

# First Presbyterian Weekday School

116 South Loudoun Street – www.fpwds.com

# Starting and Ending Our Days at the Weekday School

We recognize that we have many new family members who are joining veteran Weekday School families. We would like to take this opportunity to acclimate our new families to the routines at the Weekday School.

Drop off: Our doors are opened at 8:45 a.m. and remain open until 9:15 a.m. Ms. Lara is stationed at the door near the parking lot, and Ms. Tricia is stationed at the door which leads to the Loudoun Street Pedestrian Mall. This is a time for parents and children to visit the restrooms and wash their hands before going to class. At this time, the teachers are busily preparing their classrooms so they can be present with students. Classroom doors open at 9:00 a.m.

Exterior doors to the school and church remain locked from 9:15 until 12:45. If you need to come back to the school for any reason, simply press the preschool buzzer, and look up at the security cameras located near the exterior doors of the building. If no one answers, you may press the Church's buzzer. It's always helpful if you identify yourself by name.

Pick Up: Doors open at 12:45 p.m, with Ms. Lara and Ms. Tricia at the doors. The doors will remain open from 12:45 until 1:05 p.m. Parents sign their children out.



# September 2014

#### **School Calendar**

#### **September**

Weds.,Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> – NOON Dismissal

Weds. Sept 9<sup>th</sup> and10<sup>th</sup> – Bagged Lunch for Weekday School families at 12:15 pm in Room 208.

Thurs., Sept 18<sup>th</sup> – Weekday School Spirit Night. The time will be provided at a later date.



#### <u>October</u>

Wed., Oct 1<sup>st</sup> – NOON Dismissal

Oct 13<sup>th</sup> – Sundaes with Dad: 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Oct 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween Parade on the Loudoun Street Walking Mall

### Why Noon Dismissals?

Our staff is dedicated to continuing education regarding early childhood education. Training together as a staff ensures that we are on the same page about current best practices based upon the latest research regarding brain development and learning styles.

We are committed to providing the best environment for your children, so it is helpful that you arrive at noon on the first Wednesday of the month. Doors will open at 11:45 a.m instead of 12:45 on those days.

# What's Happening Around Town?

The Discovery Museum will be hosting the "Discovery Garden" on Tuesdays from 1:00 - 2:00 pm during the month of September.

Handley Library is holding a "Library Card Sign Up Month" during the month of September. Does your family have a library card? If not, this is a great opportunity to sign up for one, and enjoy the benefits of borrowing books!

#### Mark Your Calendars for School Spirit Night! at Chuck E Cheese,

Come and enjoy an evening of fun and family connections on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. The hours will be included at a later date.

(15% of the proceeds are donated to our school.)



# Playground Safety

One of the words that is the cornerstone of our program is safe. For your child's safety, please ensure that he or she is wearing closed toed shoes to school. Flip flops, crocs, or sandals with large gaps have been known to be safety hazards as children are running and climbing on the playground.

#### Safety Matters

Hand sanitizer is not as effective as using soap and water. We ask that you accompany your child(ren) to the bathroom and assist with hand washing PRIOR to entering the classroom for the day. Let's do all we can to help keep each other healthy.

PLEASE remember, ALL infant, toddler, and two's classrooms as well as those labeled as such are NUT-FREE. This means no nut products or products which could contain nuts. We ask that you read the contents on the packages carefully before sending them to school. If we are in doubt, we will take food packages out of the room. We ask this in an effort to do all that we can to keep our children safe.

#### Let's Do Lunch!!

Please join us for lunch on September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 p.m. This is the perfect time to connect with other Weekday School families, and ask questions about our routines and rituals!

Time: In the "Dug Out" on the second floor, Room 208.