

GOOD SAMARITAN PRESCHOOL

September 2026 Newsletter

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back, Good Samaritan families! We are so excited to begin another wonderful school year together. We are all ready for a year filled with learning, growing, friendships, and lots of fun!

The beginning of a new school year is always an exciting time. Our children are getting to know their new teachers, classmates, classrooms, and daily routines. For some children, this may be their first experience at preschool, while others are returning and getting settled into a new classroom. Please remember that it is completely normal for children to need some time to adjust to their new surroundings. Some children may be excited to come to school right away, while others may need a little extra encouragement and reassurance. Our teachers are here to help each child feel safe, loved, comfortable, and excited to come to school each day.

We would also like to give a huge THANK YOU to all of our teachers for the many hours they spent preparing their classrooms and getting everything ready during our in-service days. Their hard work and dedication help make Good Samaritan Preschool such a special place for our children.

GETTING COMFORTABLE IN OUR NEW CLASSROOMS

The first few weeks of school are all about building relationships and learning our routines.

During September, teachers will be helping children:

- 1 Get to know their teachers and classmates
- 2 Become comfortable in their new classroom
- 3 Learn where their belongings belong
- 4 Practice handwashing and other healthy habits
- 5 Learn classroom and mealtime routines
- 6 Help clean up and take care of our classroom
- 7 Practice sharing, taking turns, and making friends
- 8 Learn to listen and follow classroom directions
- 9 Learn how to express their feelings and ask for help

Our goal is to create classrooms where every child feels a sense of belonging and confidence.

LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

At Good Samaritan Preschool, we believe that children learn best when they are having fun!

Throughout the month, teachers will provide activities that encourage children to explore and learn through hands-on experiences and play.

Children will have opportunities to work on:

- Fine Motor Skills** Children will strengthen the small muscles in their hands and fingers through activities such as coloring, painting, puzzles, playdough, cutting, and building.
- Large Motor Skills** Our children will have plenty of opportunities to run, jump, climb, balance, throw, catch, and participate in movement activities.
- Language & Communication** Teachers will encourage children to talk about their experiences, listen to stories, sing songs, learn new vocabulary, and communicate with their friends and teachers.
- Early Math Skills** Children will explore counting, sorting, matching, shapes, patterns, numbers, and beginning mathematical concepts through fun classroom activities.
- Creativity** Art, music, dramatic play, sensory activities, and creative projects will give children opportunities to express themselves and use their imaginations.
- Social-Emotional Development** We will spend lots of time helping children learn how to make friends, share, take turns, solve simple problems, identify feelings, and become more independent.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

September 9th at 6:30 PM

Please join us for our Back-to-School Night on September 9th at 6:30 PM! This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher and learn more about the upcoming school year.

Teachers will share information about:

- ♥ Classroom routines
- ♥ Daily schedules
- ♥ Classroom activities
- ♥ What your child will be learning
- ♥ Social and emotional development
- ♥ Classroom expectations
- ♥ Important dates and events

Parent-Only Event

This is also a great time to ask questions and learn how you can help your child have a successful preschool year.

We look forward to seeing everyone! ♥

A FEW SEPTEMBER REMINDERS

As we begin the new school year, please remember to:

Label your child's belongings. Please put your child's name on jackets, lunch boxes, water bottles, blankets, and other personal items.

Bring a change of clothes. Accidents, spills, and messy play happen! Please make sure your child has a complete change of clothing at school.

Dress for active play. Our children will be playing both inside and outside, so comfortable clothing and shoes are best.

Please send a labeled water bottle with your child each day.

Keep us informed. Please let us know if there are any changes at home or anything we should be aware of.

Nap time. If your child naps here, make sure they have a sheet to cover their cot. If there is a special blanket or lovey from home, they are welcome to bring it.

If your child has a fever, cough, or other symptoms, please keep them home so they can rest and feel better. We appreciate your help in keeping everyone healthy!

Thank you for your support! ♥



TEDDY BEAR NEWS



Hello, everyone!

We can't believe how quickly August has come and gone! We had such a wonderful month filled with exciting activities, learning opportunities, and lots of fun. The children enjoyed creative art projects, sensory exploration, music and movement, outdoor play, and many hands-on learning experiences.

As we begin the month of September, we are excited for another month full of exploration, learning, and growth! As summer comes to an end and we welcome the beginning of fall, we will provide our toddlers with many opportunities to explore their environment through play and hands-on experiences.

This month, we will continue developing our **fine motor skills** through activities such as holding crayons and markers, scribbling, turning pages in books, stacking blocks, placing objects into containers, completing chunky puzzles, scooping and pouring during sensory play, and picking up small objects using their fingers. These activities help strengthen the muscles in their hands and fingers while encouraging coordination and independence.

We will also continue working on our **gross motor skills** through walking and running outdoors, climbing on age-appropriate equipment, kicking and rolling balls, dancing to music, crawling through tunnels, balancing, and practicing different movements. These activities help build strength, balance, coordination, and confidence.

Throughout September, the children will also enjoy **fall-themed** art projects, sensory activities, music and movement, outdoor exploration, story time, and simple nature experiences. We will introduce children to fall colors, leaves, apples, pumpkins, and other seasonal objects through safe and age-appropriate activities.

We are looking forward to enjoying the beginning of fall together and watching our little Teddy Bears continue to learn, explore, and grow. Every day brings new discoveries and opportunities to build important skills through play!

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to another wonderful month with all of our Teddy Bear friends!



★ DATES ★ TO REMEMBER



September 7th
School Closed,
Labor Day



September 9th
Back to School Night
@ 5:30





FLOWER NEWS



Dear Flower Families,

Happy September! We are excited for another fun-filled month of learning, exploring, and growing together. September is a wonderful time to encourage friendship, independence, kindness, and curiosity as we continue building a strong classroom community.



What We're Learning

This month, we will focus on:

- Learning and practicing classroom routines
- Making friends and learning about kindness
- Recognizing and expressing our feelings
- Practicing sharing and taking turns
- Learning about our names and identifying letters
- Counting and exploring numbers
- Exploring colors, shapes, and patterns
- Developing fine-motor skills through art and hands-on activities
- Enjoying stories, songs, music, and movement



September Themes

We will explore fun September themes such as All About Me, My Family, Friendship, Apples, and Fall.

Through stories, crafts, sensory activities, music, and classroom discussions, the children will have opportunities to learn about themselves and the world around them.



Social-Emotional Learning

This month, we will continue helping children understand their feelings and learn positive ways to communicate with others. We will practice using kind words, asking for help, taking turns, and solving simple problems together.

We will remind the children that everyone is special, everyone has feelings, and everyone belongs in our classroom.



A Few Reminders

- Please label all of your child's belongings.
- Keep a change of clothes in your child's cubby.
- Encourage your child to practice putting away toys and belongings independently.
- Remember to check the classroom calendar for important dates and events.

Thank you for trusting us in supporting your child's learning and development. We are looking forward to a wonderful September filled with friendship, discovery, laughter, and learning!

Happy September!  

With warm wishes,

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BUTTERFLY NEWS



Hello, Butterfly Families!

Welcome to a brand-new school year! I am so excited to welcome you and your children to the Butterfly Classroom. We have a wonderful year ahead filled with new friendships, exciting discoveries, learning, laughter, and lots of fun!

A LITTLE ABOUT ME:

First, let me introduce myself! My name is Rachelle, although you are more than welcome to call me Rachel. I have a wonderful family of my own. My husband and I are raising our daughter, who is entering 2nd grade, along with our adorable 4-year-old dog, Pepper!

I am so excited to be leading our classroom community this year. My goal is to create a classroom where every child feels safe, loved, welcomed, and excited to learn. I look forward to getting to know each of your children and watching them grow throughout the year! September is a very special month as we begin our new school year and start building our Butterfly Classroom community. Our main focus this month will be helping the children feel comfortable, confident, and connected in their new classroom. We will spend lots of time getting to know one another, learning our classroom routines, exploring our upstairs environment, and making new friends.

We will be talking about who we are, what makes us special, our families, our feelings, friendship, kindness, and working together.

The children will have many opportunities to share about themselves and their families. We will talk about favorite colors, foods, animals, activities, and other things that make each child unique. Children will also create self-portraits using mirrors and proudly display their artwork in our classroom.

We will explore our school environment through fun walks and scavenger hunts, helping the children become familiar with their surroundings and feel comfortable in our school community. We will also begin introducing simple classroom jobs, such as line leader, helper of the day, and classroom helper, to encourage independence, responsibility, and confidence.

Friendship will be another important part of our September learning. Through stories, songs, conversations, and play, we will talk about sharing, taking turns, helping our friends, using kind words, and recognizing and expressing our feelings.

Of course, we will also have lots of opportunities for creative and hands-on learning! One of our special projects will be a collaborative "Butterfly Wings" mural. Each child will decorate their own piece of the butterfly, and when we put all of the pieces together, we will create one beautiful classroom display. It will be a wonderful reminder that every child is an important part of our classroom community.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS



FAMILY PHOTO

Please send in a family photo for our classroom Family Wall by Friday. Having pictures of the people who are important to each child helps make our classroom feel familiar, warm, and welcoming.



CHANGE OF CLOTHES

Please make sure your child has a labeled extra set of clothes in their crecky. As we play, explore, create, and learn, messy moments are bound to happen--and that's all part of the fun!



HERE'S TO A WONDERFUL YEAR!

I am so excited about the year ahead and feel incredibly lucky to spend it with your little butterflies!

Thank you for trusting me with your children. I look forward to partnering with each of you and watching your children learn, grow, make friendships, spread their wings, and shine! ✨

Please feel free to reach out anytime if you have questions, concerns, or simply want to share something about your child that will help us get to know them better.

Here's to a wonderful September and an amazing school year!

Warmly,

Ms. Rachelle (Rachel)

Butterfly Classroom Teacher





FROGGY ROOM NEWS



Dear Froggy Room Families,

Happy September! My name is Ms. Daniela and I will be the Froggy Room teacher this year! Some background information about me; I came from a private school in Los Altos called Ventana. This school practices the Reggio Emilia approach. I bring some of my knowledge from there along with my motivation in inspiring motivation in my students in wanting to learn and explore the world. I speak two languages, English and Spanish. I live in Mountain View and I am a current supervisor at Pizza my Heart. I have been with the company for ten years; they have always supported me with me going to college along with preparing me for the outside world.

For this month, it will be about me getting to know my students. I have fun activities planned for them to explore about themselves so I look forward to seeing them engage.

In addition, I am looking forward to getting to know you at Back to School Night! Back to School Night will be on September 9th at 6PM. During Back to School Night I will be including a packet with information about the class, my routine, some projects I have done in the past, and my goals for this year.

As always, I am available via Brightwheel!

Daniela

