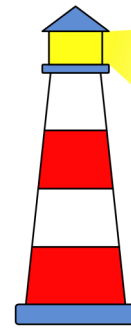


September 2023

Parent Newsletter



For Kids!

Dear Parents,

Welcome to school! We are so excited about all we will do and learn together.

I was chatting with my husband the other day about how our family communicates. Our girls are grown and live in Nashville so most of our contact is by text. We can have whole conversations with emojis and GIFs alone. Oh, and lots of pictures of our dogs going back and forth. It is a way to keep in touch, but not a replacement for real conversation, questions and answers, stories and laughter. Also, I realize words on a screen are not always read with the intention with which they are written. There is always room for miscommunication.

We will be using the

Brightwheel app to share pictures and stories from our days here at school. It is a great way to share with a group in one step, but the best communication will happen in our daily interactions. We are so lucky to be able to see parents and caregivers every morning and afternoon. We look forward to sharing highlights and stories from the day, learning about your families, telling you a little about ours, and laughing together.

I have been very intentional with our staff that they are teachers first. If we don't get a lot of pictures or information posted on Brightwheel some days, forgive us. We will always put teaching and caring for the kids

above taking pictures. Want to know more about what happened at school please ask! The relationships built from those conversations are one of the best parts of our job.

I do make my kids call me once in a while, so I get the details of their lives. A quick chat on their way home from work usually turns into a 45 minute talk. While there are no emojis or GIFs, those conversations are the highlights of my week.

*Cara*



Coats Needed!

Has your child outgrown their winter coat? Consider donating any gently used coats of any size to Second's Winter Warmth Coat Drive.

Drop off in the red bins in the atrium or on the second floor outside CCP offices between Sept 6th and Oct 22nd.

Thank you!



Monday, September 4th  
CCP Closed!

Willow Creek Elementary  
Shoe Closet



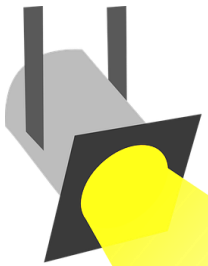
In partnership with 2nd's Northside Missions Ministry, we are collecting new or gently used children's athletic shoes in sizes 11-6 Youth.

You will find a bin near the CCP office to drop off your donations! If you would like to make a financial gift go to

<https://secondchurch.org/Give>

What's up with that?  
Shine your light at CCP!  
How do we do that?  
We can be like a lighthouse that shines in the dark to help ships on the water stay safe!  
A lighthouse helps people just by being there. You can be helpful to others too. A smile or a hug can really light up someone's day!  
Help at home by clearing your plate at dinner or at school by putting toys away and lining up quickly for outside! I bet your parents and teachers will smile brightly! -ra





## September Spotlight!

### Music & Movement w/Miss Chloe

Welcome Back!

Fall Themes!

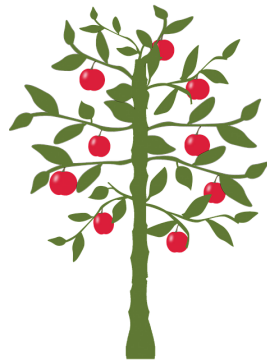
Rainy Days, Apples & Leaves

#### Hello Friends

Hello Friends, hello friends  
How are you? How are you?  
I'm so glad to see you.  
I'm so glad to see you  
Here at school, here at school.

#### Apples, Apples

Apples juicy, Apples round  
In a tree or on the ground  
Apples yellow, apples red  
Apple pie and juice and bread  
Apples crunchy, apples sweet  
Apples are so good to eat!



#### Open, Shut Them

Open shut them, open shut them  
Give them a little clap, clap, clap  
Open shut them, open shut them  
Lay them in your lap, lap, lap  
Creep them, creep them  
Creep them, creep them  
Right up to your chin, chin, chin  
Open wide your little mouth (Ahhhh)  
But do not let them in, in, in

#### 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

1, 2, 3, 4, 5. I caught a fish alive.  
6, 7, 8, 9, 10. I let him go again.  
Why did I let him go?  
Because he bit my finger so!  
OUCH!  
Which finger did he bite?  
The little one on the right!



#### Bible Time Adventure—Mrs. Leithauser September—Noah

As we listen to the story of Noah during the month of September, preschoolers will begin to understand how God takes care of us, helps us, and keeps his promises.



#### Mr. Golden Sun

Oh Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun  
Please shine down on me.  
Oh Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun  
Hiding behind a tree.  
These little children are asking you,  
To please come out so we can play with you  
Oh Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun  
Please shine down on me



#### The Leaves are Falling Down

The leaves are falling down  
The leaves are falling down  
Red, orange, yellow brown  
The leaves are falling down

The leaves blow all around  
The leaves blow all around  
Red, orange, yellow, brown  
The leaves blow all around

#### Goodbye Song

Now is the time to say goodbye  
My how fast our time did fly  
Music is over so we must say  
Goodbye, goodbye for today!



#### Important Dates!

September 4  
Oct. 12 & 13  
Nov. 22., 23 & 24  
Fri. Dec. 22 -Jan. 5  
January 8  
January 15  
February 19  
Friday, March 29-April 5  
Monday-Friday, May 13-17

Labor Day- *Closed*  
Fall Break -*Closed*  
Thanksgiving- *Closed*  
Christmas Break- *Closed*  
School Resumes  
Martin Luther King Day- *Closed*  
President's Day- *Closed*  
Spring Break  
Last Week of School

### What's Happening at Second Church?

- **Summer 2023- August 25-Presbyterian Parenting Groups-kick-off Gathering**—join now or wait until next year! \*Registratiron required. Please email us at CFM@ secondchurch.org
- **Picnic on the Lawn, Sunday, September 17th immediately following the 10AM service!** We would love for you to join us for food, lawn games, giveaways and more.

**Second Presbyterian Church is a welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives.**