

September 2024

Parent Newsletter



For Kids!

Dear Parents,
Below you will read Cara's goodbye to CCP. It wasn't an easy decision for her to make it and certainly was equally hard for us to let her go. Cara and I have supported one another personally and worked together for 15 years to make CCP a loving, safe place for families. I hope to continue that goal using what I've learned from Cara and frankly to call her when I need her wisdom and experience. She will always be family!

So here we are! School has started and we are on the road for another great year. Our first few weeks are always filled with hard goodbyes and tears but

each day gets easier and we find ourselves having fun and making new friends. I look forward to getting to know you better in the role of Interim Director and I want to continue the care and support you have always received from this desk.

Peace, Ren

FROM CARA

I love quotes. I read something that speaks to me, and I write it down and place it somewhere I will see it. I have more than a few post its on my mirror at home. For many years I have had one quote framed on my desk. It reads, "We don't meet people by accident. Everyone was meant to

cross our path for a reason." I believe, in my time at CCP, every child, parent, grandparent, caregiver, and staff member crossed my path for a reason, and I am better for it. Thank you for being part of my path, whether we walked together for many years, or we just got started. I am grateful for you. So, I don't say goodbye, but will leave you with my favorite words of parting...

"See you later alligator, after while crocodile. See you soon racoon."

Peace and blessings,

Cara

What's up with that?
Did you know? CCP has a monthly book window where we display some of our favorite books for preschool aged children. Each class room chooses a book and then decorates the windows with artwork for all to see! This month our PKD kiddos are presenting the book entitled The Apple Pie Tree by Zoe Hall

Show your mom and dad The window! Maybe your class gets to be next!



WELCOME RENAE!

Renae Saager has joined us as CCP's Administrative Assistant. Renae is also the Childcare Coordinator here at Second Presbyterian Church. She already feels like family to those of us who attended Godly Play training along side her this past July.

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.

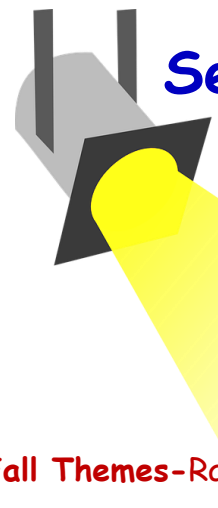
Drop off in the red bins in the atrium or on the second floor outside CCP offices -September 3rd through October 20th



Monday, September 2nd
CCP Closed!



Thank you!



September Spotlight!

Welcome back to school!

Music & Movement

NEW!

Welcome to Godly Play®

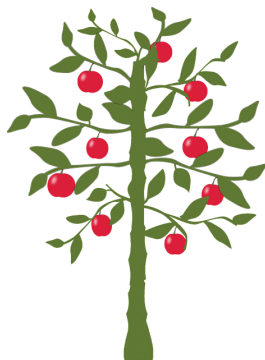
Godly Play® is a curriculum that nurtures spiritual lives through story, wonder and play. Designed in a developmentally appropriate format, children will be encouraged to experience, process and respond to the stories of the Bible. Several of CCP's staff have been trained to teach and are looking forward to the opportunity to learn alongside your children this year!

For more information, check out <https://www.godlyplayfoundation.org/>

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!



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 2
October 10 & 11
November 27, 28 & 29
December 23-January 3
January 6, 2025
January 20
January 21
February 17
March 31-April 4
April 18 & 21
May 12-16

Closed-Labor Day
Closed-Fall Break
Closed-Thanksgiving
Closed-Christmas Break
Second Semester begins
Closed-Martin Luther King Day
Closed-Staff Professional Day
Closed-President's Day
Closed-Spring Break
Closed-Good Friday & Easter Monday
Last week of class

What's Happening at Second?

Rev. Sara Dorriens-Christian is Associate Pastor of Children and Family Ministries! Second's new programming begins Sunday, September 8th. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9am followed by Worship in the Sanctuary at 10am. Our new staff member Renae is the childcare coordinator for our youngest children on Sunday mornings!

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

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