

# OLGC Preschool



## September 2023

Our school year is off to a great start! The few tears we're having at morning drop-off quickly dry up as the children become engaged in playing with new toys, painting at the easel, building with blocks, and making new friends. We are looking forward to all the excitement the new school year has to offer.

Beginning the week of September 11, the children will attend "specials" classes at the big school on Mondays at 8:30. They will rotate between Spanish class, Science Lab, the Library, and P.E. class in the big gym. On Tuesdays, they will have Music and Movement classes here at the preschool. On Wednesdays, we will meet with either Father Matt or Father Kumar for a weekly religion talk in the church.

**Back to School Night** will be held on Thursday, September 7, at 7:00 PM in De Sales Hall. You will have a chance to visit your child's classroom and learn about a typical day in preschool. Please note that this event is for parents only.

### **A Note from the School Nurse:**

Illness Policy: Please keep sick students home from school. Students with a temperature greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit or who are actively vomiting may not return to school until 24 hours after their symptoms cease (without taking any fever reducing/anti-nausea medication). Students who cannot contain their coughs or sneezes should also not be at school until they are able to better control the spread from the cough/sneeze. We follow VDH & CDC return-to-school guidelines.

Our VDOE license requires us to notify parents of any cases of communicable disease. While we respect our families' rights to privacy, because of licensing, we do need to know if your child is diagnosed with any communicable diseases. If your child is simply home sick without needing to see a medical provider or receive testing, then the normal email notification to [attendance@olgcschool.org](mailto:attendance@olgcschool.org) and the preschool teacher is sufficient. However, if your child sees a medical provider and is diagnosed with a communicable medical condition, please notify the preschool and/or clinic as soon as possible. The list for which we are required to report is from the Virginia Department of Health and includes things like Pink Eye (conjunctivitis), Covid-19, Influenza, RSV (respiratory syncytial virus), Head Lice, Pertussis, Ringworm, Strep Throat, Chickenpox, certain diarrheal diseases (like Norovirus), Fifth's Disease, Hepatitis A, and a few less common illnesses. If you are not comfortable sharing a medical diagnosis with the preschool teacher, please email the clinic ([jbliven@olgcv.org](mailto:jbliven@olgcv.org)) so that other preschool families can be notified in a timely manner. Your student's name will not be shared in any informational communications sent out. Thank you for your understanding!

Please contact Nurse Bliven at [jbliven@olgcv.org](mailto:jbliven@olgcv.org) if you have any questions about illnesses.

### **Important Dates**

9/1 11:15 Dismissal

9/4 No School (Labor Day)

9/7 7:00 PM Back to School Night

9/22 11:15 Dismissal

9/26 School Picture Day (ordering information will be sent home later in the month)