



## Honey Buzz Newsletter September/October 2021



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### **Welcome to Honey Tree**

Welcome to our returning families - we missed you! And a special welcome to new students and families. It brought us tremendous joy to see you all on campus the first couple weeks of school! Despite continuing concerns related to the Covid-19 virus, we feel confident your children will have a positive experience when they come to school. Our goal is to make each child feel special and to help students value themselves as unique individuals created by God.

### **September/October Themes:**

Beginning of year themes include: Welcome to school, getting to know each other, colors, shapes, and the beach. Our Christian theme emphasis will center on "I am special", and "God loves me." October curriculum themes are centered around the season of fall, apples, pumpkins, and of course, the favorite children's holiday of Halloween.



### **Honey Tree Bags**

Honey Tree will provide each child with a canvas tote bag. We would like the children to bring the bag to school every day so we can send home their artwork, papers and "belongings". You may also use it to bring a change of clothes for your child, or papers that need to come back to school.

### **Covid Protocols**

You should have received an email with our Covid-19 Policies and Procedures. Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you to families and staff for adhering to our health and safety protocols, in order to limit the risk of exposure.

### **Tuition**

Tuition is due on the first of each month. Payments may be mailed to Honey Tree, brought in to the office, or placed in one of our locked drop-off boxes on the campus. One box is located on the column outside the office, and another box is located on the column outside of the South Play Yard gate, across from Miss Wendy's Parent/Two-year-old classroom. You also have the option to sign up for "Auto Pay". Please come to the office and let us know if you are interested.

## **Parking**

Please be aware of our entrance and exit to the parking lot. For the safety of families and children, drivers should enter via Avenida De Los Arboles and exit onto Mount Clef Blvd. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **We Are Going Green**

We will be doing the majority of our correspondence electronically. Be sure to check your email regularly for updates from Honey Tree. Most teachers are using the "Remind" messaging app as a form of communication with parents.

## **Zoom Parent Orientation**

At the beginning of the school year, parents are invited to attend an orientation meeting, to receive information about Honey Tree and answer any questions you might have. Instead of meeting in the church sanctuary, we will have a "Zoom" meeting on Tuesday, September 21st at 2:00pm. We hope you can join us!

## **Fundraisers**

Honey Tree will sponsor several fundraisers during the school year, including *See's Candy* and *Original Artwork*.

## **Honey Tree is a "Nut Free" Campus**

Honey Tree is a "nut free" school and, although a favorite of many, peanut butter and other nuts can be a serious health issue for some young children. Sunflower butter is a great alternative! When sending snacks, lunches, birthday or holiday treats, please keep this in mind. Your cooperation in this health and safety matter is very much appreciated.

## **Chapel Time**

Pastor Erik will visit the students in October, to say hello and share a brief story, song and prayer. Rather than meeting in the church sanctuary, he will join classes during their outdoor playtime, in order to allow for plenty of space.

## **October Parent Interviews**

During the month of October, parents will have the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher. This brief, initial conference time is your opportunity to share information about your child. Check your classroom Parent Boards for sign-up sheets, dates and times.

## **Parent/Two-Year-Old Classes**

Parent/2s will have fun taking a field trip to the library during the week of October 4-8.

## **Halloween**

Halloween celebrations will take place in the classrooms the last week of October. Students will have the opportunity to wear their costumes to school. Check parent boards for more information later in October.

## **Save The Dates!**

Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>: Honey Tree Zoom Parent Orientation, 2:00pm

October 4-8: Parent/2s Library Field Trip

November 1-5: Brenda Russett Photography - Fall Pictures

November 11: Veteran's Day Holiday, No School

November 22-26: Thanksgiving Break



## A Preschooler's Day

When children come home at the end of the day,  
The question they're asked as they scurry to play is,  
    "Tell me what you did today?"  
And the answer they give makes you sigh with dismay.  
    "Nothing, I did nothing today!"  
Perhaps nothing means that I played with blocks,  
Or counted to ten, or sorted some rocks.  
Maybe I painted a picture of red and blue,  
Or heard a story of a mouse that flew.  
Maybe I watched the class pet today,  
Or went outside on the swings to play.  
Maybe today was the very first time  
That my scissors followed a very straight line.  
Maybe I sang a song from beginning to end,  
Or played with a special, brand new friend.  
    When you're in preschool  
    And your heart has wings,  
    "Nothing" can mean so many things!!!

