



September 2021

Hello parents,

September is here and the kids are settling in nicely; we are off to a great start! While the teachers may send photos and updates on a weekly basis, I typically send one newsletter a month with general preschool information, schedule updates, and school wide programming. Please take a moment each month to read through these newsletters and do let me know if you have any questions.

1. Each year, DCF requires that we inform you about the dangers of being a distracted driver and details about influenza. Please see the attached PDF documents; no need to print and return. Please sign the acknowledgment sheet outside of your child's classroom. Thank you.
2. Please review the parent handbook that is located on our church website under the preschool tab. Click here for direct access: <https://www.tumct.org/grow/preschool/> You can also find past newsletters, staff email addresses, and other preschool information here.
3. By now, each of you have been invited to your classroom "GroupMe". (GroupMe is a mobile group messaging app.) Please let me know if you are having any trouble accessing your child's classroom. This month I will be emailing the newsletter and posting it on GroupMe as well; in the future, I may just post to GroupMe for everyone's convenience.
4. For children in the PK2, PK3, and VPK classes, we have a black file box in the hallway with a folder for each child; please check this daily for notes home, artwork, announcements, etc. Children in the infant and toddler classes will be handed these items when you pick up your child.
5. COVID information:
 - Thank you for wearing masks inside when you drop off and pick up your child; your cooperation is greatly appreciated!
 - All staff continue to wear masks throughout the day except when eating, at times during instruction, and on the playground.
 - Our Preschool Advisory Board discussed and voted on August 24, and after thoughtful consideration, have decided not to require masks for children at this time.
 - We are more than happy to assist your child with their mask if you choose to send them in; if you use a lanyard, be mindful of the requirement that the lanyard have a breakaway clasp to prevent any choking potential.
 - An update on the TUMP staff member who has tested positive: she continues to feel well with only cold-like symptoms. We also had a child in that classroom test positive who has been 100% asymptomatic for the entirety of the quarantine period.

6. We are excited to coordinate our annual Lucky Coffee Fundraiser again this year! We are hoping to surpass our sales totals from years past; 528 bags sold in 2018, 693 bags in 2019, and 621 bags in 2020. I would love to see us sell 750 bags this year! This fundraiser has a good profit margin; we clear \$4.50 per bag of coffee sold. Order forms and more details to follow:
 - Selling Date: October 18 through 29
 - Order Due: November 1
 - Coffee Pickup: November 16

7. Another way the to support the preschool is to purchase Scholastic books; with every book you purchase, we receive free books for the school. You will receive a paper flyer in early September and this month's deadline to order is September 24, 2021. If you want to order online, go here and use class code LJBM: <https://clubs.scholastic.com/>

8. Do you have your 2021-2022 TUMP Prayer Booklet? If not, please see me for a copy, and see the attached September blessing.

9. While we are happy to provide masks for parents who may have occasionally forgotten to bring theirs from home, in the almost three weeks we have been open, we have gone through over 100 disposable masks. Thanks for your cooperation.

10. Please click here to view the church newsletter, The Tidings: https://www.tumct.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Tidings_September_Final.pdf

11. Please see the attached flyer for more information on Dancing Little Stars; if your child is in the PK3 or VPK class, you can reach out to Jessica about a free class!

Important dates:

September	6	Labor Day Holiday (School is closed)
	16	Fall Holiday (School is closed)
October	5-6	Speech and Hearing screenings with FSU Faculty/staff
	18	Teacher Training Day (School is closed)
	18	Lucky Goat Coffee Fundraiser begins
	20	Individual and class photo day with Nicole Myhre
	29	Costume Party (PK2, PK3, VPK) 9:30am
November	1	Lucky Goat Coffee Fundraiser forms due
	11	Veterans Day Holiday (School is closed)
	19	Annual Thanksgiving Feast (Schoolwide!) 12:00 noon
	22-26	Thanksgiving Holidays (School is closed)
December	4	Cookies with Santa! Community event 6:00pm – 8:00pm
	17	Preschool Christmas Program (PK2, PK3, VPK) 11:30am
	20-31	Christmas Break (School is closed)



Faith

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Fun

The Port Museum in Baltimore, Maryland has a wonderful website full of fun activities; check it out!

<https://www.portdiscovery.org/home-art-activities>

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