



October 2026 Newsletter

The rainbow is the sign of His promise to be with us always. Genesis 9:17

Fall is here and with the changing of the seasons comes many wonderful adventures at Christ Memorial Christian Preschool. We will be taking advantage of the cooler weather and lovely autumnal colors with nature walks, pumpkin activities, and a costume parade. Our lessons this month will be all about our five senses, Noah's Ark, and the season of Fall. Thank you for helping your children transition into preschool so well. It has been a great start, and we look forward to another fabulous month!



This October, our Extended Day students will discover the excitement of fall through hands-on STEAM activities where curiosity turns colorful! Children will explore the science of pumpkin decomposition, launch pumpkin catapults while practicing measurement, graphing, and estimation, and take on engineering

challenges by building pumpkin bridges, ramps, and races. We will investigate chemical reactions through pumpkin face balloons and pumpkin slime, explore how and why the weather changes from the warmth of summer to the crisp air of fall, and experiment with color mixing and a fun milk magic activity. Our leaf exploration will encourage children to investigate why leaves change color, make predictions about how leaves will fall from different heights, compare the movement of leaves and heavier objects, and discover how fallen leaves decompose as part of nature's recycling process. Through these engaging activities, children will have opportunities to ask questions, make predictions, experiment, problem-solve, and learn through purposeful play and exploration.



Parent Teacher Conferences

Our first parent teacher conferences are right around the corner. The goal of these conferences is to provide an opportunity for you to share about your child with us. Please read over the attached reflections for this conference to help prepare yourself. [Fall Conference Reflections](#) <--LINK

Classrooms Joy & Love - 4-Year Old Classes - Wednesday, October 14th
(There will be no extended day on 10/14)

Classroom Joy & Love - 3-Year Old Classes - Thursday, October 15th

Classroom Hope - Thursday, October 15th

(Wednesday, October 14th will be a regular school day in Classroom Hope, but there will be no extended day)

We are using Sign Up Genius to sign up for conferences this year. You will receive an email on Thursday, October 1st to sign up for your child's conference. If you have any questions or scheduling conflicts, please see your child's teacher.

It is important for your child not to be present for the conference. Therefore, please arrange for your child(ren) to remain home or you can help each other watch your children during conferences on the playground. There will not be preschool staff on the playground, you will need to coordinate with other parents.



Tuition Payment for October

Please remember your October tuition payment is due by Saturday, October 10th. All payments must be done through our online system. You can access the system via the [preschool website](#). <--- Link Select the purple box on the right side of the screen titled Preschool Payments.

We are Going on a
Pumpkin Hunt!



3-year-old Classes - We will have a special
pumpkin adventure at preschool this month!

4-year-old Classes - We will have our first
field trip on Monday, October 12th to the
Clarks Elioak Farm Pumpkin
Patch. Permission slips were sent home in
your child's purple bag on Wednesday,
September 23rd. Click [here](#) for an additional
copy of the [PERMISSION SLIP](#). Make sure
they are turned in by Friday, October 2nd!

Costume Parade

3-year-old classes Parade
Thursday, October 29th

4-year-old classes Parade
Friday, October 30th

Our classes will have special costume parades this month. If weather permits on their designated day, the children will parade out the side door and around a parade route of cones at 11:30 am. All parade viewers are asked to stand around the outside of the cones. The children should bring their costume in a bag labeled with their name. If you prefer for your child not to participate you can arrange for an early pickup at 11:15 am that day.



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Facebook: Each month you will find a Facebook update with pictures of what the preschool children have been up to at school. If you haven't already liked our Facebook page this is one way to be aware of the fun adventures your child is having at school.



Please check out the updated School Calendar and Special Events listing on the Parent Board and linked on the website [here](#).

[2026-27 School Year Calendar](#)



Snack Reminders:

Your October Snack calendar came home last week. For reference you can always find a list of the suggested snack items on the parent information board outside Mrs. Gallagher's office. It is helpful to send in 2 of these items on your child's snack day to give every child a choice for snack time. All snack items must be store bought and in unopened packages. Fruit/Vegetables can be washed and cut when brought to school. Any questions please feel free to ask Mrs. Gallagher.

FIELD TRIP

We are so excited to have field trips this year! To join us as a parent chaperone for a field trip you need to turn in a copy of your current driver's license and car insurance. Even if you turned in a copy last year, a new set must be turned in this year. Mrs. Gallagher would be happy to make a copy for you in the office as well.



Show & Tell

The children will be asked to bring in something that relates to the weekly theme or something the children are learning about that week. See below for dates and what to bring:

3-year Old Classes:

October 1st - Something that is a
CIRCLE

October 8th - Something that is a
SQUARE

October 22nd - Something that is a
RECTANGLE

October 29th - Your COSTUME!

4-Year Old Classes:

October 2nd - Something that you
LOVE!

October 9th - Something you could see
in the FALL

October 23rd - An ANIMAL you could
see on NOAH'S ARK

October 30th - Your COSTUME!



Basic Concepts for October

2 Day Classes:

Numbers: 2 & 3

Colors: Red & Orange

Shape: Circle & Square

Skills: Listening and Following 2 Step Directions

3 & 5 Day Classes:

Numbers: Review 1-10, Rote Counting & Number Sense

Colors: Green, Purple & Orange

Shapes: Triangle & Rectangle

Letters: P, B & R

Skills: Pre-writing Fine Motor Skills & Cutting

Upcoming Important Dates:

October 1st - Noon Dismissal Begins for 2-day classes

October 12th - Field Trip to Pumpkin Patch - 4-year-old classes

October 14th - Parent Teacher Conferences - JOY & LOVE 4-year-old
classes

October 15th - Parent Teacher Conferences - JOY & LOVE 3-year-old
classes & HOPE 4-year-old class

October 16th - Preschool Closed for the Maryland Teacher Convention

October 29th - Costume Parade at 11:30 am for 3-year-old classes

October 30th - Costume Parade at 11:30 am for 4-year-old classes