

Good Samaritan August 2024 News

Summer Fun

We have had such a wonderful summer so far; we can hardly believe it is coming to an end. We hope everyone enjoyed all the fun activities we planned. Don't forget to say a big goodbye to your teachers as children will be moving on to different classrooms or new schools. Good luck to all our Kindergarteners and TK Kiddos!!!

Staff Changes

It is bittersweet to announce the departure of Maria Branch (Ms. Maria). Ms. Maria has been such a wonderful, supportive, creative and nurturing teacher. She has worked with all age groups and been a part of numerous families' lives. Even though we will miss her morning smiles and contagious laugh, we wish her all the best on this new journey for her. Her last day with Good Sam will be on Friday, August 9th. Not only are we wishing the Froggie room students a farewell after the summer but also our wonderful and loving Froggie room teacher. We thank her for all her years teaching and guiding our little

ones and supporting our preschool and families.



Our pre-k program will be having Ms. Ploy back teaching our students. Ms. Ploy will be working with our Froggie room students once again after a year break. She is excited to welcome our newest Froggies' to our Pre-K program. This new journey of brings Ms. Ploy joy and she looks forward to an amazing adventure in the 2024-2025 school year.

We want to welcome Maria Buenrostro back to Good Sam. She will be working with our Dino room this school year. Maria has worked with most age groups and had previously taken on our year-round school age program, which had students logging on to different school districts. She also worked with our 3's (previously known as the Alpacas back in 2022). We are excited to welcome her back and look forward to seeing her engage with our newest Dino room students.

End of the Summer BBQ

Hello everyone! We are excited about our End of the Summer BBQ. Here are the details:

When: Friday, August 16th @
5:30pm

Where: Ortega Park at the picnic
area by the playgrounds.

School will be closed at 5:30pm
that day. We will provide hotdogs
(some veggie), chips, and drinks.

We are asking families to bring a
dish to share. If your last name
starts with A-L please bring a side
dish, if you are M-Z, a dessert.

Please: no Peanuts or Tree nuts
please

We are looking forward to this
fun-filled event, and we hope that
everyone can make it. See you
there.

School In-Service Days

Reminder that school will be
closed the week of August.

Teachers will participate in three
in-service days; this includes a
team building day, and all
classrooms will be getting an
intense cleaning. Toys will be
scrubbed, walls will be cleaned,
cubbies will be updated and
teachers will have time to prepare
lesson plans for the upcoming
school year. These in-service days
enable the teachers to share ideas
and knowledge to improve their
effectiveness and encourage the
blossoming creativity of the
children. Teachers will also have

Thursday and Friday off to rest
and rejuvenate and be ready for a
fresh fall start.

Fall Class Lists

Flower Class with Ms. Lakshmi and Grace

1. Amayah
2. Madeleine
3. Amelia
4. Samuel
5. Emma
6. Abigail
7. Madelyn

Rainbow Class with Ms. Perla and Grace

1. Lily
2. Audree
3. Elizabeth
4. Shiloh
5. Cassidy

Dinosaur class with Ms. Maria

1. Ritsu
2. Cailyn
3. Evan
4. Mabel
5. Theo
6. Max

Butterfly Class with Ms. Esme

1. Evelyn
2. Shannon
3. Robbie

4. Alden
5. Nathan
6. Shinichi

Froggie Class with Ms. Ploy

1. Nina
2. Logan
3. Ariana
4. Daisy
5. Athena
6. Luka
7. Dev
8. Eliana
9. Wade
10. Diya

Dates to remember

- August 16th School closed @ 5:30pm. End of summer BBQ @ 5:30pm at Ortega Park
- August 19th - 23rd School closed for In-Service Days
- September 2nd School closed for Labor Day
- September 4th @ 6:30pm Back to School Night for Parents Info Night (Preschool wing)

Teddy News

Hello Teddy Bear parents,
We are now entering the last 2 weeks of our summer program,

and what a fantastic summer it's been.

The month of August is quite short but the Teddys have lots of activities in the next couple of weeks. We love to help the children develop skills to prepare them for their next milestone. The teachers feel so fortunate to have such a wonderful group of children, each child has touched our hearts and made our role so, so gratifying. We look forward to seeing them thrive in the upcoming school year. We want to thank all of you parents for being super supportive throughout the school year and being helpful with communicating about your child. We really appreciate all of you. Let's continue to enjoy the rest of the summer. Please stay safe if you are traveling and get some rest if you are staying home. We will see you around Good Sam. Have a wonderful rest of your summer! We want to thank Ms. Anna who came into help during the month of July.

Thank you,
Ms. Huiling and Ms. Gouri

Flower News

Dear Parents, another month has flown by, and summer is

starting to say goodbye. Little friends in the flower room have had a blast exploring, learning, and playing during these warm months. Let's reminisce on some of our favorite summer moments together! This Month's Focus: **Back-to-School Preparation:** As we approach the end of summer, we'll begin to introduce some back-to-school routines to help our little one's transition smoothly. We will focus on circle time, listening skills, and following directions.

Outdoor Adventures: We'll continue to enjoy the beautiful weather with outdoor play, water activities, and exploring nature. Let's make the most of these sunny days!

Creative Expression: Through art, music, and dramatic play, we'll encourage our children's imagination and creativity to flourish.

Important Reminders: Please ensure your child brings a change of clothes and sunscreen daily. Don't forget to pack a refillable water bottle.

I want to express my sincere gratitude for your support and trust in me to take care of your children. I have loved watching your children grow and learn this

summer. I can't wait to see what the new school year brings!

Warmly,
Ms. Lakshmi

Rainbow News

Hello Rainbow Families! How time is flying by this year! It's almost the end of the summer. Our little ones are no longer little and are ready to move up. Although I feel sad about saying goodbye, I am excited to see all the children grow and go off to a new adventure. I'll miss and wish everyone the best in the new school year.

To our new families, hello and welcome to the Rainbow Room. I am thrilled that your child will be joining us. We will have exciting and fun activities this school year and can't wait to spend time with the children. The children will be enjoying circle time in the classroom. We will do a lot of singing learning about letters, numbers, shapes and colors. We will also be focusing on teaching the children social skills, kindness, manners and sharing.

Please don't hesitate to let me know any concerns you may have. I'll be here to

help. Looking forward to a new great year. Happy August!!!!

Ms. Perla

Dino News

Hello Dino Parents!

I can't believe this summer is almost over. We have had so much fun this summer! I have enjoyed working with your children so much these past few months. Watching them explore and grow has been a blessing. Thank you for trusting me to care for them, and encourage them to be who they are.

As we finish out our summer program, we'll still be reviewing our letters and numbers, doing exciting activities, and some fun art projects.

I'm confident that as your children move up to the next class they will excel and continue to grow.

Thank you for a great year.

Ms. Sarah

Butterfly News

Hello everyone! Happy August, our days together are soon coming to an end! I would love to thank all of you for all the nice words, the good conversations & the memories. I will miss each

and every one of your children, some I will see next door and some I will hopefully see again for our summer program. I wish my butterflies all well on their new journeys. This month is our last month together. We plan to do activities about transportation and our community helpers. We will also still continue to enjoy our summer program & review our letters, sounds & numbers. This month we are closed on August 19th- 23rd for our in-service week. We will also have our end of the year BBQ at Ortega Park on August 16th! Please join us as we say farewell to summer together. I will cherish all the memories we had together, thank you once again for everything. Have a great month of August.

Happy birthday to Luka & Andrew!!

Ms. Esme

Froggie News

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the wonderful parents who supported Ms. Ciera and me throughout the school year. Your involvement and dedications have made a significant difference in our classroom. As we look forward to the next chapter, we are

incredibly excited to see our little one's transition into the next phase of their lives. Watching them grow and learn has been our joy, and we know they are ready to take on a new adventure and challenges with confidence. Thank you once again for being such an essential part of the journey

Much Love,
Ms. Maria and Ms. Ciera

improving on our math skills everyday through our worksheets and everyone is keeping up with their work really nicely! I can't wait to finish up the summer with exciting field trips and activities and am nowhere near ready to say goodbye! So, we are ready to make these last few weeks count.

Thank you,
Ms. Autumn

Wookie News

Hey everyone! We have been having such an amazing summer so far and so sad that it is ending soon. The Wookies have done so many fun and exciting activities! We have made bouncy balls from scratch, gone on scavenger hunts, and also tried making moon sand. Our field trips have been so entertaining and fun this year! One of the Wookies favorites so far has definitely been the San Francisco Zoo. The children had a great time seeing all the animals and just getting to explore. Our group book has also been really interesting. *The Maze Runner* has kept them super entertained and interested. The School Agers have also been working on their writing skills through writing their own stories that they also read to the class. We also have been