

FCC PRESCHOOL

"SAVE THE DATES" JULY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Our 2017/2018 school year is quickly approaching. We are excited to start a new year! Please "save these dates" to your calendar. We wanted you to have plenty of time to plan around our school schedule.

* Parent Open House, Thursday, August 31:

Group Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. in our Meetinghouse. This meeting is for *parents only*. We encourage every family to have at least one parent at this informational meeting. There will be new information given, so even if you have attended in the past, you won't want to miss out! 😊

You are invited to visit your child's classroom and meet the teachers before or after the meeting:

The following parents are invited to meet your child's teacher **prior** to the group meeting: **6:20-6:50**.

- Room 1: a.m. **Pre-K class** (M-F) with Mrs. Tinker and Mrs. Bighinatti
- Room 2: a.m. **4s/ 3 day and 5 day** classes with Mrs. Ostergren and Mrs. Anup
- Room 3: a.m. **3s/2 day class** (T, TH) with Mrs. Roncaioli and Mrs. Jones
- Gym room (last room on left): a.m. **4s/4 day class** with Mrs. Cacioli and Mrs. Sunshine

The following parents are invited to meet your child's teacher **after** the group meeting.

- Room 1: p.m. **4s/Pre-K class** (M-TH) with Mrs. Tinker and Mrs. Hacker
- Room 3: p.m. **3s/3 day class** (M, W, F) & p.m. **3s/2 day class** (T, TH) with Mrs. Roncaioli and Mrs. Jones.
- Gym room: **p.m. Add-on** classes with Mrs. Bighinatti

* Parent/Child Open House, Tuesday and Wednesday, September 5 and 6:

At your scheduled time, we look forward to seeing you and your child at Parent/Child Open House in their classroom. In late August, your child/children will receive a "welcome to school" postcard from their assigned teacher, containing the **date and time** of your Open House. We divide each class to allow for a more intimate meet and greet. Your child will meet their new teacher and a few new friends—and have an opportunity to play with some of their classroom toys.

We've included the September calendar. Please refer to it for the **Parent/Child Open Houses, Shortened days for the 3s, First Full days for each class, start of Lunch Bunch** and our **Scott's Orchard** dates.

3-year-old classes are shortened to 1.5 hours on their first day away from you, so they will have a positive introduction to school!

There is an observation room for parents between the 3- and 4-year-old classrooms that is available throughout the year.

* We need a **completed and signed copy of the application/contract** from everyone A.S.A.P. If you have already submitted one, please disregard. If you have a 'balance due', your spot is NOT guaranteed. Please contact us at 860.529.1575 immediately to pay your \$100 deposit.

* **FINANCE:** You will be receiving your first statement by mid-July. **REMINDER:** All monthly payments are due by the first of each month beginning **August 1 and ending May 1**. *It is important that you submit your first tuition*

payment by August 1 to guarantee your child's placement. You will have the capability of paying your tuition online, either by automatic bill pay through your bank account or via your credit card.

If you prefer to pay in person, all payments should be given to Pat Gilbert, our administrative assistant, at the reception desk, or mailed directly to her at: First Church of Christ Preschool, 250 Main Street, Wethersfield, CT 06109.

I am working part-time throughout the summer. The offices are closed on Fridays. Please feel free to call me at 860.529.1575 x235 or contact Pat to answer any questions that you may have. This is a partnership and we want to be here to support you. *E-mailing is the best way to communicate with me.* My e-mail address is vickie@firstchurch.org

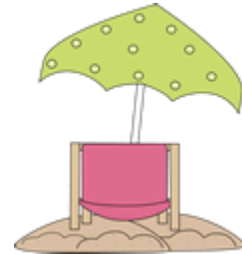
Thank you for enrolling your child in our school! We warmly welcome you and look forward to an exciting year ahead! Hope to see you all at our August 31 Parent Open House. 😊

Sincerely,

Vickie Anderson

Director of First Church of Christ Preschool

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Staff Changes

I also wanted to let you know about [some staff changes](#) for next year. It has been a year of 'pruning' for us but God continues to provide. 😊

Our previous 3-year-old teachers will not be coming back. *Mrs. Fox* needs to be more available for her children and their school activities. *Mrs. Shaw* and *Mrs. Luce* retired and will be traveling and enjoying their homes in Maine and New Hampshire!

They will truly be missed, but I wish them well. All of them are available to substitute teach so we will continue to see them around our school. :)

- I am excited to introduce to you **Lisa Roncaioli** as the new **3s Head Teacher** for the morning *and* afternoon classes! She's a seasoned teacher with many years of preschool teaching experience and has taught art as well. She's very excited to join our team and teach our precious 3-year-olds. I know she will hit the ground running and you will be very happy with her.
- **Nikki Jones** will be her **Teaching Assistant** for the morning and afternoon classes. She will be a familiar face to some of you because two of her children are graduates of our preschool and she substitute taught for us last year. She is very familiar with our school and is excited to be with the 3s. It's her favorite age! I know you will love this dynamic team.

I feel so blessed to have them on staff.

Mrs. Hannon, our previous 4s-4-day teacher, accepted a teaching position with another school that can offer her more hours. She too, will be greatly missed. We wish her much happiness in her new job.

- I am excited to share that **Mrs. Cacioli**, Mrs. Ostergren's previous Teaching Assistant for the 4s and our Early Morning Drop-Off & Lunch Bunch teacher, is stepping up to be the **Head teacher for our 4 morning 4s class**. She has had a lot of experience and mentoring from Mrs. Ostergren and at the Kindergarten level. You will not be disappointed, as she has been busy reading and preparing for her new role. She is very excited about her new position. Mrs. Sunshine will continue as the Teaching Assistant in that classroom. They will be a great team.
- **Mrs. Anup**, our former 3s assistant, will be Mrs. Ostergren's **Teaching Assistant** for our 3-day and 5-day 4-year-olds. She's excited about her new opportunity. They will be a terrific team.

Ms. Marandino, our former 4s/PreK p.m. teacher, has been working on her Masters degree. She was assigned a student teaching assignment in Bloomfield for the Fall semester with a possible opportunity to continue on through the Spring. We will miss her as well, but we know that her future is bright as she starts her career in the Elementary schools.

- You will be excited to know that **Mrs. Tinker** has agreed to teach the afternoon **4s/PreK class**! She will teach our PreK class in the morning and teach our 4s/PreK class in the afternoon! Mrs. Bighinatti will continue to be her assistant in the morning, and Mrs. Hacker will continue in the afternoon.

WHEW! I know this is a lot of information, but to quote Pete the Cat, "It's all good." All of our teachers left on good terms and we just gained new friends along the way.

I feel so thankful that after losing 5 employees, I only had to hire 2 new staff members to cover all the openings.

It has been a huge blessing and gift to our school. We will continue to do the best we can for your children and families! Thanks for being a part of our Preschool Community!

We look forward to another dynamic year at First Church Preschool. We do "Give a Hoot!"

SEPTEMBER 2017

<p>Monday</p> <p>4 Labor Day No School</p> <p>*Mrs. Bighinatti's B-day</p> 	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>5 Parent/Child Open House 3s-2 day 3s p.m.-2 day 4s-4 day 4s-3 & 5 day 4s/Pre-K Pre-K</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>6 Parent/Child Open House: 3s-3 day First Full Day: 4s-4 day 4s-3 & 5 day 4s/Pre-K Pre-K</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Early Morning Drop-off, Lunch Bunch & Late Pickup Begin</p>	<p>August 31 Thursday</p> <p>Open House: 6:20-8:15 —See letter for your scheduled time!</p> <p>7 Shortened Day 3s-2 day (a.m.): 8:45-10:15 3s-2 day (p.m.): 12:30-2:00</p>	<p>September 1 Friday</p> <p>9 Shortened Day 3s-3 day (a.m.) 8:45-10:15</p> <p>First Full Day: 4s-3 day</p>
<p>11 Full Day: 3s 3-day class (M, W, F)</p>	<p>12 Full Day: 3s 2-day classes (T & TH)</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 * Mrs. Tinker's B-day</p> 	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>25 Child/Parent Fee-\$6 →</p> <p>Pre-K: 9:15 4s/Pre-K: 12:45 Arrival times</p>	<p>26</p> <p style="text-align: center;">← Scott's Orchard Fieldtrip Schedule →</p> <p>3s 2-day Class: 9:15 3s p.m. Class: 12:45 Arrival times</p>	<p>27</p> <p>3 & 5 day 4s Classes Arrival time: 9:15</p>	<p>28</p> <p>4 day 4s Class: Arrival time: 9:15</p>	<p>29</p> <p>3s 3-day Class: Arrival times: 9:15</p>