

Good Samaritan Preschool

October 2026 News

October Life at Good Samaritan Preschool



October is such a special time at Good Samaritan! Our classrooms are filled with the colors, sights and sounds of fall, and there are so many opportunities for our children to learn, explore, create and have fun.

Throughout the month, the children will be enjoying fall-themed stories, songs, art projects and hands-on activities. We'll be exploring pumpkins, leaves, apples, colors, shapes, counting and so much more!

October also brings plenty of opportunities for imaginative play and creativity as we get ready for Halloween. Our teachers will be planning fun, age-appropriate activities that encourage friends, language, problem-solving, creativity and learning through play.

There is always something exciting happening at Good Samaritan, and we love watching our children discover new things, build confidence and make wonderful memories with their friends and teachers.

We'd Love Your Review!

Our preschool family means so much to us, and your kind words help other families discover the caring and nurturing home that we call Good Samaritan Preschool. If you have had a wonderful experience with our preschool, we would be so grateful if you would take a moment to share your experience by leaving us a review on Yelp or Google.

Your support helps our school community grow and thrive. Thank you for being such an important part of our Good Samaritan family!



See's Candies Fundraiser!



We are excited to announce that our See's Candies Fundraiser will begin October 19th and will be held online!

This is a delicious way to support Good Samaritan Preschool while enjoying some of your favorite See's Candies!

More information about how to order will be coming soon. We appreciate your support and participation in helping our school!

Picture Day! 😊



Good Samaritan Preschool will be having Picture Day on October 13th and 14th. Please send your child to school in their favorite outfit and warmest smile!





Halloween Celebration!

Friday, October 30th



Get ready for a spook-tacular day of fun!

Our preschool Halloween Parade and Festival is just around the corner! Families are invited to join us as our little ghosts, superheroes, princesses and other adorable characters show off their costumes during our Halloween parade.

After the parade, the fun will continue with a bounce house, face painting and, of course, cotton candy!

Following the festivities, each preschool class will be hosting a potluck lunch. Please look for the sign-up sheet on your child's classroom door.

We hope you can join us and celebrate this special day with our preschool family!



♥ Dates to Remember ♥



October 13-14
Picture Day



October 19th
See's Candy Fundraiser Begins



October 30th
Halloween Celebration



November 24th
Thanksgiving Potluck



November 26 and 27
School Closed for
Thanksgiving Holiday

♥ Thank you for being part of our Good Samaritan family! ♥

Good Samaritan
Preschool

PUMPKIN CONTEST

Week of

10/26

Parents can join the **raffle**
for their favorite pumpkin
created by the classes!



TEDDY BEAR NEWS

OCTOBER

Little Learners
Big Adventures!

Hello, Teddy Bear Families! ♥

Happy October! 🍁 Fall has arrived, and we are excited for a month filled with curiosity, creativity, movement, and fun! Our Teddy Bears will discover the sights, sounds, colors, and textures of fall through hands-on activities, sensory play, touch, smell, and explore different textures while learning about the changes they see around them. We will also enjoy simple outdoor and nature experiences.



ART & CRAFT

Our Teddy Bears will enjoy pumpkin painting, leaf art, fingerpainting, coloring, tearing and gluing paper, and other simple art activities. These experiences allow children to explore different materials, express their creativity, and build confidence while having fun!



LEARNING THROUGH PLAY & COMMUNICATION

Play is one of the best ways toddlers learn! Children will enjoy building with blocks, matching, filling and emptying containers, pretend play, and simple problem-solving activities. Teachers will encourage children to make choices, try new things, and explore at their own pace. We will help our Teddy Bears practice expressing their needs and feelings, making choices, waiting for a turn, and interacting with friends.



MUSIC, MOVEMENT & STORIES

Our classroom will be filled with fall songs, fingerplays, dancing, movement activities, and seasonal stories. These experiences encourage language, listening, body awareness, confidence, and joyful connections with teachers and friends.



HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

Our Halloween Party and parade celebration will be held on 10/30, time to be determined. The children will enjoy fun, simple, and toddler-friendly activities, music, and festive experiences with their teachers and friends. We look forward to celebrating a happy and memorable Halloween with our little Teddy Bears!



We are excited for a wonderful October filled with smiles, discovery, creativity, friendship, and learning! ♥

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We are grateful to watch Teddy Bears learn, explore, and grow each day.

♥ Happy October from the Teddy Bear Classroom! ♥





Dear Flower Families,

Happy October! We are looking forward to a fun-filled month of learning, exploring, and celebrating the beautiful signs of fall. Our classroom will be filled with autumn colors, seasonal stories, music, creative activities, and plenty of opportunities for hands-on learning.

What We're Learning

This month, we will explore:



Circle Time

We'll be reading/singing fall-themed stories/songs and on Halloween. We'll talk about cooler weather, changing leaves, and the signs of autumn.



Art and Sensory

Get ready for some messy fun! We'll be painting with pumpkins, making our own leaf rubbings, and creating silly spiders with our handprints. These activities help with fine motor skills and creativity.



Apples & Pumpkins

Children will explore colors, shapes, textures, and simple science activities using apples and pumpkins.



Colors

We'll practice identifying and sorting fall colors such as red, orange, yellow, and brown.



Math and Science

We'll be counting to three using real pumpkins and discovering how leaves change colors. We'll also be learning about the life cycle of a pumpkin, from seed to gourd.



Social-Emotional Learning

We'll focus on friendship, kindness, sharing, taking turns, and expressing our feelings.



Reminders



As the weather gets cooler, please be sure to send your child with a **jacket or sweater** every day.



PLEASE MAKE SURE TO LABEL YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS.



PLEASE SEND A **WATER BOTTLE** FOR YOUR CHILD EVERY DAY.

We're so excited for a month full of autumn adventures! Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Warmly, ♥

Lakshmi Ganapathy



Butterfly Room Newsletter

October 2026

Dear Butterfly Families,

We can hardly believe that we have nearly completed our first month in the Butterfly Room! 🦋 It has been such a wonderful start, and we are so proud of how beautifully the children have settled into their new classroom.

The children have adjusted wonderfully to their new environment. They are becoming more independent each day by learning how to take care of themselves, gather their own supplies for lunchtime, and help tidy up after activities by putting their toys and materials away. They have also become more familiar and comfortable with our upstairs environment and truly enjoy feeling like the "big kids" at school!

It brings us so much joy to watch the children grow in confidence, build new friendships, and become more comfortable with our daily routines. We are already seeing so many little moments of independence, kindness, and curiosity throughout the day. ❤️

Next Week: Our Families!

Next week, we will be talking all about our families! We would love for each child to bring in a family photo to share with the class.

Please feel free to send a photo by email or through the Brightwheel app, or bring in a physical copy. We would be happy to print it out and display it in our classroom.

Having familiar faces from home around the room is a wonderful way to help children feel connected, comfortable, and proud of their families.



A Little Note to Our Families

Thank you so much for sharing your wonderful children with us each day. We feel so lucky to be part of their early learning journey and truly appreciate your partnership and support.

Every day brings new discoveries, new friendships, and lots of opportunities for your children to learn and grow. We are so excited for everything October has in store and look forward to making even more special memories together in the Butterfly Room!

Warmly,
Ms. Rachelle

What We've Been Learning

This month, we have focused heavily on social-emotional growth and helping the children understand how to interact with one another in positive and respectful ways.

🍁 We have been practicing sharing and taking turns during group activities, helping our friends, using kind words, and learning important social boundaries—such as asking before touching a friend's face or body.

🍁 We have also been talking about big feelings and learning different ways to express ourselves when we feel frustrated, sad, excited, or overwhelmed. We encourage the children to use their words, ask for help, take a breath, and communicate what they need.

🍃 We have explored our names by counting the letters in each child's name and comparing which names are longer or shorter. We also recently began introducing letters and helping the children become more familiar with their shapes and sounds.

🍀 We have been celebrating what makes each of us unique and special. We love encouraging the children to notice similarities and differences while learning that every child and every family is important and loved. ❤️

Looking Ahead to October

We have so many exciting learning experiences planned for the children next month!

🍁 **Autumn Fun:** We will explore the changing season, talk about how leaves change colors, observe changes in the weather, and enjoy hands-on fall activities.

🍁 **Pumpkin Theme:** We will learn about the life cycle of a pumpkin, explore pumpkins through sensory activities, and practice counting with pumpkin-themed games and activities.

👁️ **Five Senses:** We will make delicious pumpkin pancakes together and explore how we use our five senses while cooking. The children will have opportunities to see, smell, touch, taste, and listen as we work together in the classroom.

👻 **Halloween:** We will celebrate the season with a fun and creative monster craft, along with other playful Halloween-themed activities designed to encourage creativity and imagination.



Dear Froggy Room Families, ♥

Happy October! I want to thank the families who came to Back to School Night. I enjoyed getting to know you :)

During the month of September, I have been focused on strengthening my connection with the students. The students have been able to adapt to the routine, and have started to participate more in circle time. Recently, I did an activity where I used puppets to go over scenarios that happen in everyday life. What I liked seeing during this exercise was hearing students correct each other and what makes a choice 'good or bad.'

I will be doing this throughout the school year as another way for students to interpret the actions of choices being made.



Literacy

In Literacy, students have been learning about phonics. To help students understand phonics, I had them think about the sounds of each alphabet letter as their own voice to speak. The reason why I used this analogy is because I want them to think about the term 'voice' as a way for them to always know that they, like everyone else, have a voice. I want to boost their confidence and let them know how important they are in the classroom.

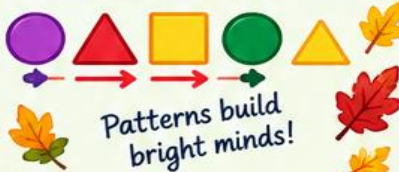
For the month of October, I will be continuing to teach phonics along with introducing them to tracing the letters.



Math

In Math, we have been learning about Sequences. Students have been learning about sequences through colorful blocks.

For the month of October, I will be using colorful shapes to bring a different perspective of understanding sequences.



Science

During the month of September, students have been learning about the different weather patterns. It was fun seeing students get excited about seeing rain on the computer.

For the month of October, we will be doing the Pumpkin Life Cycle. The Pumpkin Life Cycle is one of my favorite school year activities because it's a great way to get students to explore how pumpkins grow and form.



Art

We just finished learning about color theory. It was fun hearing the excitement in the student's voice as they saw the colors change on the coffee filter.

For the month of October, they will be doing some fall painting along with students helping to paint the pumpkin for the pumpkin competition.



Fine/Gross Motor

For the month of September, students have been playing with playdough to help strengthen the muscles in their hands and fingers. Students have also started water color painting. Water color painting is the best way for students to hold the paint brush in different ways, testing what feels comfortable. This will lead to them being able to practice holding a pencil.

For the month of October, students will start tearing paper into small pieces to make crafts. They will also continue to do water color painting activities.



As always,
I am available via
Brightwheel if you have
any questions.

♥
Daniela



♥ Thank you for being part of
our Froggy Room family! ♥