are too.

Ms. Dee and Ms. Grace

### Alpaca News

Welcome to the Alpaca Room! We are looking forward to learning and growing together this year. We will have so much fun learning gaining new skills as big 3-year olds. In September we will be learning about ourselves, our names, and describing who we are. We will learn about animals and their babies, baking, and safari animals. We've observed these interests in our classroom and cannot wait to explore them further! Back to School night is on September 4<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you all there and speak more about our year together.

Ms. Lydia and Ms. Maria

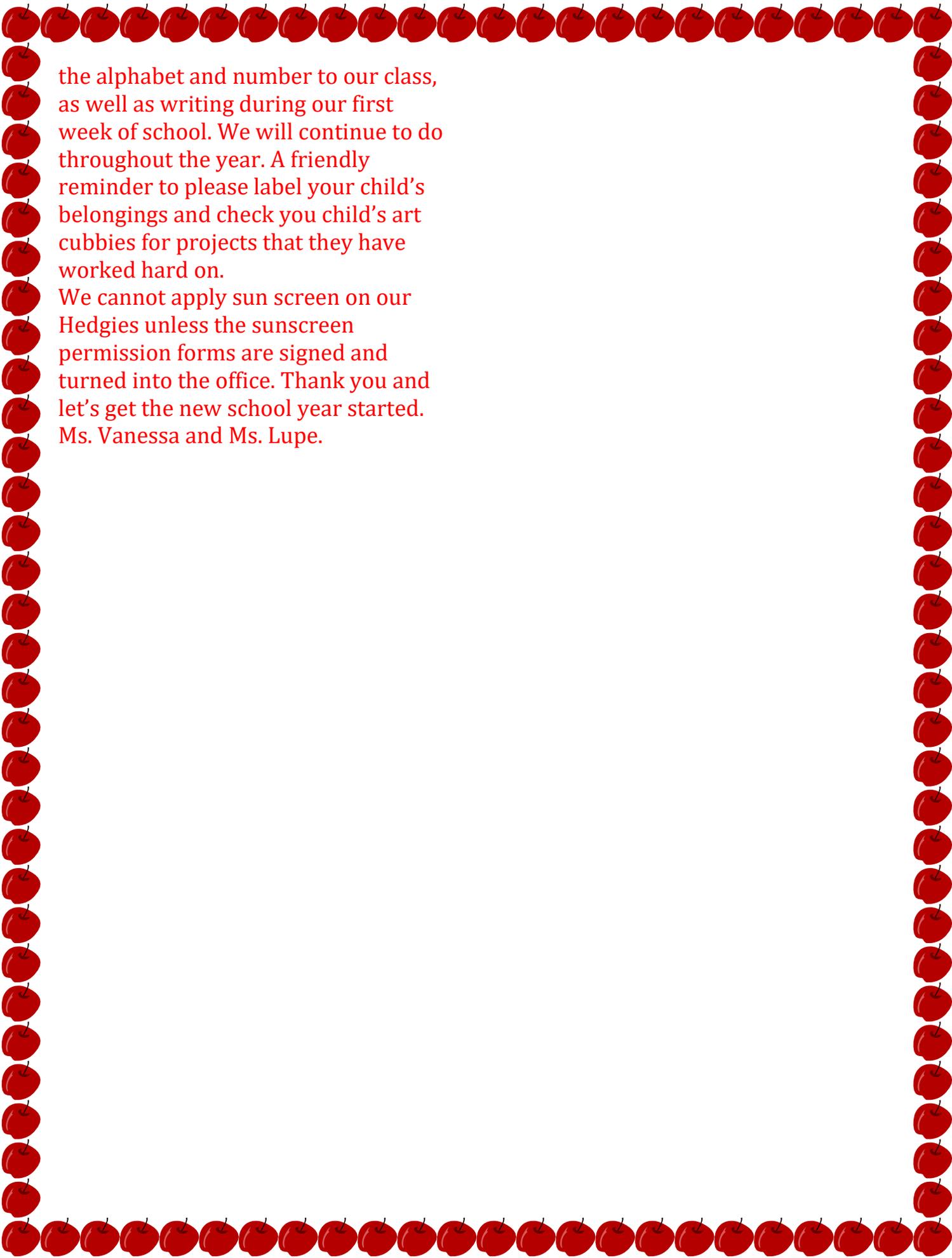
### Butterfly News

Hello parents,  
Welcome to the Butterfly room! I can already tell we are going to have lots of fun, and learn lots of new things. In August we went over rules and routines of the classroom and outside play yard. I have attached classroom rules and schedule in the "back to school" packet and it will be posted in the classroom as well. Please go over these rules at home for consistency. The children also introduced themselves by saying how old they are and what is their favorite color. Overall, the children are exploring the classroom and getting adjusted to their new classroom and routine. In September our themes will be fall, friendship, shapes, and feelings. We will also begin learning one letter a week in alphabetical order.

Best regards,  
Ms. Esther

### Hedgehog News

Welcome to our new school year Hedgehog families. Ms. Vanessa and Ms. Lupe are both very excited for our new journey with our new class. During their Pre-K experience they will be learning many things and we will help prepare them for Kindergarten. We will be having Back to School Night on September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm Also we began introducing



the alphabet and number to our class, as well as writing during our first week of school. We will continue to do throughout the year. A friendly reminder to please label your child's belongings and check you child's art cubbies for projects that they have worked hard on.

We cannot apply sun screen on our Hedgies unless the sunscreen permission forms are signed and turned into the office. Thank you and let's get the new school year started. Ms. Vanessa and Ms. Lupe.