

Director's Note

We had a wonderful and exciting first month of Preschool. We were filled with joy to meet all of the children. Thank you to the families who attended our Parent Night Open House. This was a wonderful time to learn more about your child's classroom and the school year ahead. We were able to introduce the teachers, staff and the preschool board members.

We had an unusual start to the year due to Hurricane Florence. We felt it was in the children's best interest to close for two days in preparation for the incoming storm. We are very thankful that our area remained safe and we are sending prayers to the families affected along the coast. Our school's closing policy is that we have 2 days each year that we are able to close without need for a make-up day. Due to closing at the beginning of the year, we are choosing to make up both days, September 13th and 14th in anticipation of potential closing days in the winter. We had our first make-up day on Wednesday, September 19th for children who attend on Fridays. **Our second make-up day will be Wednesday, October 31st for children who attend on Thursdays (this will be considered a make-up day for Thursday, September 13th).**

We will be partnering with Asbury Church to collect items for donation to the Hurricane relief efforts. The items most needed are cleaning supplies, insect repellent, backpacks for children, batteries, diapers and wipes, etc. You can drop off items in the preschool office from October 1st-5th.

There is a wonderful community service opportunity on Saturday, October 6th at 9am. The church will be packing backpacks for Backpack Buddies at Lynn Road Elementary. This is a wonderful program that provides food to children who may be in need over the weekend, when meals are not always available at home. The packing is easy for preschoolers to participate in and it is typically finished in an hour. No need to RSVP or bring anything, just show up to join us!

Our "No Fuss Fund Drive" was an unbelievable success! We are so very blessed to have such generous families who donated money to this campaign. We had almost 30 donors and raised \$1,850. This far exceeded our goal of \$1,250. We are so extremely grateful!

IMPORTANT DATES

October 1st-5th- Collection for Hurricane Relief

October 6th- Backpack Buddies Packing Day

October 11th and 12th- Picture Day

October 16th- Visit from the Fire Department about Fire Safety

October 28th- Falleluia 3-5pm at Asbury Church

October 31st- Make Up Day (Only for children who normally would have attended on Thursday, September 13th)

A complete list of dates is available online at asburyraleigh.org/preschool/

Health and Safety Reminder:

Please make sure to take your child to the bathroom to wash hands before school. Also, please make sure to sign your child into the attendance sheet at drop off and pick up each day.



Be sure to check out the [Asbury Preschool Facebook Page](#) for important updates throughout the year, as well as some highlighted classroom activities!

Classroom Notes

Ms. Sue and Ms. Mika's Toddlers:

The Toddlers have had a great start to the year. We have actively explored everything in our room, our playground as well as our community garden in the old baseball field. Our toddlers love to measure, scoop and pour in our sensory bin. They love using paint and glue during our daily art opportunities. We have talked and read about the ocean, farm animals and now our little friends, the squirrels who are preparing for winter by gathering nuts and making their nests nice and cozy. We went on a nature walk to find our friends but all of the squirrels must have been napping. Every day is an adventure!

Ms. Chris and Ms. Courtney's Twos:

The children are settling in and we are learning more and more about our new friends and their interests! October is a beautiful month with so many natural, fun opportunities at preschool to explore. We'll finish up our color units with some fizzy color science and some culminating art that's as bright as it is fun! Then we'll dive right into all things pumpkin; painting pumpkins, discovering their insides, singing pumpkin songs with flannel stories for our wall and even a pumpkin volcano! We'll have a chance to parade around and see our friends in their costumes and share a treat. Thank you for letting us get to know your sweet, sweet children! Love, Ms. Chris & Ms. Courtney

Ms. Suzanne and Ms. Maxine's Twos:

Wow! We are off to such a super start this year! September is usually a month of adjustment, but our classes got that done in the first few days and they were ready to get to work! It has been such fun to see all the true personalities start to emerge. It looks like we have lots of painters in the group and lots of friends who enjoy the sensory table. In October, we will talk about things related to Fall, go on a camping trip, and also get ready for a visit from the fire department. We are blessed to have such happy, busy classes!
Love,
Miss Suzanne and Ms. Maxine

Ms. Alison and Ms. Marty's Threes:

Our friends have adjusted well to the classroom routine and are enjoying their new surroundings and new friends. October brings cooler weather and the glorious signs of fall. It is an exciting time of change both in the classroom and the world around us.

This month our classroom units include leaves, fire safety, spiders and pumpkins. We are excited about a visit from the fire fighters of the Bayleaf Fire Dept and their fire truck. We'll also be heading to the Asbury garden to see what is growing for the fall harvest, and our friends will take a walk around Asbury to find items for a nature collage. Leaves and pumpkins will be the focus in art and there will be fall related songs and stories in circle time.

Happy fall everyone.

Ms. Alison and Ms. Marty

Ms. Erin and Ms. Katie's Threes:

September has seen our little ones make new friends. We have been spending lots of time getting to know each other and our classroom routines. October will be a fun and exciting month as we learn what happens at a barnyard with a farmer and his animal friends. We will be talking about animals on the farm and what kinds of crops you may see there. We will explore the Fall season with activities such as carving pumpkins, bobbing for apples, painting with leaves, and searching for creepy crawly things in corn. Thank you for sharing your children with us. We look forward to watching them interact, share, and play together! Love, Ms. Erin and Ms. Katie.

Ms. Monica and Ms. Sherri's Fours:

Happy Fall! We are having a great start to our year! We just love your children, and we are enjoying watching friendships deepen and the children work and play so well in the room! We will start this month with a continuation of our apple unit. Then we will move into our fire prevention week. The children always love this unit. After that, we will spend the rest of the month talking about all things fall: trees, leaves, pumpkins, and of course, Halloween with bats, spiders, and all those fun creepy crawling critters! Thank you for sharing your children with us! With love, Ms. Monica and Ms. Sherri

Classroom Notes Continued...

Ms. Corene, Ms. Sherri and Ms. Renee's Fours:

September has been a great month of getting to know each other and making new friends. The children are having fun playing, learning in the centers, and learning new educational concepts. October brings cooler weather and lots of opportunity to explore the outdoors for changes taking place in our environment. The themes for October will include: Christopher Columbus, Fire Safety, Pumpkins, Bats and Spiders.

Have a safe and fun Fall celebration!

Love,

Ms. Renee, Ms. Sherri, and Ms. Corene

Ms. Jill and Ms. Emily's Fours:

Our fours are off to a great start this year. We've had a great time getting to know the classroom. We started the alphabet and will continue learning our letters. We welcomed the new season of fall as we explore the beautiful changes that will take place this month. We will "discover" who Christopher Columbus was. We will also be busy learning about pumpkins, apples, creatures of the night, and harvest time.

Love Ms. Jill and Ms. Emily.

Ms. Carolyn and Ms. Christi's Transitional Kindergarten:

September was a great month of getting to know one another, making new friendships, learning about our school community and classroom routines. This month we will focus on Fall and the changing of the seasons, fire prevention, pumpkins, and spiders. Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us! *Love, Ms.*

Carolyn and Ms. Christi

Music with Ms. Sue

In music this month we kicked off with some welcome to preschool songs. The Kiboomers have a lot of cute preschool music on Spotify and iTunes like "This Is the Way We Go to School." We followed that with our ocean theme and then our farm theme. We are moving our bodies and learning new songs-embedded into each class are music terms like forte, pianissimo, chorus and reprise. Learning through play makes it so much more fun. Our kids are loving music/stories like "Portside Pirates", "Baby Beluga" and "Driving my Tractor." Next month we will move into our fall and Halloween themes.